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## TIDINGS FROM THE FIELD.

Pass Christian, Miss.—Brother O. H. Flowers writes: Our last quarterly conference was a success. Presiding Elder J. M. Shumpert was present and rendered good service. All reports showed progress; 109 communed, and collected \$35 75. Forty were received into full membership this year. We have closed a six weeks' revival, with 54 conversions and 70 accessions to the church; have organized two Epworth League chapters with 185 members.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Pastor A. D. Payne writes: Our class rally on pastor's salary resulted in the collection of \$204 45. Rev. J. C. Hibbler was with us and preached two very able sermons. The church is now undergoing very beautiful repairs. The year is ending well.

Jackson Chapel, Ala.—Brother C. Wilson writes: Our revival closed with 13 converted and added to our Zion. The church is on the boom. A neat frame building, 30x40, will soon give us shelter.

DeKalb, Miss.—Pastor L. J. S. Bell writes: Thanksgiving day was observed with appropriate sermon. One was happily converted and joined the church. The people pounded the pastor, and also gave a nice collection to help pay the salary.

Ebenezer, Miss.—Brother P. A. Lemmons writes: At Braysville the body of George Washington, a young local preacher of the Baptist Church, was found one mile from home with his neck broken. The case is being investigated. Brother Robert Mingo, for forty years a leader and local preacher in the Galilee church, died Dec. 3.

Althiomer, Ark.—Pastor A. T. Stephens writes: We are still alive and moving on grandly. Presiding Elder W. R. R. Duncan was with us at our last quarterly meeting. We have two Epworth Leagues organized, and two classes of small children organized for religious instruction. Raised this quarter \$47 43.

Prairie Plains, Texas.—Brother E. Michaux writes: Our fourth quarterly conference was held on time with Presiding Elder A. C. Culbreath in the chair. Reports show improvement along all the lines of church work.

Bastrop, La.—Brother A. B. Venable writes: Fourth quarterly conference convened here with the presiding elder present. Reports showed progress. The Epworth League and King's Daughters are doing fairly well. Collection for all purposes \$88 70. We have added 15 to the church. I am trying to put the paper into every family.

Knoxville Station, Tenn.—Bro. Samuel Delaney writes: The church has greatly improved under the administration of the pastor, Rev. A. Ellison. We had a revival with four accessions to the church. The spiritual interest of the church is good and the finances are coming up. The outlook is good for a success this conference year.

St. Louis, Mo.—Brother H. H. McAllister, of Wesley M. E. Church, writes: We raised over \$1200 during our third quarter. Many were added to the church. Dr. Jackson rendered good service for the cause. We paid off a debt of long standing.

Columbus, O.—Bro. A. McDade writes: We have just closed a glorious meeting. Mrs. Dollie Lewis, the evangelist, greatly assisted us. The church is wonderfully revived, sinners convicted, mourners converted, backsliders reclaimed and a goodly number joined our church. God blessed us with large congregations nightly and put spiritual life in the hearts of the people. Our Sabbath school has increased 200 per cent since the remodeling of the church, and also our congregations have increased wonderfully. Donaldson Street Church is now a power here.

Scrofula lurks in the blood of nearly every one, but Hood's Sarsaparilla drives it from the system and makes pure blood.

## A Bugle-Blast for Southern Education.

BISHOP FOSS.

The bugler has an humble office, but a most important one. He must summon scattered or sleeping legions to arms and to the charge. His fidelity may decide the fate of battles. Such is my office now. By command of an authority which I dare not disobey, I blow a blast in the ears of a sleeping host.

Methodists, listen! The cause of Southern education needs, deserves, demands your attention. The Church, the Nation, the God of the Church and of the Nation, demand your attention. At your peril, at the Nation's peril, turn not a deaf ear.

From time to time, of late, thrills of horror have shot through the civilized world at the tidings of lynchings in the South, attended by every imaginable incident of barbaric cruelty. Grant that the victims have usually been atrocious criminals, deserving of swift, sure, legal punishment, none the less their crimes have been transcended by the savagery of criminal vengeance. Those crimes and that vengeance unite to reveal a state of society which must be remedied. How? By education and religion; let me rather say by religious education.

The Negro is in the South to stay. His race now numbers eight millions. It is doubling every forty years. In 1920 there will be 12,000,000 Negroes in this country. So what is carelessly termed "the Negro problem" is really the great American problem. The fate of civilization on this continent depends on what the Negro is to be. He must be redeemed from the taint and curse of centuries of enforced immorality, or this proud land must take a second place among civilized nations.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society deserves well of the Church and of the nation. For brevity, I will call attention now to only one part of its work. Immediately after the Civil War it sprang into being to lend a helping hand to the Nation's wards—millions of degraded and ignorant citizens with the glorious, awful gift of the ballot in their hands. It has poured millions of dollars into the South to educate and Christianize the most needy of all who need. It is now educating 8,725 students under the care of 473 teachers, one-fourth of the students and one-fifth of the teachers in our entire Church. It is developing self-help in a most beneficent degree. Its work is chiefly in the lines of primary and secondary, and largely of industrial education; but it has also achieved results in collegiate, normal, medical and theological education, which command the high admiration and gratitude of all unprejudiced philanthropists.

In no part of this work will its zeal be chilled by such utterances as the following, from a distinguished Southerner, who, I am sure, will yet repent of his folly: "We have held off and given the North a fair chance long enough.... The Southern darky.... is drifting to inevitable destruction.... *Hic, hæc, hoc*, will be the ruin of the African. He needs sensible, sympathetic, kindly instruction from those of us who know his place, and will see that he does not get out of it."

"His place!" We need have no fear that he will not find "his place," if the doors of opportunity are fairly opened to him, and if he is prepared to enter them. It is not the educated Negro who is a menace to society; he will be sure to sympathize with the noble words of a colored minister, who adorns our Church, Professor Bowen, of the Gammon Theological Seminary, who, in his great address at the opening of the Negro Building of the Atlanta Exposition, said: "As a representative of the thinking people of my race, I take off my hat to the white man of this country, North and South, when he swears, by all that liveth, that the sanctity of his home, and the purity of his family shall be maintained inviolate at every hazard.... We do not ask that the criminal escape; but we plead that

the court shall ferret out his crime by due process of law, and that he receive the full measure of punishment according to law. We ask that justice, severe, unbiased and remorseless, be meted out to all criminals, black and white, who violate the purity of any woman, white or black, South or North."

While I was holding a colored conference in Tennessee, Bishop Haygood dropped in. I invited him to address the brethren, which he did in the most brotherly, wise and weighty words, and he closed by saying: "I beg you to bear this message from me to your colleagues, and to all in charge of your work down here. You don't know half the good you are doing here, else you would do a great deal more!"

For this grandly successful work, and for the means to multiply its usefulness, I plead. O, that every pastor of our Church would listen! Brother, do not neglect the collection for this most worthy cause! Take it, by itself alone, after an address or sermon on the subject, as the Discipline directs. The "omnibus" collection has stood right across the track of this cause, and has well-nigh wrecked it. Give one Sunday morning each year to this subject alone. Tell your people the facts relating to it. No cause will interest them more, and your appeal will be sure to win and enlist their heads and hearts and hands.

Prayerfully submitted to the Church, by order and on behalf of the General Committee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Philadelphia, December, 1895.

C. D. FOSS.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Colored American His Own Deliverer.

By RAY. T. COLTON, Purdy, Tenn.

It is evidently the divine purpose to complete the emancipation of the Negro, and to invest him with all the privileges and honors of Christian manhood and American citizenship—chiefly, through the agency of the Negro himself.

Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish agitator, in nearly all his political addresses to his countrymen would quote the words: "Hereditary bondmen, know ye not, who would be free himself, must strike the blow!"

This applies to the condition of the Afro-American in the United States; the most effectual blows by which his latest fetters will be broken off, are being struck by the true leaders and best representatives of his race. That marvelous exhibition at Atlanta, both in the industrial department and the African Congress in Lloyd Street M. E. Church, where the intellectual as well as industrial possibilities of the Negro race were so ably vindicated by Prof. Booker Washington, Dr. J. W. E. Bowen and several other worthy standard bearers, may be considered as a long stride in the right direction, and as striking a blow which already resounds not only over the nation, but around the world.

Every colored man who is striving to prove himself a good citizen, to establish and maintain a Christian home, to accumulate what he can by patient industry and wise economy, to do what he can for the right education of his children, who combines a manly self respect with a peaceful and friendly demeanor towards all men, is striking effective blows at the last barrier between his race and the full possession and enjoyment of all the rights guaranteed by the supreme law of this nation, of which the humblest colored man is a constituent part, with a claim as valid as the proudest Caucasian who lives under the authority and protection of the flag.

Just how this desired consummation will be reached I do not profess to know. I doubt if any living man is at present able to solve the question; but as the silent invisible forces of nature rend and dissolve the hardest and mightiest rocks, so the growth of Christian character on

the part of the colored citizen, his advancement in intelligence and useful knowledge, his acquirement of property by honest industry, his quiet self reliance and constant readiness to act the part of a good neighbor and exhibit all the traits of a true man, will in time have baffled the plans and paralyzed the arms of his foes.

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**True Moral Courage.**

By A. L. RICHARDSON.

The one grand element most needed in the Gospel ministry is true moral courage underlied with the bed rock of sincerity. If there be any one quality of manhood which above all others, put the crown of honor on a man's head and the scepter of kingliness in his hand and stamps him with the royal seal of greatness, it is true moral courage. There is no element of character in which the men of our time are more liable to be defective, none in which the young men have a greater need to cultivate. Our modern civilization tends to effeminateness. Culture of a certain sort we have and what society is pleased to call elegant manners, but downright sturdiness and strength of moral courage is too rare in the circles of the nineteenth century. And I do not speak of true moral courage as an abstraction, that beautiful, visionary, heavenly thing which all men praise, but few harbor in the soul's sanctuary. I speak of courage that has a living form and substance; that is wrought into the words and deeds of daily life; that dares to combat wrong, though that wrong be concentered in the conduct of a friend; that dares to rebuke sin though the sinner be held in high esteem; that is bold to speak its unconquerable conviction, though every friend counsel silence; that drawing its inspiration from on high, stands in solitary might, firm as the mountains of God amid the fierce blasts of opposition, and in the very face of ostracism or death. It enables us to be a model of fidelity, fearless in our denunciation of sin among all classes. No outward circumstances conquer our robust souls. No vacillating multitudes turn the strong current of our purpose. No promise of ease or gain tempt us to be false to our deepest convictions of right. No fear of prison or death, hush to silence the words that need to be uttered. This is an element of true moral courage—such an individuality and solidity of character as cannot be absorbed or swayed by the popular mass; but the great man borne along by no outward current, but impelled by the might of inner convictions, who is not the creature but the creator of public sentiment.

We are often brought into contact with insidious forces that would conquer pusillanimous souls. But they need the thunder of our scathing anathemas in their guilty souls. And shall we be silent? The counsel of expediency is, hold fast to his favor; you can't afford to expose his guilt. The advice of friends who also call themselves friends of virtue and religion, is: keep the influence of his great name; besides, to speak will be in vain; you can hope to effect no reformation; you can let go your hold upon him and imperil your own success. These are the seductive voices and subtle influences that would charm our lips to silence. But what is their effect upon the strong textured character with the element of true moral courage? The sighing of the breeze can hush the mighty ocean's roar as soon. It is the triumphant moment of one's life to stand in the face of opposition and speak out the truth and not merely to pet it with honeyed phrases. Truth of speech, truth of heart, truth of life—this is what exalts our race and imparadises our earth; it culminates in a glory and grandeur that streams down the ages and floods the whole earth. O, for the living embodiments of truth!

Who does not grow sick at heart over the insincerity, the untruthfulness, the sycophantic cowardliness of men? The flattering speech, the deceptive smile and the base stab in the dark, or the equally ignoble silence when honor calls for the word of defense, the double face, the timorous shirking of responsibility when duty's voice is clear and loud—these are the things that make a man lose faith in humanity and sigh for the reviving breath of a purer atmosphere, but with that element of true moral courage, firmly

fixed in our characters; when buffeted, deceived and knocked down by insidious foes, with inexpressible longing and admiration of heart we turn from these to our divinely appointed sphere in life and humbly acquiesced in all its burdens and deprivations, we hide ourselves in the shadow of the Mythier One. Let us turn our attention to sacred and profane history and learn some lessons well worth the learning. Sad but true the prison have often been the home of earth's noblest sons and greatest heroes, from Joseph and Jeremiah, through a long list of apostles and martyrs down to the latest champions of truth and freedom, and they have been signally honored. Even in those dark prison cells the highest type of true moral courage exist with the severest outward trials and inward struggles. We cannot contemplate such loftiness and nobleness of being without feeling the fires of inspiration kindle in our hearts. So beautifully human, so grandly simple are they that we feel there is in them nothing impossible to us and they stand before us in all their charms of manly beauty—an illustrious and inspiring example of what our characters may become by following their model of true moral courage. It is not an easy thing to charge upon a friend's conscience and to stand face to face and tell him with courage words of love of the sin he is cherishing and of the doom that is gathering to break on his guilty head, but the inspired record gives us abundant examples that may well teach us all a lesson of courage and inspiration and inspire within every heart a manlier heroism. In the pages of Homer and Virgil, of Shakespeare and Milton, we are invited to commune with these illustrious men. Great, indeed, is that privilege. We live in their immediated presence, we breathe the atmosphere which surround them. We listen to their voices, we think their thoughts and learn the priceless lessons garnered from their lives, but in the Bible a privilege more grand. We are permitted to commune with the eternal God, to hear his voice and to learn lessons of true moral courage, which will inspire our hearts to nobler deeds and will make us wise unto salvation. O, illustrious heroes, standing now with that countless throng of valiant victors, who have nobly fought the fight and bravely kept the faith, may we be counted worthy to take our place by their sides.

They climbed the steep ascent of Heaven  
Mid peril, toil and pain.  
O, God, to us may grace be given,  
To follow in their train.

**The Secret of Good Crops.**

The modern farmer is not content to use the antiquated tools and methods of his fathers. In this age of keen competition, the farmer who wishes to prosper, needs and gets the most improved farming implements; and by reading the best agricultural literature, he keeps in touch with the spirit of progress that pervades our farming communities. He is particular, also, in regard to the kind of seed he plants and the manner of planting it. The seeds must be of highest fertility and grown from the highest cultivated and most profitable varieties of stock. The great seed firm of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., fully appreciate this fact, as is attested by their methods and the quality of the seed which they supply farmers and gardeners through the dealers all over the country. The reliability and fertility of their seeds are proverbial and the largest seed business in the world has been created by their sale. In evidence of this firm's knowledge of the wants and requirements of planters, large and small, is *Ferry's Seed Annual* for 1896. This book is of the greatest value to farmers and gardeners—a veritable encyclopedia of planting and farming knowledge. It contains more useful and practical information than many text books that are sold for a dollar or more, yet it will be mailed free to any one sending his name and address on a postal card to the firm.

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**"EDUCATION FOR THE NEGRO."**

Under the above caption, among other good things, the *California Christian Advocate* says:

"More important than the ballot is right education. More potent than holding office is the conquest of self. The development of will power and a lofty standard of personal virtue in man, white or black, is of supreme importance. The Negro had been dependent on others; the right use of freedom is only possible on his developing self-dependence. Hence while it was of the first importance that schools should be provided for him; that the Church should reach out to him a helping hand in his destitution, yet finally he must rise by self-effort and self-conquest. Unless we mistake the signs of the times the Negro is in just that stage of progress now."

These are facts. The Negro has been "dependent on others," and we think far too long. His best friends have been, perhaps, over-indulgent; but he has undoubtedly reached that stage of progress in which he recognizes the absolute necessity of "self-effort and self-conquest" as among the essential elements in the great work of character building. In fact, he is getting down to the elementary principles from which he has been kept partly by those who, since his emancipation, have insisted on regarding the Negro merely as a freed man, and have gauged their efforts of helpfulness by sentimental rather than economic questions, and by others who have sought to establish his natural inferiority by withholding those incentives to "self-dependence" and the facilities which would lead him to an intelligent appreciation of his true relationship to the great body politic. There is, therefore, now a magnificent opportunity for the exercise of that "moral and intellectual stimulus" on the part of the white Christian people of this land; that "stimulus" which will put the Negro in touch with all the avenues, helps, inspirations and aspirations necessary to the education of any class of American citizens. Nothing less than this will meet the demands. Nothing less is fair.

**THE WALLER CASE.**

We confess that it seems a little strange that the case of Ex-United States Consul John L. Waller should be allowed to go so long without the attention which the government of the United States is in duty bound to pay to one of its citizens. Mr. Waller is an American citizen, and ought not be allowed to languish in a French prison because he happens to have a tinge or so of African blood in his veins. While our government has made a polite request for the records of the court in which he was tried, there has been unaccountable tardiness on the part of our Department of State and unpardonable stubbornness on the part of the French officials to give to both governments the results of the investigation. It looks as though the French officials are postponing the presentation of the required evidence with the hope that either Mr. Waller, whose health is already seriously affected by imprisonment, or his witnesses may die, when evidence can be manufactured to suit the case. In the meantime a great deal of the patriotic sentiment that is directed toward the supposed British encroachments upon our little Venezuelan Republic might, with equal propriety, be directed toward securing the release of an American citizen who languishes in a French prison convicted, it is true, of treason; but no evidence has as yet been produced to show that the trial was in good faith. We hope our Department of State will demand a speedy settlement of this important question.

**"THE CENTRAL PRESIDING  
 ELDERS' CONFERENCE AND  
 THE COLORED METHODISTS."**

We gladly give place to the following communication to the *Western Christian Advocate*, by Rev. H. N. Herrick, D. D., of Muncie, Ind.:

"Dear Dr. Moore—In your issue of December 25th are two articles, 'The Union of Colored Episcopalians' and 'The True (?) Solution Discovered,' that were evidently inspired by a misunderstanding of what was done by the Central Presiding Elders' Conference at its recent session in Indianapolis. Neither of the writers of the above articles were present during the discussion of this subject, or they never would have written as they did. Having been present at this conference from the opening hymn to the closing benediction, I heard every word that was said in the papers and discussions; and, having been secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, it may not be out of place to give the interested readers of the *Western* the facts in this case.

"The Committee on Program had assigned Dr. P. P. Pope the question, 'The Union of Colored Methodist Episcopalians.' His discussion involved three colored Methodist Episcopal organizations—the African, African Zion, and Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, besides the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His subject was not what should be done with our own colored members, nor really what would be best for all the colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, but it was the 'Union of Colored Methodist Episcopalians.' He was not expected to take the position that all the colored Methodist Episcopal Churches should join the colored membership in the fold of the Methodist Episcopal Church, nor could he discuss simply the union of colored Methodist Episcopal Churches without considering the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. That was not his subject. His discussion on the whole was rather conservative, when the whole subject is taken into consideration, but would seem radical when we consider only the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"That which stirs the spirit of your correspondents in the articles above referred to—and justly so—is doubtless the statement in the report to the *Western* of Dec. 11 that 'the convention heartily accepted the views taken.' While a consideration of the whole subject puts a different phase on the entire discussion, yet it is pertinent to inquire, what are the facts? At the close of Dr. Pope's address, a resolution was offered embodying the position taken, and without debate was referred, like all other resolutions, to the Committee on Resolutions. This committee in its report recommended that no action be taken on this resolution, and the committee's report in this particular was unanimously adopted without debate, and with thanks from the brother who introduced the resolution. Can any one see in this that 'the convention heartily accepted the views taken'?"

"There was some discussion of Dr. Pope's paper, as there was of all others, and among those who took part was Dr. Hagood, who, however, was not present when the paper was read. We venture to say that Dr. Hagood never spoke to a company of white Methodist preachers who more heartily concurred in what he said, and with the position of the Methodist Episcopal Church on this question, than this Presiding Elders' Conference. The implication that a body of Methodist preachers from the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois should take the position intimated by Dr. Mills in his article is so contrary to the records of the past, and the Churchly and Christ-like loyalty of the present, that an apology is needed for making such a suggestion. "H. N. HERRICK."

While it gives us pleasure to publish the above letter, and to know that the spirit of the convention was not in line with the arguments which were doubtless used by some in favor of the separation of our colored membership, we seriously deprecate the use of the words, 'The racial personality forbids any reasonable expectation that the Negro can ever occupy a place as pastor or bishop in common with his white brother throughout the Church, and the settled policy of the Church is already so formed.' While we do not believe that the Church has adopted any such sentiment, we nevertheless believe that the indulgence in such sentiments by individuals in the Church has wrought

untold mischief among the people against whom the sentiment is directed. Surely, the brave and loyal watchmen out on the very picket-line of the *Methodist Episcopal Church* in the great South deserve the unlimited confidence and the unqualified support of their fellow-watchmen who occupy positions more favorable it is true, but not more important in their relations to the growth of our Church. We are ready to believe that some, not even among the "professional friends" of the colored Methodist Episcopalians are desirous to have them out of the great Methodist Episcopal confraternity, but we confess to not a little surprise when we find our tried and true friends even repeating the heresy. This is one of the things that ought not be even named among the brethren. The action of the brave and sturdy men of that convention in declining to report favorably upon the resolution proposed was but in keeping with the spirit of the Gospel which they practice as well as preach.

**A WORD ABOUT OBITUARIES.**

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The above lines are taken from the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, and expresses our sentiments exactly, except in the number of words. The *Advocate* has three or four times more space than the *SOUTHWESTERN*, and hence we are required to limit our obituary notices to three or four times less space unless writers are willing to pay for the extra space at the rate of one cent a word. Even then we could not meet the demand. Of course, we regret that our space is limited, nor can we at present make it otherwise. Hence, the proper thing to do is to limit the obituary notices to fifty words, with an extra charge of one cent per word for all over that number. Poetry and verses will not be published with obituaries.

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—We inadvertently omitted to mention the name of the very excellent lady whom Rev. A. M. Trotter, presiding elder of the Meridian District, took for his bride. Her maiden name was Miss Rosanna Jennings, of Kemper county, Miss. She is excellently related and is in every way a valuable acquisition to our ministerial ranks.



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The chapel was beautifully decorated, the emblems of our Great Republic, being conspicuous. The program which was quite elaborate, held the attention of the large audience until a late hour. The celebrated Robert G. Shaw Post No. 18, G. A. R., was present in full uniform and with martial music and flying banners made a splendid impression.

Dr. J. C. Clark, of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, opened the exercises with an impressive invocation, after which President Ducongee delivered a brief, but brilliant address of welcome, after which he introduced Miss Julia V. Stewart, a young lady of fine elocutionary ability, who read the Emancipation Proclamation very impressively.

Miss Richardson won applause by her fine vocal solo. Col. C. W. Keating then delivered a pertinent and eloquent address, touching upon the history and character of the Post, its relation to the Union. Then followed the presentation of the blue jack flag to the Post by Miss Lydia A. Dunbar, who completely captivated her audience by her matchless address, which is given in full in another column.

Hon. H. Demas, one of the indomitable leaders of the race, replied to the presentation speech on behalf of the Post eloquently and impressively. A violin solo followed, in which Prof. W. J. Nickerson clearly demonstrated his mastery of the music and the instrument. He was received with generous applause. The "G. A. R. Button" was most charmingly rendered by Miss Julia V. Stewart, accompanied by the Students' Orchestra. It was a grand climax. Then followed the oration on "John Brown," by the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, Ex-Governor P. B. S. Pinchback and the brilliant and talented J. Madison Vance, Esq., followed in brief, but interesting addresses.

Prof. Nickerson's orchestra, composed of almost, if not entirely of students of the Southern University, contributed very largely toward the success of the occasion as did also the Mandolin Club. It was on the whole a very pleasing and instructive

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To these must be given the credit of holding the most successful and most largely attended meeting of the kind ever held in New Orleans.

At Wesley Chapel the Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated Wednesday evening, January 1, under the management of Rev. S. J. Johnson, pastor in charge of the exercises, were interesting and entertaining. The proclamation was read by A. A. Goins. Able addresses were delivered by Dr. Hammond, Revs. Burrell, Priesley, Marshall and Whitenburg, also the different auxiliaries of the Church were represented. Sister Jane Randolph represented the Steward sister; Sister L. Liester on the King's Daughter; Miss Eleonora Johnson the Daughters of Jerusalem; Mr. J. Taylor, the Wakefield Christian Club, who also gave an original recitation entitled "Freedom." The choir under the management of Mrs. A. A. Craton rendered sweet music and as a whole making this service one long to be remembered in the history of Wesley Chapel Church.

In the person of Abraham Lincoln, hacked by the power of God, the slavery chains were broken, though he now sleeps beneath the sod.

His name shall always be in our memory because he set us free, like Moses of old who led the children across the Red Sea.

The progress we have made since emancipation shines bright as the noon-day sun; climbing the ladder of fame, marching upward one by one.

To day we can occupy any position in

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## An Address

By Miss Lydia A. Dunbar on the Presentation of the Blue Jack Flag to Robert G. Shaw Post, G. A. R., at Simpson Chapel, New Orleans, on Emancipation Day.

Feeling that we can not too highly appreciate the service of these men, who, when the North and South were clamoring as to whether they should be recognized as free and independent citizens or remain as beings incapable of their own mastership, responded to the call when one in the person of John Brown incited them to rebellion, armed them with the necessities of war, instilling into them the spirit of true patriotism, started out on that glorious mission determining to water this country with their life's blood than remain in such a state longer.

To the old warriors who have laid aside the saber for scythe and the musket for the plow, the word patriotism recalls some of the sweetest and most pleasant memories as well as some of the saddest and bitterest. They live over again the days of their youth, they see the comrades of other days moving forward with stately step to the martial music, the shrill commanding voices of officers are heard, but, ah! sad remembrances! They see their comrades dying on the battlefield with not the hand of a mother nor the voice of a sister to lighten the dark hours of death. To many this word suggests deeds of valor, daring and unrivalled in the annals of history. And though the war is over the causes which led these true and brave men a quarter of a century ago to leave friends, home and fire-side to fight for this country's welfare; let us remember that peace hath her victories no less than war; and that the successes of the battlefield must be supplemented by victories in civil life and the victories won amid fire and blood will be lost through unpatriotic measures in times of peace.

This is a great country in which we live—a country of boundless possibilities. It is repented to be the "land of the free and home of the brave." A country of unrivalled prosperity. But, ah! sad thought! Many of the men who fought, bled and died that these United States might live are denied those rights and privileges for which they braved so many dangers and for which they suffered indescribable hardships. To-day the true patriot is a "rare bird," for patriotism implies that mastering of every selfish passion—the sacrificing of personal comfort and the curbing of personal ambition for the good of country. And what can be better for this country than that every man within it, irrespective of creed, condition or color, be allowed an equal chance in the race of life—equal commercial, industrial and political privileges?

And any man with a spark of patriotism can not ask for less. Let us then one and all devote our lives toward implanting patriotism in all mankind. Let us live for the good of our country. And you brave men, you "boys in blue," who heedless of danger, dared to go forth in the darkest hours of your country's history to fight that Union might live, who "rallied round the stars and stripes shouting freedom," God grant that you may be inspired with the same spirit now to go forth and cheer the weak and vacillating young men of this day and with your songs of cheer nerve the timid on to the fray of winning true freedom in this glorious land. And as you pass silently down the stream of time that flows on into the limitless and endless sea, may Heaven guide your frail bark. Angels cheer you on with sweet songs and with the memory of the following named gentlemen: E. Dnconge, A. Hel'om, E. Gandet, A. Perkins, G. Green, J. Porro, C. Brooks, Dr. I. E. Mullon and Rev. H. C. Taylor who, in order to show their appreciation, have selected this flag, which I present to you in inspiring colors and wrapped in the

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6. The Apostolic Church—E. Province.
7. How Best to Redeem a Back-sliding Church—J. R. Hill.
8. Punctuality—James Hawkins.
9. Infant Baptism—J. W. Francis.
10. Should Each Church Have a Sunday School—J. M. Watson.
11. What Should be the Qualification of the Trustees—G. W. Burrows.
12. The Duty of Class Leaders—The Stewards.
13. The Duty of Superintendents—The Presidents of the Epworth League.
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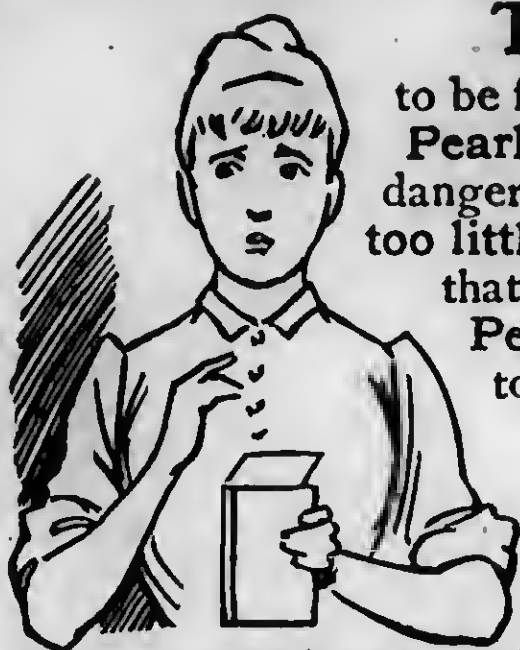
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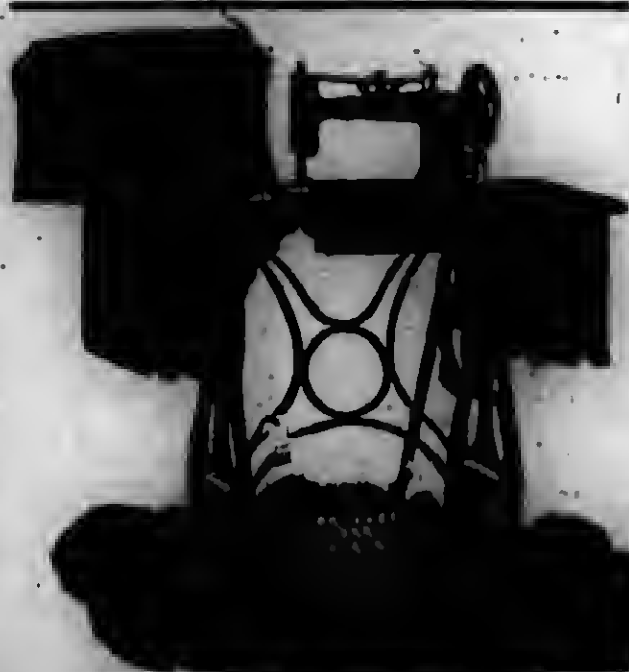
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 1896.

The Ministry of John the Baptist.  
(Luke 3, 15-22.)

GOLDEN TEXT—"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1, 29.)

John was a child of prophecy. Two of the Old Testament seers had spoken of him. In Isaiah we read—"The voice of him that cryeth in the wilderness." The voice—The person is, or seems to be, out of sight. So the Spirit may speak to the soul. The voice of him—This is generally supposed to refer to Cyrus, and the return of the Jews from Babylon, but it is as truly applied to the coming of Jehovah to His people. The voice of him that cryeth—John was not a mild preacher. He felt called to "cry aloud, spare not." He preached on the style of an exhortation. The voice of him that cryeth in the wilderness—John was a child of the desert. In the fullness of time he began to call to the people, saying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The way of the Lord is the way of salvation. We prepare for the coming of the Lord by making our high ways low, our crooked way straight, and our rough ways smooth. We have mountains of pride and ambition that must be dug down, valleys of indifference and slothfulness that should be filled up, crooked ways in our dealings that must be made straight, and rough ways in our nature that should be made smooth. All this is our work aided by the Holy Spirit.

His subject was the "Baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." John did not remit sins, neither did he baptize in order that sins might be forgiven. It was the baptism of repentance, and not the baptism of water, that led to the remission of sins. The repentance was a change of mind, but it also implied a change of heart, and of life. The baptism was not the purification, but only "the symbol of it." Both baptisms implied faith in a coming Savior. He exhorted the Pharisees to repent, the people to exercise charity, the publicans to be just, and the soldiers to respect the rights of others. He gained the attention, respect and admiration of all.

I. The coming and work of the Mighty One (15-17). 1. The suspense of the people—They "were in expectation." They were looking for the Messiah. The scepter had departed from Judah—they had no king but Caesar. The seventy weeks of Daniel had expired, and the fourth kingdom had been set up. For several years they had anxiously waited for the Lord's anointed. This expectation was not confined to Palestine, but the Jews of Egypt, Italy, Greece and Arabia were also watching for Him. Through them the Gentiles had learned of His coming, and when He made His advent "there came wise men from the east" to worship Him.

2. The people wondered—"All men mused in their heart." They reasoned among themselves—This person is a child of prophecy, he had a miraculous birth, he had led a consecrated life, he has every mark of one of the old prophets, and he speaks like one having authority. May he not be that great Law Giver sent to save Israel? The Gospel that sets the people to thinking is the kind that prepares the way for the Messiah.

3. The two baptisms—"I indeed baptize you with water, but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." (1) Both John and Jesus were baptizers. (2) The one baptized with water, and the other with the Holy Spirit. (3) The baptism of John was for the body, that of Jesus was for the soul. (4) The baptism of John signified that sins had been or would be forgiven, that of Jesus cleansed the soul from sin. (5) The baptism of John implied spiritual life, that of Jesus imparted the same. (6) The baptism of Jesus was greater than that of John—greater in the agent, the element, and the work. (7) The Holy Spirit was "poured out." He was "shed forth." He "fell" on the people, then let water baptism be administered in the same way.

4. The further work of Jesus. (1) "Whose fan is in His hand." Whose winnowing shovel is with Him. He will be prepared to make a just separation between the chaff and the wheat. This fan very forcibly illustrates the work of the Holy Spirit. (2) "He will thoroughly purge His floor." The threshing floor was a smooth hard surface, on which the wheat was spread and tramped out by oxen. It is here used to represent the Church. Christ will thoroughly purge His Church, and separate between the righteous and the wicked. This separation will begin in this life and end in the life to come.

the wheat into his garner." This was a place where the clean grain was stored. The wheat represents the righteous and the garner is a type of heaven. God will, by and by, gather His whole Church into the heaven of rest. (4) "But the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable." The chaff represents the wicked, and the fire is a figure of hell. This verse teaches the second coming of Jesus, the end of the world, the last judgment, the reward of the good, and the punishment of the bad.

II. The imprisonment of John (19, 20). This was quite a while after he had baptized Jesus. The forty days' temptation and the events recorded in the first three chapters of John's Gospel occurred between the baptism of Jesus and John's imprisonment. This Herod was a son of Herod the great. He first married the daughter of Aretas, king of Arabia, and afterwards won the hand of Herodias, the wife of his half brother, Herod Philip. He arrested and imprisoned John because this adulterous wife desired him to do so. John had told him it was not lawful for him to have her. It was both her incest and adultery he condemned. His words filled her with rage. She drew and caused to be executed the plot by which he was beheaded. Herod would never have killed John if it had not been for Herodias. Solomon's wives led him into idolatry, and Jezebel caused Ahab to stone Naboth. How vain are our efforts to do good if the wife who rests in our bosom is an enemy to the cause we espouse.

III. The baptism of Jesus (21-22). This passage should be studied in connection with its parables. 1. The time—"In those days" while John was preaching in the Jordan valley. 2. The journey—"He came from Nazareth of Galilee." This was a distance of about 75 miles. God has raised up men to administer the sacraments of the Church. He has appointed places where they are to be administered, and He expects the people to go to those places to receive them.

3. The mode—(1) What have we in the baptism of Jesus that favors immersion? Two facts. a. The place—"In Jordan." We read of four places where John baptized—in Bethabara, in the wilderness beyond Jordan, in Jordan, and in Aenon. If we conclude that he immersed because he baptized in Jordan, what should we infer when he baptized in the wilderness beyond Jordan, and in the house of Abara? These names are used to designate the places and not the mode of John's baptism. b. The Greek words *eis*, *into*, and *apo*, *out of*. They occur often in the New Testament. *Eis* about 1500 times, and *apo* about 600 times. They have many renderings. *Eis* has been translated—after, among, at, before, by, for, forth, in, into, of, on, therefore, throughout, towards, until, unto, upon, with, etc. Their sense is always gained from the context. We learn the mode of baptism not from the Greek words *eis*, *ek*, *apo*, etc., but from the matter in context. (2) What in His baptism that favors effusion? a. Sprinkling was taught in the Old Testament. "So shall he sprinkle many nations." "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you." b. Nothing is said about a change of raiment. c. John said—"I indeed baptize you with water." d. The analogy between water and baptism. (See above.) e. The pictures found in the catacombs. (See Lesson Commentary 1887, page 180.)

4. The design—"To fulfill all righteousness." Righteousness pertains to the law. Christ came not "to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill." He was not baptized unto repentance, neither was He baptized for the remission of sins. a. He was baptized in our room or stead. He who knew no sin was made a sin offering for us (2 Cor. 5, 20). b. He was baptized to honor John and his mission. John was a prophet and his baptism was from heaven. c. He was baptized to initiate Him into His priestly office. Jesus was a priest, and the time for His priestly service had come. d. The spirit—He was praying when He received baptism. We should be intensely reverent when we administer or receive the sacraments of the Church. e. Some results. (1) "The heaven was opened." Sin closed heaven, but Jesus has opened it to the prayerful soul. (2) "And the Spirit like a dove descended upon Him." The dove is an emblem of peace, it is inoffensive, and has a beautiful plumage. We should be like it. (3) "There came a voice from heaven." It was not the dove but the Father who spoke. See here the Trinity.

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Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
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fast express.....	10:00 am	fast train.....	4:00 pm
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press.....	6:50 p.m.	press.....	7:30 a.m.
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No. 7, coast acc.....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....	9:45 am
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express.....	9:15 am		
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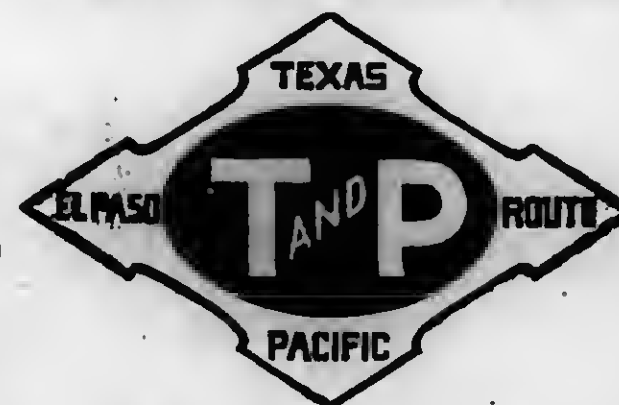
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Second Round. January.  
B'n'sville circuit, 18 19 Mossy Creek circuit, 25 26  
February.  
Newport circuit, 12 Tazewell, 8 9  
Knoxville circuit, 15 16 Knoxville station, 22 23  
Morristown station, March 1, 20  
March.  
Clinton & C. Creek 7 8 Kingston circuit, 14 15  
Ebenezer circuit, 21 22  
OWEN HYPHER, P. E.

### Tennessee River District.

Second Round. January.  
Adamsville, 4 5 Clinton and Sav'n., 11 12  
Perryville, 18 19 Waynesboro., 21 22  
Lawrenceburg, 25 26 Lewisburg, 29 30  
February.  
Petersburg, 12 Springhill, 8 9  
Beech Grove, 13 14 Franklin, 15 16  
Bentwood, 18 19 Clark chapel, 22 23  
Dover, 26 27  
March.  
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Mississippi, Canton, Miss.	Jan. 15	Mallalieu
Alabama, Pratt City, Ala.	Jan. 15	Hurst
South Carolina, Charleston, S. C.	Jan. 20	Mallalieu
Louisiana, New Orleans, La.	Jan. 15	FitzGerald
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Savannah, Griffin, Ga.	Jan. 22	Mallalieu
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Washington, Charleston, W. Va.	Mar. 4	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	March 11	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	March 11	Hurst
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.	March 18	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18	Andrews
Williamington, Dover, Del.	March 18	Warren
Central, Pennsylvania, Wil.		
Lebanon, Pa.	March 18	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18	Goodsell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.	March 25	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 25	Posters
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.	March 25	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton, N. J.	March 25	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.	March 25	Goodsell
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E. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.	April 1	Andrews
New York, New York city	April 1	Ninde
New Hampshire, Lawrence, N. H.	April 1	Fowler
Wyoming, Binghampton, N. Y.	April 1	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1	Joyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.	April 1	Goodsell
Maine, Auburn, Me.	April 8	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8	Fowler
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East Maine, Oldtown, Me.	April 15	Merrill
Troy, Glensville, N. Y.	April 15	Fowler
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R. SMITH, Presiding Elder.

## Notice to Texas Conference.

I have been ready for some days to publish the minutes, but cannot possibly let the manuscript go to press unless I have the money to pay for printing. Palestine District has paid in full; Navasota and Huntsville in part. If we are to have minutes, please let me have the funds.

Respectfully, FRANK GARY, Secy.  
Galveston, Tex., Jan. 11, '96.

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—Bishop Ninde has had an audience with the king of Korea, at the special solicitation of the king himself. No bishop ever before stood in the presence of royalty in the Hermit nation. The notable feature of the conversation was the utterance of the king, "There are many, many Americans in Korea. We are glad they are here. Thank the American people; and we shall be glad to receive more teachers." It happens that there are scarcely any Americans in Korea but "teachers." If the king wants more of them it is significant, to say the least.—Central Christian Advocate.

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Stony Point Circuit, La.—Rev. H. A. McClellan to Miss Martha Ella Morgan, on Nov. 21. Rev J. F. Marshall, P. E., officiated, assisted by Rev. W. W. Clark.

Henderson County, Tenn.—Charles Phillips to Jane Anderson, Dec. 3. Also, George W. Taylor to Mollie Kirby. S. T. Miller officiated.

Union Church, Miss.—Frank Tozier to Mary Gray, Dec. 12. A. Reid officiated.

Lake Charles, La.—Nathaniel Hussey to Anna Howard, Dec. 12. Also, Matthew Thomas to Henrietta Lewis, Dec. 21. T. Larkins officiated.

Heldberg, Miss.—Robert Danie's to Josephine McCullen. Also, Robert Williams to Mary Jones on Dec. 24. R. N. Jones officiated.

Rosenorth, Miss.—Columbus Intson to May Eliza Boob, Dec. 11. G. W. Payton officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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New Bern, Ala.—Mrs. Minnie S. Alexander, wife of Rev. P. C. Alexander, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, Greensboro, Ala., died in Birmingham at her father's home. She was a faithful member and an earnest Sunday school worker. She leaves a husband, four children and a host of friends to mourn. Revs. O. Nelson and Thos. H. Jones conducted the services.

Natchitoches, La.—Mary Ellen Winfred, a member of our church, died Dec. 5. She was faithful until death, and leaves a husband and two sons. M. J. Dyer, pastor.

Memphis, Tenn.—Willie Williams, a beautiful girl of 14 years, passed away following on Dec. 7. Also, on Dec. 9, Mrs. Voulaine (Toison) Graham, a most faithful member, passed away in great peace. O. E. Alexander pastor.

Lake Providence, La.—Sister Hannah Sanford, aged 80 years, died Dec. 8 in triumphant of faith. P. M. Washington, pastor.

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## Meharry Notes.

The dean announced that all of the senior class will graduate. The representatives are: D. B. Gains, valedictorian, of Little Rock, Ark.; A. T. Braxton, salutatorian, of Brunswick, Ga.; D. W. Sherrod, president, of Macon, Miss.; F. G. Talley, vice president, of New Orleans, La.; E. S. Mars, secretary, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. L. Samuels, treasurer, of Rome, Ga.

The following students spent a merry Christmas in Atlanta: E. B. Adam, J. W. Madison, B. J. Covington, W. J. Yesby, J. C. Abrams, L. Parchman and Readman.

The following students have gone to their various fields of labor: M. H. Cobb, principal of Shiloh Academy, Tifton, Ga.; C. B. Tyson, principal of Wilcochee's High School, Wilcochee, Ga.; J. S. Durrett, principal of Springfield Academy.

Dr. Boyd has been suffering from a septic wound, but was able to be present at the annual social, on which occasion a fine crayon portrait of himself was presented by Mr. Charles Crews in a few chosen words in behalf of the various departments.

Dr. F. A. Stewart finishes to-day his lectures on Pathology, and will begin the subject of Physical Diagnosis.

Mrs. Annie B. Marsh, of the sophomore class, who represented the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments on Emancipation Day, had a most excellent paper and was highly complimented by Dr. J. C. Hartzell, who was present. Just think of Meharry, she stands foremost to all the other medical colleges in the South. She has nearly as many in medicine as the other five schools combined. Three cheers for our dear Meharry and its able co-workers. A. E. Boyd.  
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McPellish ..... 22 23  
March.  
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Wilkesboro ..... 14 15 Hickory ..... 21 22  
Marion ..... 23 24  
April.  
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May.  
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[From the Herald, Boston, Mass.]

Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, a stroke of paralysis came to Mr. Frank T. Ware, the well known Boston auctioneer and appraiser, at 235 Washington Street. He went to bed one night about six years ago, seemingly in robust health. When he awoke his left side was stiffened by the deadening of the nerves.

The interviewer sought out Mr. Ware to get the facts. He gave the interesting particulars in his own way.

"The first shock came very suddenly while I was asleep, but it was not lasting in its effects, and in a few weeks I was able to be about. A few months after, when exhausted by work and drenched with rain, I went home in a very nervous state. The result was a second and more severe shock, after which my left arm and leg were practically helpless.

"My grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and lost an arm in the struggle for American Independence, died finally of paralysis. My father also died of paralysis, although it was complicated with other troubles, and so I had some knowledge of the fatal character of the disease which is hereditary in our family. After the second shock I took warning, for, in all probability, a third would carry me off.

"Almost everything under the sun was recommended to me and I tried all the remedies that seemed likely to do any good, electricity, massage and specialists, but to no effect.

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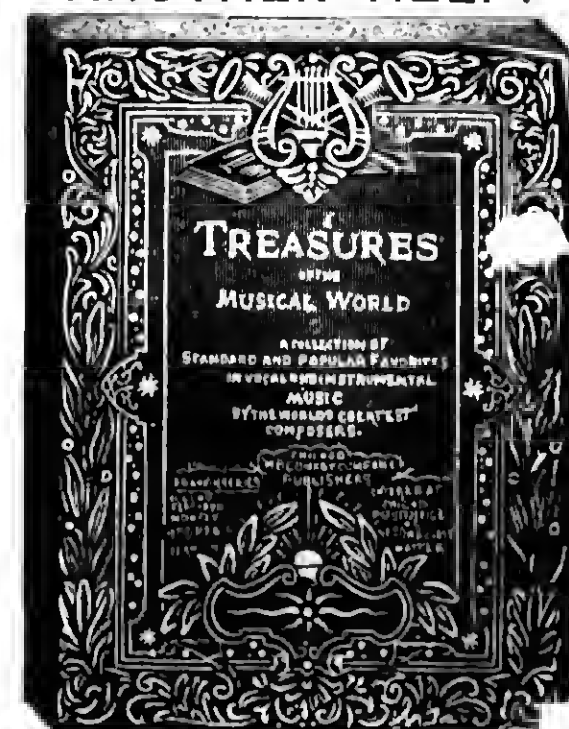
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 19, 1896.

The Early Ministry of Jesus.  
(Luke 4, 14-22.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—"His word was with power." (Luke 4:32.)

When Jesus was baptized in Jordan He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. For forty days he resisted "the fiery darts of the wicked" one. Satan departed from Him for a season. He returned to the Jordan valley where John was baptizing. The prophet bore witness of Him. Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathaniel, and likely James and John, left John the Baptist, and went with Jesus up into Galilee. At Cana He attended a marriage feast and wrought His first miracle. He then went down to Jerusalem, cleansed the temple, attended the Passover, and taught Nicodemus the way of life. John was at this time baptizing at Enon. When this bold prophet was cast into prison Jesus returned to Galilee. "He must needs go through Samaria. At Jacob's well He preached to a woman who believed, and was saved. Through her many of the Samaritans were converted. He tarried with them two days, and then went 'into Cana of Galilee.'" While there He healed the son of a nobleman who was sick at Capernaum. We have in this lesson a great preacher, a great text, and some results of a great sermon.

I. This great preacher was Jesus [14-17].  
1. General: "He returned in the power of the Spirit." He returned, not from the temptation in the wilderness, but from the Jordan valley. In the power of the Spirit refers not so much to a Divineunction for His special work in Galilee, as to the gift of the Spirit when He was baptized. The minister should take the Gospel to the people, and present it in wisdom and love. He taught the people, and probably wrought miracles. His subject was "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God" [Mark]. The Gospel is the glad tidings of great joy. It clusters about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With a kingdom we associate a king, a code of laws, and people who are subjects. Christ is our king, the doctrines of the Gospel are the laws of His kingdom, and all true believers in Him are His subjects. (3) The result of His preaching in Galilee—"There went out a fame of Him." He was "glorified of all." His preaching was of such a character that all were pleased with it. There was, no doubt, wisdom, love and truth in all He said. And He spoke as one having authority. We should study the sermons of Jesus, Peter, Stephen and Paul, and endeavor to preach like them.

2. Special: Nazareth was a small village located among the hills of northern Palestine. Its inhabitants had less culture than some other parts of the Holy Land, therefore the question arose—"Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" It has to-day a population of three or four thousand, the most of whom belong to the Greek and Roman Churches. In this town Jesus "had been brought up." He led an industrious, frugal and holy life. Boys growing up in cities and towns would do well to take Him as their example. It was the custom of Jesus to go "into the synagogue on the Sabbath day" to read and expound the Scriptures to the people. From the time Cain and Abel brought their gifts to the Lord down to the present it has been the custom of God's people to assemble to worship Him. It is possible, but not probable, to lead a Christian life without going to the place of devotion. We should "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together." The people assembled in the synagogue. This house of worship stood with the end toward Jerusalem. One side was occupied by men, and the other by veiled women. Between them was a lattice partition. In the end toward the Holy City was a platform on which the minister stood up to read and sat down to teach. There were chief seats occupied by the elders and the one who had charge of the house. We should have houses of worship, where we can serve God in comfort at all seasons of the year. The time when the people assembled was the Sabbath day. God has always had one even set apart for rest and devotion, and beasts who labor must have rest, mind and soul need rest on our lives by not observ-

text was taken from the Bible. 1. Before taking roll when Jesus entered the synagogue He was invited to read. A scroll was placed in His hands and He soon read of Jesus indi-

cated self-possession and familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. It is well for all young people to aim at refined naturalness, and to acquaint themselves with every part of God's Word.

2. Taking the text. Isaiah spoke this with regard to the captivity of the Jews in Babylon and their deliverance by Cyrus, but it is here applied to Jesus by Himself. (1) Jesus was a prophet—"He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor." He was made ready to teach the people by having "the Spirit of the Lord" poured upon Him. He taught by preaching the Gospel. The poor heard and received the story of the cross gladly. (2) He was a priest—"To heal the brokenhearted" and give "sight to the blind." If those who are blinded by sin, and walk in darkness, will call upon Him, He will give them light and heal their blindness. And if those who mourn because of sin will seek Him, He will give them the joys of salvation. (3) As a King He delivered the captive and liberated the bruised. Many are locked in the fetters of sin and bruised by Satan. If they will trust Jesus He will give them freedom and heal their wounds.

3. After taking the text "He closed the book, gave it again to the minister, and sat down." This was surely the most trying hour in our Savior's ministry. He was in the synagogue where He had worshiped all His life, and surrounded by a people that had known Him from childhood. "The eyes of all were fastened on Him," because they were not sure who He was, what He would say, or how He would act. Such events often occur in the lives of young ministers. The grace of God and thorough preparation will make them masters of like occasions. The sermon preached from this text, at this time, was not put on record. I would to the Lord we had it. But from what follows we may form some idea of what He said.

III. Notice some results of this great sermon. 1. Enthusiasm—"They wondered at the gracious words (words of grace) which proceeded out of His mouth." Their mind had been enlightened, their emotions aroused, and their hearts warmed. They were carried away with the new preacher. No one could speak too highly of Him. Such things often occur in this age. The human mind is ever grasping after something new. The new object soon becomes old, is cast aside, and another sought.

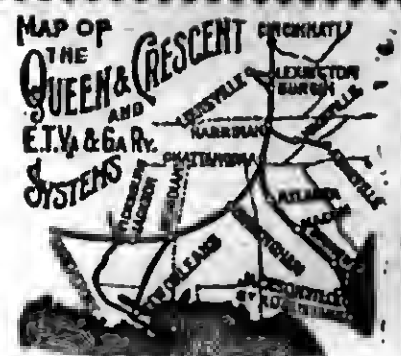
2. Inquiry—"Is not this Joseph's son?" It is likely Jesus said something in His discourse that caused them to think He was more than the son of Joseph. They first received the whole sermon with delight, but afterward called up a thought that did not please them. People will often pass in silence a hundred good ideas in a sermon and seize one remark they do not like and laud it to the skies. They will make a mountain out of a mole-hill.

3. A demand. Do for us here in Nazareth what you have been doing for the people down in Capernaum. Heal our sick, give sight to our blind, and raise our dead. You have been raised among us. We have the first claim on you. Convince us by miracle that you are the Lord's anointed. Jesus did but few mighty works among them. And to justify Himself He referred to the dealings of God with ancient Israel. There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, "when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months," but to none of them was he sent. And there were many lepers in Israel in the days of Elisha, but he did not heal any of them. The widow who kept Elijah, or was kept by him during the famine, was not an Israelite, neither was the leper healed by Elisha a Jew. Both were Gentiles. Jesus let them know God would not bless people because they were in the "royal line," but because they believed in Him and were worthy.

4. Anger—"When they heard these things they were filled with wrath." (1) Notice their conduct—"They thrust Him out of the city and led Him to the brow of the hill, that they might cast Him down headlong." Behold the people who an hour ago were filled with wonder at His words of grace, now striving to stone Him to death. How fickle is the human heart. How changeable is public opinion. It is well to declare the whole counsel of God regardless of the love or fear of the people. (2) Notice the conduct of Jesus—"He passed through the midst of them and went His way." No resentment or cowardice. We need not infer that He here wrought a miracle to deliver Himself out of their hands. Jesus could, when He wished to do so, prevent men, by a word, look or gesture, from doing Him harm. It is likely something of the kind occurred here. God has no use for bullies or cowards. Let us be brave enough to speak the truth and do the right, at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances.

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Chicago and St. Louis		Chicago and St. Louis	
fast mail.....	8:20 am	fast mail.....	7:00 pm
Chic. limited.....	6:50 pm	Chic. limited.....	9:00 am
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local		No. 6, Memphis Local	
Fast express.....	10:00 am	Fast Train 4:00 p.m.	
No. 21, Vicksburg ex-		Vicksburg ex-	
press.....	5:50 p.m.	press.....	7:30 a.m.
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 3, fast ex.....	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail.....	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....	9:45 am
No. 1, l.m. ex.....	6:40 pm	No. 8, coast acc.....	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....	8:30 pm	No. 2, l.m. ex.....	7:50 pm
Sunday ex.....	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.....	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth		No. 53, Cal. ex.....	8:15 am
and Cal. ex.....	6:15 pm	No. 51, T and A	
No. 51, T and A		express.....	6:15 pm
express.....	9:15 am		
Queen and Crescent Route.			
Cincinnati.....	11:55 a.m.	Cincinnati.....	7:20 a.m.
and Cal. ex.....	6:00 a.m.	and Cal. ex.....	3:20 p.m.
New York.....	11:55 a.m.	New York.....	3:20 p.m.
Southern Pacific Company.			
Texas and Mexico		California ex.....	9:15 am
fast mail.....	6:30 pm	Texas & Mexico	
California ex.....	6:55 am	fast mail.....	8:35 pm
Lafayette local.....	11:10 am	Lafayette local.....	4:35 pm

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From Methodist Hymnal—By Charles Wesley.

MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD.—Ps. 121:2.

To the hills I lift mine eyes,  
The everlasting hills;  
Streaming thence in fresh supplies,  
My soul the Spirit feels:  
Will he not his help afford?  
Help, while yet I ask, is given:  
God comes down; the God and Lord  
Who made both earth and heaven.

Faithful soul, pray always; pray,  
And still in God confide;  
He thy feeble steps shall stay,  
Nor suffer thee to slide;  
Lean on thy Redeemer's breast;  
He thy quiet spirit keeps;  
Rest in him, securely rest;  
Thy Watchman never sleeps.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### PROGRESSIVE EPWORTHIANS.

We gladly give space to the following important letter:

NEWTONIA, MISSOURI, Jan. 11, 1896.

Dear Dr. Hammond—Inclosed find \$2 50, for which please send the SOUTHWESTERN to the following address: Rev. R. F. S. Fields, our pastor, and one copy to the undersigned. This money was raised by an entertainment, given by our Epworth League Chapter in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., our presiding elder, requested it to be done. There are but twelve members of our Church here, but we have a flourishing league. We hope to be able in the near future to do more for the SOUTHWESTERN. The league was out in full force and listened to an address from Dr. Jackson, after which supper and reception were given him in the church.

Faithfully yours,

(MISS) FLORENCE V. HOYL.

Newtonia Epworth League sets a worthy example, and the SOUTHWESTERN tenders its thanks to the faithful pastor, Rev. R. F. S. Fields, and Miss Florence V. Hoyl, the happy recipients; to the able presiding elder, Dr. J. Will Jackson, and especially to the progressive Epworth League. We hope all the leagues will do likewise.

### BEAUTIFULLY SAID.

Mrs. Mary O. Hickman, one of the elect ladies of the Church, writing in the *Western Christian Advocate* of a recent date, on "Organic Union of the Methodist Churches North and South," says, among other beautiful things:

"Can not this union be effected in some satisfactory way, and the interests of the colored people be protected and their further development secured? The different divisions of colored Methodism involves great waste of means and effort that they can not afford. The progress made by the colored people the last thirty years is the miracle of the age. No people ever learned so many useful things in the same length of time. Nothing should be done that will hinder their development. The evangelization of Africa waits the leadership of American Negroes in Church and State. There are doubtless difficulties in the way of organic union, or it would have been accomplished before this; but it is worth great and continuous effort to secure, if it can be done without the sacrifice of principle or the interests of the Negroes. Prejudice nor office should be allowed to prevent it."

Mrs. Hickman is a white lady and the wife of one of the most prominent ministers in the Church. It is clearly evident that she has been giving this question some considerable thought. We are especially pleased to know that our white ladies are espousing the cause of the Negro, and that neither "prejudice nor office should be allowed to prevent it." [Italic ours.] Let the good women of the churches speak out on this subject.

### OUR CRUISE.

Amid the salvos of hundreds of the lusty voices of the brave tars of the staunch and magnificent double-turreted monitor, the *Louisiana*, commanded by Rear-Admiral J. N. Fitzgerald, the cruiser SOUTHWESTERN steamed alongside the beautiful training ship *Mount Zion*, which was anchored in Crescent Bay. This being the occasion of the annual drill, the gallant tars came from all parts of this division of the King's dominions to take part in the drill and to get their assignments to different stations. Captains Albert, Marshall, Landry, Wright, Adkinson, Chinn and Morant, in command of the King's royal escorts, the *North New Orleans*, *Baton Rouge*, *South New Orleans*, *Natchitoches*, *Central New Orleans*, *Monroe* and *Alexandria*, added not a little to the interest of the occasion. The escorts were well manned, as a rule, and the reports from the gallant captains were highly satisfactory.

The opening exercises were characterized by much enthusiasm. The gallant and jolly tars went through their evolutions in true nautical style. The mayor of the town, the honorable Mr. Fitzpatrick, came aboard, was received with royal honors, and in a magnificent address extended to the officers and crews of the squadron the freedom of the Crescent City and its beautiful harbor. Commodore Hartzell, of the line-of-battle-ship *Freedmen's Aid*, responded to the address of welcome by the mayor in such a way as to impress the sailors more and more as to his ability to manage large craft. Commander Baldwin of the King's iron-clad *Missionary*, brought greetings which made a magnificent impression. The *Freedmen's Aid*, under command of Commodore Hamilton, was sighted during the early part of the evolutions. He was welcomed royally and gave one of his big and taking talks. The *Church Extension*, heavily armored, hove in sight and Commodore Spencer soon came alongside the *Mount Zion*, when he received the usual greeting. He explained the workings of the new and improved guns which the *Church Extension* carried and received the applause of the assembled tars. The double-turreted armored-cruiser the *Book Concern* was royally welcomed. Commodore Cranston, who had charge, showed his thorough mastery of every part of the machinery of the Cruiser, gave us a drill in the new tactics "pay up," which evoked the admiration of the entire squadron.

The SOUTHWESTERN having been detailed to report to the *Mississippi* squadron in charge of Rear-Admiral Mallien, anchored near Canton, we steamed out of Crescent Bay on the evening of the first day, and after a rapid spurt anchored off Canton a little after midnight. We piped "up hammocks," and supported by Post Captain J. M. Shumpert, of the King's royal escort *Shubuta*, we hauled up alongside the *Mississippi*. The gallant admiral and crew gave the SOUTHWESTERN a "rousing" welcome. Here we found everything in ship-shape order, and the gallant tars in excellent condition. We gave one or two lectures on our new and improved tactics "pay up," with evident satisfaction. Commodores Baldwin and Cranston, who had been detailed by the King for important business aboard the *Mississippi*, hauled alongside and transacted their business with pleasure and dispatch. The discipline aboard the battle ship is excellent, and the health of the admiral, officers and crew is excellent. The jaunty, well built and fleet-sailing monitor, the *Hamiltonian*, was unanimously welcomed and given a place in the squadron. Captains Shumpert and Cowan, of the King's escorts, the *Shubuta* and *Vicksburg*, were commissioned to take part in the quadrennial gathering of the King's cohorts at Cleveland, Ohio, next May. Messrs. Stith of Vicksburg, Straits and Keys of Ocean Springs will represent the lay forces at that convocation.

During the cruiser's short stay the purser enrolled over 1000 pledges of recruits for the King's service in the SOUTHWESTERN waters.

After an exhibition or two of our machinery, etc., we weighed anchor and steamed toward Crescent Bay. Here we found the bay crowded with the King's messengers. The beautiful *Mount Zion* was in gala attire. There was a profuse display of bunting, ribbons and other fabrics, which added to the pleasure of many of the gallant tars. Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald was in splendid humor and form, and kept the officers and crew in the best of spirits. An exhibition volley from the *Book Concern's* first guns was among the pleasures of the exercises. Commodore Cranston not only knows how to handle his great craft with nautical skill, but he is also an ornithologist of note. His advice also against air angling was timely.

On Saturday morning the squadron hailed and acted as an escort to the fleet-sailing gunboat, the *Coming Woman*. She was received with remarkable unanimity, many of the tars desiring to be enrolled in her favor. The *Hamiltonian* received a significant salute. Commodore Hartzell and Post Captain Albert and Marshall were commissioned to take part in the quadrennial drill in Cleveland Bay during the month of May. Our lay forces were out in their strength and selected Purser C. C. Morse of the SOUTHWESTERN and Captain Banks to represent them in the coming gathering on the waters of Lake Erie.

The Lieutenant-Commander of the *Epworth* fired in the presence of the squadron one of the largest S(c)hells in existence. He was honored with a real mariners' ovation.

The wind-up was a magnificent affair. Some of the sailors who had become more proficient in the King's drill were advanced to higher positions. All hearts were made glad when the rear-admiral gave orders to the cruisers of the squadron to fall into line. The SOUTHWESTERN acted as escort, and gave a parting salute as the gallant cruisers sped on their way to spoil the enemy of souls.

All on board are happy, and just as elated as they can modestly be over the grand reception accorded our officers and crew.

But we hear the boatswain piping "all hands to your stations," "Get ready," "Bout ship." Gradually we part with the delightful company of cruisers, manned by as gallant set of tars as ever spliced a brace.

Off Canton; Lat. 00.—Owing to the talk of war between Great Britain and the United States, we gave orders to put in an extra supply of grape and canister and to put on extra armor, which was sufficiently tested during the heavy gales encountered in Southern waters. No material damage was done; our *arminium theologicum* stood up well, notwithstanding the *Steel conical* shell fired at us from a masked battery off Nashville. The cruiser returned the compliment, and was relieved not a little by the prompt way in which other cruisers of the King's service resented the attack. Our guns are double shot, and the man at the mast-head is keeping a "weather eye lifted." All well.

OFF FAREWELL POINT, Log 20.—Windy.

—A recent number of *Der Christliche Apologete* was a special containing the New Year greetings and excellent cuts of thirteen of our bishops. The excellent paper is crowded with matter of unusual importance to its thousands of German readers, while other thousands who may not speak the language of the "Vaterland" rejoice "mit" our esteemed confrere, Dr. Nast, in giving the people a paper fully abreast of the times.

—The proceedings of the Louisiana Conference will be given in our next issue. The endorsement of the SOUTHWESTERN was hearty, soulful and helpful.



## Special Attention.

MISSION ROOMS OF THE M. E. CHURCH. }  
New York, Jan. 14, 1896. }

To the Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN:

Dear Brother—As you are aware, the General Committee of the Missionary Society, at its meeting in Denver in November last, appointed a special committee to consider and report the best way of dealing with the debt of the society, amounting to a little more than \$239,000. This committee was not able to mature any plans at Denver, and it was therefore continued, the two corresponding secretaries of the society being added to it, and it was directed to report to the Board of Managers. The committee consists of Bishop Foss, Bishop Goodsell, Dr. McCabe and Leonard, Dr. Sandford Hunt, Dr. M. D. Crawford, Dr. John F. Goucher (who is its secretary), Mr. Chas. Scott of Philadelphia, and myself, as chairman. We have held two meetings in New York, and have decided upon the outlines of a plan for the raising of the debt the present year. This plan was presented to the Board of Managers and was approved by the Board, which requested the committee to proceed to carry it out. The plan, in brief, is as follows:

1. To endeavor by every means in our power to induce the churches to raise the amount of their apportionment the present year. You will remember that the General Committee reduced its appropriations for the current year on a scale of 7 percent, the actual reduction being about 5 percent, it being found impracticable to reduce all missions alike. The General Committee, at the suggestion of the special committee on the debt, voted that the amount of the debt be added to the appropriations, and the whole be apportioned among the churches. This has been done, and the special committee has prepared appeals to the pastors and presiding elders, and also to the superintendents of Sunday School, urging that every effort be made to bring the missionary collections in Church and Sunday School this year up to the amount apportioned. These appeals, signed by every member of the committee, will soon be sent out.

2. The committee proposes that missionary mass meetings be held in all our leading cities, and as far as possible, in presiding elders' districts, with the object of imparting information of the work of our society and of educating the Church in more generous giving to the cause. It is not proposed that any collection shall be taken at these mass meetings. Meetings have already been planned for in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and elsewhere. A sub-committee is maturing plans for general missionary rallies everywhere.

3. Private and confidential appeals will be made by letter to laymen to contribute one or more shares of \$100 each. The committee deems it important that this plan should not be made public. It is believed that a considerable sum of money can be raised in this way.

This information as to the plans of the committee is given to you by direction of the committee. It realizes the importance of hearty co-operation from the press of the Church in the matter of raising the apportionment, and also in making the mass meetings successful. Knowing that you have the interest of our Missionary Society at heart and desire to see it freed from a crushing debt, the committee feels sure of your fullest and most hearty co-operation.

In behalf of the Committee,  
H. K. CARROLL, Chairman.

—The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is asking for \$1,500,000 for the year 1896 for its great work at home and abroad. It asks every member and probationer to give for this cause as God has prospered them.

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## A Splendid Offer.

MOBILE, Ala., 305 Warren Street, }  
January 16, 1896. }

Rev. E. W. S. HAMMOND, D. D.:

Dear Brother—As I sat in the Louisiana Conference recently and read your pledge card and heard your address, I think now to say, or propose, since you have given us such an excellent journal during these four years, to help the noble efforts you are making, as follows:

I will give and send through you to any presiding elder, pastor, or man or woman a purse of \$10, who will get the largest number of cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, between now and the meeting of the General Conference—provided, that not less than five annual cash subscribers are sent and the largest number above five for any length of time—all, however, must be cash.

Now, doctor, if you approve my proposal, you can go ahead and publish the offer. I admire your paper and wish I could do just the thing to help you put it into 100,000 homes. W. H. NELSON,  
Pastor, Warren St., M. E. Church,  
Mobile, Ala.

## Our Work in Chicago.

Dear Brother Hammond—I know that you will be pleased to learn that—after many years of unsuccessful effort in the great City of Chicago to plant our Methodism among the colored people—at last, just when the clouds appeared darkest, we see unmistakable signs of success.

At the last session of the Lexington Conference, Brother George E. Curry was assigned to this work. He has labored faithfully, doing all in his power to establish a church for our people. The City Missionary Society rendered material assistance in the rental of a storeroom, in which to hold our services, and a membership of some thirty odd, was secured. We found, however, that our people were not inclined to come together in this storeroom, and began to look around for a more suitable building, but could find none, and our people were becoming discouraged, when, through the workings of Providence, the congregation at Forty-second and State streets made up their mind to remove from their old location and build elsewhere. Our pastor and trustees immediately secured possession of this property and have expended about \$200 in repairing the damage done the building during a recent fire, and are now occupying it.

On Sunday last I held the third quarterly meeting and had by actual count, at 11 a. m. 61 persons, at 3 p. m. 67 persons and at 7 p. m. 143 persons, while the Sabbath school report showed 71 scholars and 11 officers and teachers present. On Monday night there were more than 50 persons at the love feast. On Tuesday night a concert was given by the choir to raise money on the repairs, and the building was filled, there being at least 300 persons present, of whom at least 75 were our white friends.

The members are much encouraged, and I think I can safely predict we will ere long have a good, strong church in the city of Chicago. We have some of the best material in the city in the organization.

Our choir stands second to none, white or colored, in the State. Our Sabbath school superintendent is an experienced and successful worker and leader in this field. An Epworth League will be organized next Sabbath and ere long we hope to have every department of the church work thoroughly organized and doing effective service.

Among the workers, I might mention Rev. Dr. Pryor of the Tennessee Conference, a graduate of Meharry, and his estimable wife; Brother S. G. Crolley, shipping clerk in the Book Concern, who recently came to Chicago from Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. W. J. Arnold, of the Chicago Industrial School; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Washington, two of Chicago's finest vocalists; Messrs. Jackson and Moore, who

have been in the employ of the American Express Company for years, and others whose names I cannot mention at this time.

Two additions to the church were received on Sunday and many others will cast their lots with us.

The pastor, Rev. G. E. Curry, 5022 Dearborn street, would be pleased to have any of the brethren, who know of any members of our church who have moved to Chicago from other cities, to kindly furnish him with their addresses.

Plans are on foot to purchase the property and we may safely consider ourselves as permanently located in this, the Queen City of the West. Faithfully yours,

EDWARD L. GILLIAM, P. E.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 15, '96.

## No Copyright After April 1st.

Dear Brother—During the earlier history of the Epworth League the Book Concern cheerfully paid the expense of the Board of Control, General Cabinet, and the Central Office. They also published The Epworth Herald at a loss for three or four years. To recompense themselves, in a measure, for these heavy expenses, the publishing agents felt they should have whatever profits arose from the publication of the Cordial Welcome Topic Cards, and so copyrighted them. Now that the Central Office and the Epworth Herald are paying their way, Dr. Cranston writes us authorizing the public announcement that the copyright on the topic cards will be surrendered April 1. This action will commend itself to the friends of the league as a generous one. We hope our young people everywhere will show their appreciation of this action on the part of the publishing agents by sending their orders for topic cards and all other Epworth League supplies to the Book Concern. The Concern is a part of our Church. In an important sense it is our own. Its profits go to clothe and feed and cheer the faithful servants of the Church who are now too old or feeble to toil. We should take a special delight in turning all possible trade in that direction. Besides that, the goods which it supplies are always good in quality and reasonable in price.

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Whichever way the wind doth blow  
Some heart is glad to have it so;  
Then blow it east or blow it west,  
The wind that blows, that wind is best.

My little craft sails alone;  
A thousand fleets from every zone  
Are out upon a thousand seas;  
And what for me were favoring breeze  
Might dash another, with the shock  
Of doom, upon some hidden rock.  
And so I do not dare to pray  
For winds to waft me on my way.  
But leave it to a Higher Will  
To stay or speed me—trusting still  
That all is well, and sure that He  
Who launched my bark will sail with me  
Through storm and calm and will not fail,  
Whatever breezes may prevail,  
To land me—every peril past—  
Within Her sheltering haven at last.  
Then whatsoever wind doth blow  
Some heart is glad to have it so,  
And blow it east or blow it west.  
The wind that blows, that wind is best.  
—[Christian Standard.]

### The Countless Number.

Yes, this is true of the mercies that have crowned each year of our lives. "How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand!"

During the year that has just gone God has opened the way for us again and again; has encompassed us about when we needed His protection the most; has followed us only in benediction and blessing. Not the least of these blessings have been those of the sanctuary. Fifty-two Sabbaths have brought the privileges of public worship, leading us away from a world of care; each one opening to us the blessed Gospel of the Son of God; each one bringing us to the wells of salvation; each one furnishing us with a new stimulus to growth in spiritual character, and giving us strength in the discharge of all our duties.

How often, wearied with the cares of life, we have given ourselves to quiet slumber and have reposed in peace! In the morning, when our eyes have opened upon the light of day, we were led to exclaim: "I am still with Thee." The blessings of the family, of the schools, of the church, of franchise, of plenty, of peace, and of hope have filled each passing day. Let every heart about shout aloud His praises. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious name forever and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen."—Ex

### Will Find Him Out.

One of the banks in London had a very unique and ingenious arrangement to watch its watchman. Each square in the marble floor of the bank rested upon a steel point, and that steel point connected with an electric wire, and each square in the bank was numbered and each wire numbered. Those wires ran away through the building to the private office of the bank officials. The watchman was told to keep awake and to keep moving all the time. He thought that it was very foolish for him to keep moving. He said the place was safe. So he took a newspaper or a novel and sat down on a chair by the light. There he would sit and read, when he should have been looking about. One day they sent word to him that his services were unsatisfactory. He went in great indignation to see why he had been discharged. They told him that he had been reading or asleep in his chair. He said that was not so. He knew there was no person who could see him, and there was no person allowed in the building; he knew he had the keys, and the

time lock was on that safe; so he felt sure no one could have seen him. In indignation he threatened the president of the bank for accusing him of telling a lie when he denied that he had sat down at all in that chair. Then they called him into the office. They took out a piece of paper which represented all the squares on the floor, and then, taking the time-lock checks, put them beside it. "Now, my man, at three minutes of eight you stepped on that square, and then on that one, and then on that; then you immediately turned around and went back and stepped on this one, and you did not step from this one for two hours. Here it is. Every time you stepped on a square, it telegraphed that you were on it." And so all night these squares told just where he was. There was not an instant that they could not tell just where he went.

God has wires under every man's feet and heart, and you don't make a move, you never did make a one, which was not telegraphed to heaven.—Dr. R. H. Conwell.

### The "New Woman."

A good deal of uneasiness is being manifested by some contemporaries as to the tendency and results of the "New Woman" movement. If a judgment may be formed from their utterances, it would seem as though the appearance of the "New Woman" has already revolutionized or is about to revolutionize the human race. Woman, they say, is pressing into fields hitherto unknown; she is employing herself in directions hitherto undreamed of; she is becoming educated to a degree that, to the man of average intelligence and information, is alarming; she is manifesting a disinclination for the duties of wife and mother; a distaste for housekeeping and general dislike for every calling heretofore regarded as peculiarly suited to her place in life. She is becoming bold and aggressive and is losing the gentle modesty and diffidence which were formerly considered among her greatest charms.

If all these statements were universally true there would, it must be confessed, be cause for grave alarm. But it should be understood to begin with, that the "New Woman," so called, is by no means so numerous as she seems, for one of her essentialities is an ability to talk so much and so loudly as to give the impression that she is tenfold as numerous as she is. Perhaps this may be one of her tricks to exaggerate her apparent numbers and frighten her enemy, as soldiers in a beleaguered city stick hats on poles and lift them above the bulwarks to magnify their strength in the sight of the besiegers. . . . It is altogether probable that the "New Woman" is simply a fad, a craze, which in a few years will pass away and be forgotten. There is not the slightest probability that the great mass of women will forget their womanhood.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

### A Worthy Invention.

An enterprising English journal says: "To decide between the deserving and the undeserving poor, is no easy task. The Americans have devised a plan of doing so mechanically. In various parts of the country automatic alms distributors have been set up. A handle is connected with some machinery, such as will store electricity for instance, in an accumulator, or perhaps grind coffee, and after turning this for a certain length of time a penny is thrown out to the operator. These machines are already popular. Instead of putting a penny in the slot and receiving in exchange the product of some one else's work, you put in your own work and take out another person's penny. Of a truth the idea is worthy of imitation in this country."—Ram's Horn.

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### A Sort of Athelst.

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And so, to test her a little, I said one day:

"I wish you did really believe in God, the Father Almighty."

"What can you mean?" she answered, indignantly, "am I a hypocrite?"

"No—but possibly a sort of athelst."

"Worse and worse. I am ready for anything now," she cried, regarding me suspiciously.

"Let us see. If your belief in God, the Father Almighty, doesn't make you believe in the final triumph of good, it isn't very strong, is it? If you do not take into account this almighty help in solving every problem and righting every wrong, your belief isn't of very much practical value, is it? Phillips Brooks tells a story of some savages to whom was given a sundial, and so desirous were they to honor and keep it sacred that they housed it in and built a roof over it.

"Is your belief in God so reverent that you put it one side carefully as being too sacred for daily use? Then learn to use it. 'Take down the roof and let God in on your life.' You will not only hopefully regard all efforts for betterment, but your faith will inspire you to works."

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**SOME KEYNOTES.**

Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, of the M. E. Church South, says that Northern people have taken too seriously the "ill-considered utterances of two or three ill-informed persons" in the Southern States. He emphatically says:

"They who speak of the failure of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South since 1865 are ignorant. Therefore, do not hit them so hard; we cannot impeach their sincerity; they do not know the facts, nor do they know their ignorance. Undoubtedly they are serenely or passionately sincere in thinking that they know the whole case."

The good bishop might have remarked also with equal propriety that many unfavorable utterances concerning the Negro, by people who do not live in the South, are as ill-timed and "ill-considered" as many of those said to have been uttered by Southern people. The fact is, the Negro has not been thoroughly studied by even those who claim to know him best. There is no use in disguising the facts, and we assert emphatically that the enforced isolation of the Negro from his white fellow-citizens has made for him a "place" ("his place" if you please), from which, if he is not rescued, he is doomed to be a fruitful cause of unrest, mischief and evil. Speaking of the work of the educational institutions established for the Negro, the bishop says:

"To the Southern people, in relation to this work, the most hurtful thing has been simply this: Only recently (and not many now) have they taken any sort of interest in the schools established for the uplifting of the Negro in their midst. Few of our leading men have even now any true or accurate knowledge, from personal inspection, of any of these institutions. It is simply true that most Southern men know next to nothing of this work. Not one woman among thousands knows anything at all about it. Our people have been blind and slow of heart. Thank God, there are signs of improvement, both in our manners and our morals. Among these schools are many of the best teachers in the United States."

These are brave words, and we admire the candor in which they are uttered. Put them alongside of the significant and timely "bangle blasts" of our own Bishop Foss, and we have the keynote of the future attitude of the two great Methodisms toward their colored brethren. Mutual co-operation in the work of Christian education, looking toward the elevation of the whole race, is now the supreme duty of the hour. Upon the Christian churches of this land, more than upon any other agency, devolves the work which will result in the perfect and complete exaltation of the Negro to the same high social, moral and intellectual conditions reached by any other class of American citizens.

**THE MURDEROUS HOODLUMS.**

We were just recovering from the Kentucky horror, in which a white man and a white woman were shot to death and their bodies burned by a mob of white men, when we are called upon to consider a crime of equal barbarity by the same class of men. This time Gretna (La.) is the scene of one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed. Two poor squatters, an ignorant white man and his no less ignorant black wife, were brutally shot down while trying to escape from their burning shanty, which had been fired by as desperate and blood-thirsty set of villains as can be found anywhere outside of prison. But it was at Gretna, bloody Gretna, said by many people to be the most wicked place in the South. Thieves, thugs, hoodlums and river pirates hold high carnival in that place, where there is neither fear of the officers of the law or respect for the few law-abiding citizens whom these lawless desperadoes permit to live there. While the unfortunate people who were murdered

were charged with committing some depredations, they were certainly not as bad as those blood-thirsty miscreants, who, like cowards, crept up to the shanty under cover of darkness, and poured a volley of death-dealing missiles into the bodies of their victims. First, Indian-like, applying the torch to render their work of destruction sure. Pat Morris and his "offensive Negro wife" are gone, but their murderers yet live. Can these regulators elevate the moral tone of Gretna? Will they stand for the supremacy of law? Will the community or the State dare to trust them as good upright citizens? What will Gretna do about it? The answer is easy. The State or the parish grants license to a number of so-called citizens to furnish places of public entertainment, where they sell whiskey, beer, and other intoxicants; and where, in the very nature of things, bad white men and bad black men get their training for just such crimes. The other people, not quite so bad, may have a spasm of virtue, and pass resolutions condemning such lawless acts; but the community will be shocked again and again as long as these pest-breeding gambling dens, brothels and drinking saloons are allowed to send their graduates out to prey upon the community. An awful responsibility rests upon Christian people to take the law out of the hands of venal, weak and corrupt officials, and to turn the gage of battle in favor of righteousness and pure government. Good people will be compelled to retake the primaries, and strike a blow for their altars and their homes that will be felt in every department of our civil and municipal government. Only then will we have an end of such horrors.

**A GREAT FORWARD MOVEMENT.**

Thousands Rally to the Help of the "Southwestern"—  
 Our Pledge Brigade Grows Larger.

Below we give the names of pastors, presiding elders and prominent laymen who have begun the new year with pledges of increased interest in the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN. We have been pleased beyond expression at the heartiness and cordiality with which the Mississippi, Louisiana and Upper Mississippi Conferences have taken hold of this matter. Already over 3,000 have joined our brigade, with the Little Rock, Central Alabama, Savannah, Florida, South Carolina, Washington, Lexington, Central Missouri and Delaware Conferences to hear from. We are confident that in each of these conferences the SOUTHWESTERN will have a substantial advance, and that recruits will rally around our flag. We have arranged to have the conferences already held give expression of their renewed interest in the work by direct communication with the presiding elders and pastors, or through the district conferences, during the year. Conference resolutions do mean something, and we will give our readers from time to time the benefit of some of the strong, manly and brave utterances of those who are not only interested in the SOUTHWESTERN on paper, but who are among its most earnest and faithful helpers. In the appended list we have put the names of the presiding elders in italics for obvious reasons. Other names will be added as soon as received. The editor will visit, as far as possible, all of the spring conferences in the patronizing territory of the SOUTHWESTERN; where this cannot be done he believes there are, in all the conferences, earnest and faithful brethren who will take up the work and carry it forward grandly. Following are the pledges:

**Upper Mississippi Conference.**

W. H. Whitlock 10, A. G. Honston 5, S. R. Gipson 10, L. F. Jones 5, W. R. Clay 10, W. O. Weatherall 5, O. W. Walton 25, B. F. Woolfolk 20, A. B. Blewett 10, J. M. Thompson 15, G. Orange 25, W. M. Lester 10, W. H. McCarty 5, O. A. Jordan 1, S. D. Tronpe 20, Geo. W. Hunt 10, M. Blair 15, L. L. Shumpert 15, H. B. Hart 6, E. D. Reid 10, J. D. Gibson 10, D. P. Shaw 10, E. Tronpe 10, J. J. Johnson 10, D. A. Bragg 10, M. Lackmar, John Everett 6, N. B. Blackman 10, John Mayo 10, E. D. Cameron 25, Walter T. Wright 10, E. H. Holmes 8, J. Burton 15, C. L. Walls 10, W. H. Gatewood 4, J. T. Cannon 9, Griffin G. Logan 5, S. M. McLeod 15, H. A. Johnson 10, L. W. Moseley 10, S. D. Hinton 5, F. H. Buntton 25, J. W. Johnson 10, S. M. Taylor 10, B. H. S. Ferguson 15, G. F. Leatherwood 4, O. W. Butler 25, O. W. Crump 10, M. B. Sykes 10, N. L. Lackey 15, W. H. Roberts 10, W. M. Young 10, P. Johnson

6, J. M. Walton 10, M. H. Wilkins 10, E. M. Byrd 10, M. Adams 5, W. S. Leake 20, W. C. Clay 20, R. Sewell 12, H. A. Robinson 12, D. Cobnm 15, N. E. Johnson 25, J. W. Terrell 8, W. Campbell 10, L. F. White 10, D. Green 10, W. H. Huddley 10, Geo. W. Baker 6, W. S. Gillespie 5, T. L. Inghram 10, O. Gillespie 15, H. Y. Santer 10, D. L. Tibbs 8, A. Sanlsbnry 12, P. S. Bowie 10, W. E. Logan 10, W. H. Scott 10, J. M. Nevils 15, A. J. McAllister 25, W. H. Golden 10, J. B. Starkey 10, O. O. Head 10, J. W. Wimbush 10, J. H. Everett 15, J. W. Washington 5, H. O. Norman 10, T. W. Davis 50, J. W. Parks 8, M. McEwen 10, M. W. Reid 10, H. N. York 20, A. J. Price 10, Wm. Bell 10, W. C. Canwell 10, S. H. Nevils 25, J. W. Davis 40, H. R. Revels 40, P. O. Jamison 25, W. M. Donald 25, W. E. Mask 40, G. J. Dobson 10, O. E. Gates 25, G. H. Harvey 6. Total, 1,365.

**Louisiana Conference.**

G. L. Washington 10, T. G. Montgomery 20, A. Hilton 10, H. James 10, A. J. Proctor 5, F. T. Chinn 25, Valconr Chapman 10, F. H. Harvey 10, M. C. Wilson 10, D. G. Pherris 5, O. Monroe 8, J. L. Augstus 10, John Wilson 10, Z. T. Gayden 10, B. Bolden 5, Julius Benn 6, William Davis 10, I. A. Vincent 10, A. G. Davis 10, M. T. Fairfax 10, J. A. Tironit 10, J. W. Hilton 25, J. S. Jones 20, Ed. Powell 10, Alfred McGee 6, A. Conerly 10, Frank Walker 100, O. D. Shallowhorne 20, A. Kiel 10, H. W. Welch 5, Gnisepe Vitali 1, E. H. Clark 10, Wm. L. Amos 10, Wm. Harrison 10, Joshua J. Obee 10, M. J. Dyer 10, Alfred Gray 10, H. T. O. Abbott 10, Stephen Priestly 10, J. F. Cox 10, A. A. Lacey 10, A. J. Johnson 10, A. Vincent 10, J. W. Smith 5, P. W. Clark 10, Joseph H. Thompson 6, E. Harrison 10, A. G. Miller 10, Emile Alexander 10, H. King 10, S. E. H. Morant 100, W. S. Harris 5, T. McCary 10, John D. Brightop 5, F. Aldridge 5, J. D. Banks 10, O. O. Wright 10, W. M. Eaton 10, T. Larkins 10, Willis Carr 10, A. H. Banks 10, H. O. Armston 10, J. H. Rylander 6, J. H. Burrell 10, J. O. Brown 10, J. W. Lewis 6, E. H. Scott 10, James Robinson 10, J. P. Bayliss 10, Daniel G. Taylor 5, O. Spears 2, Emerson Hitchison 6, J. O. Richards 10, Henry Taylor 30, T. P. Norris 5, R. O. Worsham 4, P. O. Colton 10, D. G. Butler 20, A. Lunster 10, S. Bell 10, F. M. Lashington 10, H. J. Wright 25, Eugene Baptiste 10, S. Davage 20, E. B. Richards 10, O. M. Angnum 10, Martha Hard 10, Lonisa Leger 10, F. D. Bowers 20, G. J. Rogers 10, A. L. Jackson 10, I. R. Scott 10, N. R. Randolph 15, Addison Moore 10, E. O. Goins 16, Henry O. Gair 12, Wm. Emmitt 5, David Harrison 10, H. A. Sorrell 10, D. W. Boatner 5, H. A. McOlellan 10, S. R. Hason 10, S. Mitchell 5, Ed. Fields 10, A. B. Venable 10, C. W. Kershaw 10, A. J. Pickett 10, B. J. Reddix 5, H. Daniel 10, P. Bibbs 10, W. R. Butler 25, O. E. Bradford 8, S. H. Mason 10, Cornelius Johnson 10, J. N. Turner 10. Total, 1,362.

**Mississippi Conference.**

M. White 8, R. P. Anderson 10, J. O. Hibbler 15, G. E. Ronssean 5, G. W. Stith 10, C. W. Ivy 12, J. C. Houston 25, J. W. Williams 7, P. Blue 8, V. Trotter 5, B. Oaly 10, J. Jordan 10, O. Washington 18, A. O. Smith 5, Wm. Thomas 25, D. Ray 10, R. L. Carpenter 10, A. Reid 10, H. Henderson 10, R. P. Threlkeld 10, H. May 15, N. Cannon 10, B. Roberts 25, S. Jossel 10, Thomas I. Keys 25, R. MoAlpin 10, J. D. Reeves 10, A. M. Trotter 20, H. Ronntree 5, I. L. Pratt 25, J. D. Garrett 10, I. W. Davis 10, G. W. Longmire 10, A. O. Bardwell 5, H. M. Craft 10, H. Heslop 9, H. Butler 15, I. O. Rudor 10, L. J. S. Bell 10, R. L. Brooks 10, J. B. Brooks 10, A. Queen 5, B. H. Patton 6, W. McNeil 10, O. H. Flowers 15, I. S. Thomas 5, S. McDavis 10, J. M. Shumpert 20, O. L. Colton 10, W. H. Smith 10, A. O. Lacy 10, N. N. Sidney 5, R. M. Jones 10, M. White 12, J. H. Cook 10, W. N. G. Lipscomb 10, L. Tate 15, M. Cooper 10, G. W. Arnold 10, R. P. Thomas 10, G. W. Payton 26, E. L. Wilborn 20, A. Handy 5, James Ford 10, A. Davis 15, R. O. Chapman 19, M. M. Setton 5, D. F. Dudley 5, S. M. May 10, J. B. Smith 10, P. R. Crump 15, M. A. Hobson 10, B. L. Crump 25, A. D. Payne 20, G. W. Brame 10, A. B. Logan 10, N. D. Hopkins 10, O. H. Brown 10, R. Howze 20, T. A. Cotton 10, S. A. Cowan 50, P. H. Hill 15, W. M. Payne 10. Total, 1,002.

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Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, on his tour through the Southern States, visited us on the 3d inst. While here he delivered two very instructive lectures, the subjects of which were, "Abraham Lincoln" and "Industrial Force," respectively. All enjoyed Mr. Fortune's visit very much.

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—Any well-to-do Methodist who is so indifferent to his own mental advancement and the spiritual and intellectual culture of his boys and girls as to refuse to subscribe for a Church paper need expect nothing else than to have better posted people laugh in his face when he inquires concerning the "present whereabouts of a leading preacher," who has been in heaven the last ten years. And when this does occur he ought to be ashamed of his ignorance, instead of angry at his laughing neighbor.—Central Christian Advocate.

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Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
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Little Rock, Batesville, Ark.....	Jan. 22.....	Nirde
Savannah, Griffin, Ga.....	Jan. 22.....	Mallien
Gulf Mission, Jennings, La.....	Jan. 23.....	FitzGerald
Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.....	Jan. 23.....	Foster
Arkansas, Rogers, Ark.....	Jan. 29.....	Nirde
St. John's River, Lawley, Fla.....	Feb. 5.....	Foss
Virginia, Chosapeake, Va.....	March 4.....	Bowman
Washington, Charlestown, W. Va.....	March 4.....	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.....	March 11.....	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.....	March 11.....	Werren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.....	March 11.....	Hurst
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South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.....	March 18.....	Andrews
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lamsport, Pa.....	March 18.....	Vincent
St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.....	March 18.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.....	March 25.....	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	March 25.....	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.....	March 25.....	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.....	March 25.....	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton, N. J.....	March 25.....	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.....	March 25.....	Goodsell
New England, Southern, Fall		
River, Mass.....	April 1.....	Foster
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New Hampshire, Lawrence, N. H.....	April 1.....	Fowler
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Delaware, Chester, Pa.....	April 1.....	Joyce
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Vermont, Barre, Vt.....	April 8.....	Fowler
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### From Our Exchanges.

—Roman Catholics are found chiefly in southern Europe, South America, Central America and Mexico.

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And attempted to write  
For the new year a good resolution.

"I will try not to make so much noise,  
And be one of the quietest boys,"  
Wrote one of the three,  
Whose uproarious glee  
Was the cause of no end of confusion.

"I resolve that I never will take  
More than two or three pieces of cake,"  
Wrote plump little Pete,  
Whose taste for sweet  
Was a problem of puzzling solution.

The other, her paper to fill,  
Began with, "Resolved, that I will"—  
But right there she stopped,  
And fast asleep dropped  
Ere she came to a single conclusion.

—[Independent.

### Sunday Open Saloons.

Thomas Carlyle is reported to have said: "The superabundant number of open public houses on the Sabbath is transforming all our multitudinous towns into Dantean hells by the gin and other intoxicants they sell there." Baron Rothschild said of the effects of the open saloon on Sunday: "There are many streets in London where you may see row after row of public houses, dens of the worse description, which are simply supported by the money which flows into their coffers on Sunday, and if closed on that day they must eventually go to the wall."

A writer in the Religious Telescope has this to say: "The criminal statistics of England show that 13,000 persons are convicted annually for Sunday drunkenness as a result of open saloons in London and other cities. Notice that this number are convicted. How many are drunk or tipsy in their homes who are not arrested? This demonstrates the work of the Sunday open saloons."

### Cleansed As She Went.

A young lady was deeply concerned about her spiritual interest, and after a severe struggle started to visit her pastor to ask him to show her the way of life. As she entered the horse car, in carrying out her purpose, she saw seated there several of her friends, who asked where she was going. The tempter immediately said: "Don't tell them where you are going, but answer them in some evasive way." At the same time the Spirit whispered to her: "Be brave and conscientious about this. Tell them of your purpose, and ask them to go with you." She obeyed the latter voice. Her friends declined to accompany her and she went on alone. When she came to the minister's house, he came to the door to meet her. She paused from embarrassment for an instant, and then said: "Doctor, I started to come to see you to ask you to lead me to Christ; but now that I am here, I have come to tell you I have found Christ." "As they went they were cleansed."—Rev. B. Fay Mills.

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### A Wonderful Story.

Henry M. Stanley said recently in an interview of the religious growth in the region of Lake Victoria Nyanza: "When I was at the lake eighteen years ago, there was not a missionary there. Now there are 40,000 Christian natives and 200 churches. The natives are enthusiastic converts. They would spend their last penny to acquire a Bible. They are not like the blacks of the west coast; in fact, there are no real Ethiopians among them. They vary in color from light yellow to dark copper, and are much more intelligent than the blacks."

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—The Central Christian Advocate of January 8, says: A recent issue of the New York Independent contains a comprehensive summary of the progress made by the Churches in 1895, worthy of study and full of cheer and comfort for those who steadfastly pray for the increase of Christ's kingdom. Representative men of the various denominations tell the story of the year with special reference to their own section of the Lord's host, and an encouraging one it is. Bishop Goodsell represents our own Church; Dr. Hoss, of the Nashville Christian Advocate, speaks for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Editor Stephens, of the Methodist Recorder, for the Non-Episcopal Methodists, and Bishop B. T. Tanner for the African Methodist bodies. Elaborate, comparative statistical tables are given of ministers, Churches and communicants at home and abroad in 1890, 1894 and 1895. The total gain of all the Churches in membership in 1895 was 606,539, a very satisfactory outcome of the year's spiritual work. Methodists will be gratified to learn that more than half of this gain, or 319,539, swelled the ranks of the several branches of their faith. The gain of the Methodist Episcopal Church was 99,537, the total membership being 2,629,985. The Church has likewise 136,671 members in foreign lands, making a grand total of 2,766,656. These majestic figures should excite solicitude rather than pride, solicitude that our beloved Church may draw vigorous life from Christ the living Vine, and measure up to all its glorious privileges.

—Henry M. Stanley, in an article on the "Development of Africa," which is to appear in the February Century, recalls the fact that troubles with the Boers in southern Africa first induced David Livingstone to travel to the north, and so led the way to the opening of Equatorial Africa. Livingstone, who was a missionary at Kolobeg, accused his Boer neighbors of cruelty to the natives. They resented his interference, and threatened to drive him from the country. He published their misdeeds in the Cape newspapers, and his house was burned in revenge. Thisted to his leaving southern Africa and going to a region where he could follow in peace his vocation as a missionary, unmolested by the Boer farmers.

The Guide to Holiness has been enlarged by the addition of eight pages, and otherwise greatly improved. Each number of the year will contain a portrait of some prominent Gospel worker, and other embellishments. The corps of writers for the current year is of undoubted ability. The January issue is very attractive. The matter furnished is from gifted pens and is well adapted to instruct and edify Christians of all denominations. It is embellished with a portrait of the late Dr. S. A. Keen, the eminent evangelist, followed by one of his sermons on "The Pentecostal Promise: Its Scope." A Beautiful Souvenir, containing twelve portraits and twelve choice selections of music, is sent to old and new subscribers. Subscription price unchanged—it is \$1 per year, for forty pages of superior matter and choice illustrations. George Hughes & Co., publishers, 60, 62 and 64 Bible House, New York.

—Rev. Frank S. Dobbins gives some missionary statistics in the last number of the Examiner. At the end of 1895, 6,355 men and 5,219 women missionaries were at work spreading the Gospel, a total of 11,574. They represent 218 societies in America, Europe, Asia and Australia. There are 70,003 native preachers and 1,157,668 communicants. In 1894-95, these 218 societies expended in foreign work \$14,441,807. In domestic missions the sum expended amounted to \$12,144,162.

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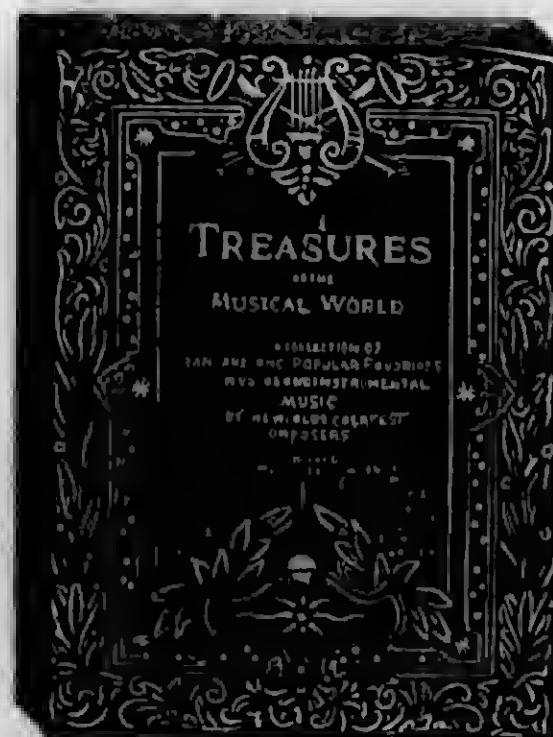
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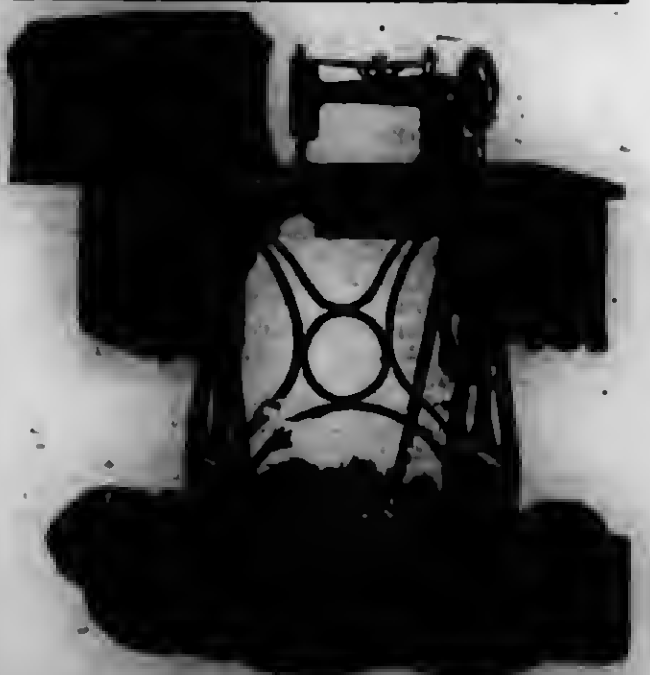
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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

[Our Sunday School Lessons for this month have been dated wrong—Jan. 5 was dated 12; Jan. 12 was dated 19, and Jan. 19, last week, should have been 26.]

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1896.

## The Power of Jesus.

(Luke 5: 17-26)

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." (Luke 5: 24.)

When Jesus departed from Nazareth He went down to Capernaum. During the week He taught the people. On the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, preached, and cast out an evil spirit. He then entered Simon's house and healed his wife's mother who was sick of a great fever. In the evening they brought unto Him their sick, and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them. On the morning following this holy Sabbath in Capernaum He "rose up a great while before day, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." He did not immediately return to Capernaum, but went from town to town throughout all Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out evil spirits. After some time, as He drew near to Capernaum, there came a leper unto Him, and in a very humble way asked to be healed. Jesus was moved with compassion and cured him. He then charged him to tell no man, to show himself to the priest, and to make the proper offering for his cleansing. He did not do as Jesus directed. This work was too great to be kept secret. He published to the four winds what had been done for him. We have before us to-day—Jesus and the multitude, Jesus and the sick, and Jesus and the Scribes.

I. Jesus and the multitude. (17) Matthew and Mark have given some thoughts omitted by Luke in this lesson. 1. The place—"Again He entered into Capernaum." The great popularity of Jesus, caused by the report of the leper, constrained Him to remain out of His "own city" for a season. Capernaum was on the western shore of the sea of Galilee. It was of sufficient size to be always called a "city." It was the home of Jesus during His ministerial life in Galilee, and the scene of many of His miracles and "glorious words." It has so completely passed away that it cannot now be located with certainty. When Jesus returned to it He likely entered the house of Simon.

2. The assembly. "And straightway many were gathered together." They remembered His former visits, teachings and miracles. They learned that He had returned to the city. They began to congregate. The house was soon filled, and the standing room about the door was all occupied. Many of these people had come from neighboring towns. Among them were Scribes, Pharisees, and doctors of the law. They were hungry for the bread of life. We should go out to hear the Gospel.

3. The Gospel—"He preached the word unto them." It is to be regretted that so few of our Savior's discourses have come down to us. Not many, if any of them, have been recorded in full. Of some we have only an outline, and in many instances a mere statement of the fact that He preached to the people. Yet we have enough on record for our faith and practice. He here preached "the word" unto them. He probably told them the kingdom of heaven was at hand, and that repentance and faith were necessary to enter it.

II. Jesus and the sick man [18-20]. 1. His disease. He was "sick of the palsy." Palsy is a contraction of paralysis. There are many forms of this disease. (1) The regular paralytic shock renders the entire body useless. A soul thus affected cannot do one act or speak one word for the Master while the shock continues. (2) In hemiplegia one side of the body only is affected. Many souls are half right and half wrong. Ephraim was "a cake not turned." He was done on one side only. He was half good and half not good. (3) Paraplegia affected the entire body below the neck. There are many who are all right in the head; they know the way of salvation. But they are all wrong in the heart; they "love darkness rather than light." (4) Catalepsy is a sudden suspension of motion and sensation. A soul thus affected ceases very suddenly to feel the influence of the Holy Spirit, and to work for God. (5) The crazy usually begins with a chill. The person becomes cold, suffers fearfully, loses the power of motion, and soon dies. A soul thus affected becomes cold, loses interest, ceases to work, and finally perishes.

Soul paralysis is an awful disease and is very common in the church.

2. His helplessness. He was brought to Jesus "borne of four." God is often pleased to use others as instruments in our salvation. It was likely their love for the sick man, and their faith in Jesus, that caused them to bring him. (1) Their faith in Jesus was great. They no doubt believed in His power to heal. They had seen His miracles in the city and knew He was more than man. They likely believed in His willingness to heal. They saw He was good as great, and had sympathy for the suffering. They probably saw His anxiety to heal. Salvation to others was His mission. He went about doing good. (2) Their faith in Jesus was humble. They did not ask Him to come to them. They had no suggestion to make. They were perfectly resigned to the will of Jesus. Whatever He saw proper to do would be thankfully received. (3) Their faith in Jesus was active. It moved them to duty. It constrained them to bring this man, and to overcome all difficulties that lay between them and Jesus. The congregation was great and dense. They circled the outskirts, climbed the stairs, lifted the roof, and let down the sick man into the presence of Jesus. "Faith without works is dead." As this sick man needed help to come to Jesus, so the sinner needs aid to reach Him.

3. His pardon. (1) Some facts, not put on record, went before his pardon. Sin. He had likely led a wicked life. Sin must be committed before it can be forgiven. Jesus forgave this man. This was proof positive that he was a sinner. Disease. It is likely this man's affliction was a result of his sins. Death and all diseases are effects of sin: not always of actual transgression on the part of the sufferer, but of sin in the race. Faith. "He, seeing their faith," that is, the faith of the sick man, and of those who brought him. They, no doubt, believed in the power and goodness of Jesus. Repentance. The lesson indicates that he was cast down, and of a low, sad spirit. If we would be saved we must show a godly sorrow for sin. Prayer. He was surely a praying man. No word of his has been put on record. Prayer is not always expressed in words. We must ask, seek and knock at mercy's door, or it will not be opened to us. (2) Some facts, put on record, went with his pardon. Son. This was, no doubt, spoken with an eye to the future. When the Lord saves we are adopted into His family and made heirs of salvation. We become the "sons of God." Be of good cheer. Do not be troubled. Your sins may be great, but grieve not over them. Jesus never flings our omissions of duty or transgressions of law back into our face. Thy sins be forgiven thee. They are covered, blotted out, cast behind the Lord's back, hurried. Walk in newness of life. The doctrine that God can and will forgive sin is peculiar to the Christian religion. No other religious system has ever taught it.

III. Jesus and the Scribes (21-26). 1. A murmuring sect. (1) "They reasoned in their hearts." They thought, analyzed, and reached conclusions. They then likely talked one with another in an undertone. (2) "Why doth this man speak blasphemies?" To blaspheme is to speak impiously of God. The Jews did this when they accused Jesus of casting devils in the name of Beelzebub. (3) "Who can forgive sins but God only?" None can forgive sins but God, but Jesus is God the Son, therefore He can forgive sins. It was not blasphemy for Him to so speak. 2. A reasoning Savior. (1) Jesus perceived their thoughts. He knew their hearts. "He needed not that any should testify of man, for He knew what was in man." (2) "What reason ye in your hearts." The question they were discussing was—Did Jesus have the right to forgive sins? If He had not the assertion would not amount to nothing, and if He had, then He was God. (3) "Whether is easier to say?" Jesus here expressed two thoughts—His divine nature, and His power to forgive sin. To mystify thought is one of the fine arts. It is not best to always say the easiest thing, but it is best to say everything in the simplest correct way. (4) "Arise, take up thy couch, and go into thine house." Fact is stranger than fiction. This man obeyed. He was healed and forgiven. He went to his home "glorifying God." The people were amazed, filled with fear, and praised the Lord. If this was all in the same heart it was a strange blending. No wonder they said—"We have seen strange things to day."

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Chic. limited.....	6:50 pm	Chic. limited.....	9:00 am
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local		No. 6, Memphis Local	
Fast express.....	10:00 am	Fast Train.....	4:00 p.m.
No. 21, Vicksburg ex-		Vicksburg ex-	
press.....	5:50 pm	press.....	7:30 a.m.
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 3, fast ex.....	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail.....	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....	9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex.....	6:10 pm	No. 8, coast acc.....	7:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.....	7:50 pm
Sunday ex.....	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.....	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth		No. 53, Cal. ex.....	8:15 am
and Cal. ex.....	6:15 pm	No. 51, T and A	
No. 51, T and A		express.....	6:15 pm
express.....	9:15 am		
Queen and Crescent Route.			
Cincinnati.....	11:55 a.m.	Cincinnati.....	7:20 a.m.
and 6:10 a.m.		and 3:20 p.m.	
New York.....	11:55 a.m.	New York.....	3:20 p.m.
Southern Pacific Company.			
Texas and Mexico		California ex.....	9:15 am
fast mail.....	6:30 pm	Texas & Mexico	
California ex.....	6:55 am	fast mail.....	8:35 pm
Lafayette local.....	11:10 am	Lafayette local.....	4:55 pm

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ments at the second quarter, then raise  
one-fourth till you raise all the assess-  
ments. Try and arrange for preaching at  
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conference at 2 or 7 p. m. Saturday. Do  
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pastors of the Huntsville District, Texas  
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amount assessed for the purpose of pur-  
chasing a district and Sunday School In-  
stitute organ. The following are the  
amounts assessed to each charge: Hun-  
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depend on me as being as accurate as  
possible with the business of the Board.  
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depends largely upon how well you will  
help us. We need a full co-operation of  
all concerned.

The Board will hold its meetings on the  
first Wednesday evening in each month  
as heretofore. You can render us valua-  
ble service at Houston, first by being  
accurate in filling blank applications for  
aid; second, by mailing applications to us  
at Houston in time for our meeting,  
accompanied with a plain letter of addi-  
tional facts from pastor and presiding  
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ference, and that we won't fail in doing  
our whole and known duty in raising our  
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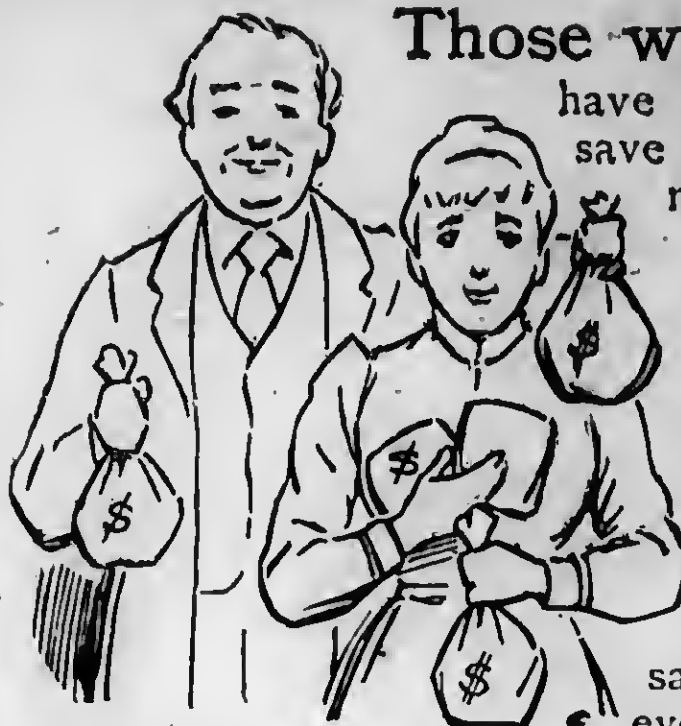
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grass was high on the prairie, and sud-  
denly he dropped out of sight. I thought  
he was playing, and was simply hiding  
from me; but he didn't appear as I ex-  
pected he would. Then the thought  
flashed across my mind: 'There's an old  
well there, and he has fallen in.' I  
hurried up to him, reached down in the  
well and lifted him out; and as he looked  
up in my face, what do you think he said?  
'Oh, papa, why didn't you hurry?' These  
words never left me. They kept ringing  
in my ears until God put a new and  
deeper meaning into them, and made me  
think of others who were lost, of souls  
without God and without hope in this  
world; and the message came to me as a  
message from the heavenly Father: 'Go  
and work in my name;' and then from  
that vast throng a pitiful, despairing,  
pleading cry rolled into my soul as I  
accepted God's call: 'O, why don't you  
hurry?'—Ram's Horn.

### Educating Negro Ministers.

The public does not at all understand  
the influence being exerted on the colored  
people by the education of their ministers.  
The popular estimate of a service among  
these people is one made up largely of  
noise and excitement—and such they  
have often been in the past. But as the  
ministers are educated, they become more  
thoughtful and instructive. They teach  
the people to listen and learn, and the  
wild, weird services of the old super-  
stitions days pass away. We do not  
affirm that this result has become general,  
but that this is the tendency of an  
educated ministry among them, and that  
it is bearing far more fruit than is gen-  
erally supposed.—Pittsburg Christian  
Advocate.

—The following, from the Ram's Horn,  
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article is reproduced with the hope of do-  
ing good: "A secular exchange justly  
pleads that the men who insist that the  
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ties of modern journalism. In a commu-  
nity composed entirely of these 'stop-my-  
paper' people, true independent journal-  
ism would be an impossibility. Don't  
stop a paper that you believe to be honest,  
courageous, enterprising and clean, simply  
because its editor has written his own  
sincere views instead of yours or some-  
body else's; for if you do, you are putting  
a premium on insincere journalism and  
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### Bristol District.

Second Round. February.  
Greenville ..... 12 Warrenburg ..... 89  
Rural Retreat ..... 15 16 Chilhowie ..... 22 23  
March.  
Glad Springs, Feb 29, 1 Abingdon ..... 78  
Montgomery ..... 14 15 Bristol ..... 21 22  
Shell Creek ..... 28 29  
April.  
Marion ..... 45 Virginia City ..... 11 12  
Gate City ..... 11 12 Jonesboro ..... 18 19  
Fall Branch ..... 25 26  
May.  
Elizabethton ..... 23 Mountain City ..... 9 10  
E. Province, Presiding Elder.

### Greenwood District.

First Round. January.  
Sallis ..... 25 26 Goodman ..... 29 30  
February.  
Shrook ..... 12 Lexington ..... 56  
Ebenezer ..... 7 Pickens ..... 89  
Kosciusko circuit ..... 13 Kosciusko ..... 14 15  
Hosterville ..... 15 16 Carrollton circuit ..... 21  
Carrollton ..... 29 Vaiden circuit ..... 22 23  
Tehula ..... 26 27 Shellmound, Mar., 1, 29  
March.  
Greenwood ..... 78 Winona ..... 12 15  
Vaiden mission ..... 13 Vaiden and West ..... 14 15  
Minter City ..... 21 22 Maryland ..... 27  
Wildwood ..... 28 29  
W. E. MASK, Presiding Elder.

### Holly Springs District.

First Round. February.  
Byhalie ..... 12 Pott's Camp ..... 89  
Holly Springs sta. 15 16 University Church, 15 16  
Oxford circuit ..... 22 23 Oxford station ..... 21 22  
Abbeville ..... 29 Harmon town ..... 29  
March.  
Collegehill ..... 78 Grenada station ..... 13 15  
Grenada circuit ..... 14 15 Elliott ..... 21 22  
Batesville ..... 28 29 Como ..... 27 29  
April.  
Hernando ..... 45 Hickory ..... 11 12  
Water Valley ..... 18 19  
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## THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS GRACE.

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Come to the living waters, come!  
Sinners, obey your Maker's call;  
Return, ye weary wanderers, home,  
And find his grace is free for all.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

BISHOP A. G. HAYGOOD, D. D., LL. D.

We feel deeply touched by the death of Bishop Attns G. Haygood of the M. E. Church, South, which sad event occurred on the 19th of January. He was one of the most conspicuous men of the nation, a strong and conscientious friend of the Negro, and a loyal and faithful chief pastor of the great Church which had honored him with the highest office within its gift. The author of "Our Brother in Black," "Pleas for Progress" and other important literary work will not soon be forgotten by the people of this generation. The colored people of the South generally have learned to love and respect the man for his sterling qualities of mind and heart. As a trustee of the Slater Fund, our schools have been very greatly benefited by the unpartisan, and unsectarian, and non-political discharge of his great trust, so under all the varying circumstances by which our educational work was surrounded, our people felt that in Dr. Haygood they had a fast and unswerving friend. We had the honor of knowing the good bishop personally, and sincerely mourn his death. In these days, when there is so much dissension with reference to the social, and moral and intellectual status of the colored man, it is refreshing to have around such brave, courageous souls as he. His death deprives the race of a friend, whose place will be hard to fill. But the work is the Lord's and he will raise up others who will devote themselves to the cause of God, and humanity, and justice.

—In May, 1890, the 1,296 Protestant missionaries then in China issued an urgent appeal for 1,000 men within five years. At the same time the women missionaries of China issued a similar appeal for additional lady workers. The five years having elapsed, statistics were compiled showing that in that time, 45 societies sent out new workers. These numbered 1,153 in all, but only 481 of them were men; 505 were single women, and the remainder wives of missionaries. A second urgent appeal is now sent forth. The present is an important crisis in Chinese history. The recent war with Japan will undoubtedly open her doors still wider for the entrance of Christianity and civilization, or, possibly, for the entrance of the many evils of the Occident. It is for Christians to determine which it shall be.

—Bishop I. W. Joyce, who by his presence and by his remarkable sermon on Sunday morning added so much to the success of the Congress on Africa, remarked that he had never been in a conference or congress in which the high level of intellectual and spiritual interest and enthusiasm was maintained throughout every session. He said that the speakers who represented the various churches of the world were of a high order of ability and that the proceedings were of a high order of interest. He said that the Congress was a great success and that it was a great honor to have been present. He said that he was glad to see the high level of intellectual and spiritual interest and enthusiasm maintained throughout every session. He said that the speakers who represented the various churches of the world were of a high order of ability and that the proceedings were of a high order of interest. He said that the Congress was a great success and that it was a great honor to have been present.

## THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

The Louisiana Conference, which adjourned January 21, was in many respects the most important session ever held by this body. The sessions were held in Mount Zion M. E. Church, New Orleans, beginning on the 15th. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, D. D., LL. D., called the conference to order, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of members and others. Dr. A. E. P. Albert was elected secretary, with D. J. Price, J. A. Tircuit, G. W. Wells, W. R. Butler and F. D. Bowers assistants. J. W. Hendon, H. James, W. Porter and J. J. Obee had charge of the statistics. Valcour Chapman was elected treasurer, with Z. T. Gayden and W. J. M. Price assisting. Mayor Fitzpatrick, of New Orleans, made an eloquent address, welcoming the conference to the city. Dr. J. C. Hartzell responded on behalf of the conference. Dr. S. L. Baldwin, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN were present on the first day, and represented their respective departments. Drs. W. A. Spencer of the Church Extension Board, J. W. Hamilton of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Earl Cranston of the Western M. E. Book Concern, and Edwin A. Schell, general secretary of the Epworth League, were among the general officers present at different times during the session. Their addresses, which were able, eloquent and helpful, made a splendid impression. Other distinguished visitors were present, representing the pastors of a number of the city churches, white and colored, among whom we noticed several of the M. E. Church, South. The election of delegates to the General Conference resulted in the choice of Drs. J. C. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert and Rev. J. F. Marshall. The Lay Electoral Conference elected Mr. C. O. Morse, business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN, and Mr. G. F. Huntley, of Shreveport, La. The votes on the admission of women to the General Conference show quite a change of sentiment. The vote on the Baltimore-Colorado amendment was almost unanimous in its favor. The Hamilton amendment was voted upon and six votes were recorded against its adoption. Bishop Fitzgerald is a splendid presiding officer—takes things calmly, acts with decision, and inspires confidence. All the sessions were largely attended and religious enthusiasm was at high tide. The SOUTHWESTERN had an ovation from the beginning to end. A series of splendid resolutions, presented by Dr. Hartzell and adopted unanimously by the conference, approved of the management of the paper, asked for its enlargement, and pledged co-operation in securing its future enlargement and success. Reports of Drs. Adkinson and Albert and Professor Johnson, of New Orleans University and Gilbert and Alexandria Academies, respectively, were hopeful and encouraging. The report touching New Orleans University was especially significant, showing a record unequalled in the management of the financial affairs of this promising institution, about which very many pleasant things might be said. The conference made a splendid impression. Accounts of the proceedings in the daily press of the city, especially in the *Picayune*, would lead the casual observer to suppose that the conference was composed exclusively of Caucasians. It had numerous cuts of prominent members and visiting officials, with brief sketches of their lives, with some of their more important sayings. The Louisiana is an ideal conference. It has not retained the prejudice of the past. It has been a great success. It has been a great honor to have been present. It has been a great success. It has been a great honor to have been present.

District, so ably presided over by the genial Dr. Adkinson, is composed entirely of white members, among whom are our Italian and French brethren, with those of the Gulf Mission. A look in upon the conference would be an inspiration to any who might have scruples concerning this blessed communion of saints, where there was neither Jew nor Greek, Barbarian, Scythian, male nor female, but where Christ was all and in all. It would be a sin to even suggest a breaking up of this delightful relationship, and we hope the Louisiana brethren will never be cajoled into any act, however plausible, which will change the status of the conference, except it be to take into its ample folds all Methodist Episcopalians, regardless of color or nationality. The absence of the venerable Emperor Williams, who has been for many years a most conspicuous character in the conference, was regretted. He continues to grow weaker and weaker, and to many of his immediate friends "the crossing" seems to be near. Owing to the excessive stringency in money matters, the benevolent collections show a decrease. Many souls have been saved, churches built, and the cause generally advanced. The young men are being felt more and more in the work of the conference, for which our magnificent university is largely responsible. The fathers of the conference are held in high esteem by their younger brethren, who gladly share the honors with them. The conference was handsomely entertained, and through the energy of Rev. T. J. Montgomery, with the heroic membership of Mount Zion and the able help of the other city churches, the clerical and lay brethren, together with a host of visitors, were nicely cared for. The closing session was held in the new First Street Church, which was densely packed to hear the appointments. Dr. Hartzell presided, and a touching memorial tribute was paid to the memory of Revs. W. P. Forest and A. J. Ford, deceased members; after which the bishop, in his usual impressive manner, read the appointments, and once more the brave, consecrated brethren went forth to conquer in the name of the great King.

## PAY YOUR MINISTERS.

The following is clipped from the *Church Record of Alabama*, and the subject being seasonable at all times, we gladly reproduce the article: "Think, Christians, that these ministers of God have surrendered all things for Christ. They receive less than those laborers who are now striking for higher wages, and are creating such disturbances in our land. The average salary of a minister of the Gospel is less than that of the man who shovels coal in the mines, who opens the throttle-valve of the engine, and scarcely more than that of the switch-opener and the fireman on the locomotive. These latter strike if their wages be reduced; but the minister cannot strike; for him there is no redress; for he works for God. Think, Christian. Think how much you spend on self in selfish enjoyment, in luxuries, and remember you must one day give account. How will you fare, think you, in the day of reckoning, when it shall be found that your retrenchments struck first at the obligations you owe to God, to whom you owe all things? Pay your minister. He receives now far too little, and much less than the most of you. It is a shame upon you; a stigma which will be removed in this world nor in the next, if you abate one jot on this item. It is a inadequate amount you give to God's Holy Church."



For the SOUTHWESTERN.

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I ask will not this kind of work make men and women better? Better as citizens—better as Christians—better as Methodists?

There is nothing in the Epworth League to make men bad—but everything to make them good. It teaches us the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and if we love God we will league together to raise our brother to a higher standard of acts and words, and there is no one so poor or ignorant but who can by act or example raise up some sister or brother to a higher life.

It is said the nineteenth century is far ahead of any two of the past centuries in the great discoveries of the world, and literature, science and arts have redounded to the honor of man. Even the lightning of the heavens has been chained, to convey his thoughts from one end of this globe to the other, and yet, with all this, in centuries to come, the Epworth League will stand forward as the greatest undertaking of this nineteenth century as a means of honoring God and of loving and helping our fellowman.

(Mrs.) M. E. DAVIS, Louisville, Ky.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

## Temperance.

By JENNIE LAURETTA CARPENTERS, Decatur, Ala.

There is beauty in temperance like that which is portrayed in virtue and in truth. It is a close ally of both, and like them has that all-pervading essence and quality which chastens the feelings, invigorates the mind, and displays the perfection of the soul in the very aspect. Temperance is virtue without pride, and as a virtue dwells in the heart and conduces to health. Indeed it may be said that health can only be acquired or maintained by temperance. Yet, many of us listen to these words and want health, but is very hard to practice temperance; if it were not, there would be less snuff-dipping and tobacco-chewing. There should be less among the ministers of the Gospel and among the younger people. Hygienic physiology teaches that tobacco and snuff are narcotics, and are poisons. In one of our ministerial meetings recently, a stranger was in our midst; his lecture was on temperance. He could hardly address the congregation, for his mouth was full of the poisonous weed—tobacco. This is the law, primary and essential, which every youth should know. If tobacco is beneath the dignity of a dog, why should it not be beneath our notice? Many parents teach their children temperate lessons, while they go and practice intemperate lessons. Bodily pains and aches tell intemperance in some directions. Pains mean penalty, and penalty means that its sufferers should reform. The most of our pains are occasioned by intemperance. We sin by excess of anger, lust, appetite, affection, love of gain, authority or praise, and strong drinks. The quotation goes: "Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Intemperance means excess. A thing is good as long as it is necessary. As we before said, temperance is a virtue that dwells

in the heart. It consists, in a rigid subjection, of every inward feeling and power to the rule of right reason. He who would be thoroughly temperate must master himself; his passions must be his subjects obeying his will; from the heart he must be temperate. The laws of temperance can never be broken with impunity. The excess is committed to-day, but the effect is experienced to-morrow. To establish thoroughly and widely the principles of temperance, we must begin in youth.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

## The Sunday School.

## What Is the Best Method of Securing Regular Attendance.

One of the best methods of keeping children in Sunday school is to have good, interesting teachers. Teachers who undertake their work, not solely from a sense of duty, but for pleasure. There should be such teachers who feel their office second to none. They should come with a spirit of prayer, being always punctual, thus co-operating with the superintendent. They should put Christ in every lesson, Christ to be served, loved and looked for until his coming again. The teacher must first have created in him or herself a principle to please, to instruct, to love and to gain, to actuate herself to duty, and to fill such stations as may be called for her to fill. They should want to interest the scholars by being interested themselves. The teacher is appointed to the care of souls, to lead and guard them and to save them. Each class should be governed by a good, interesting teacher; thus the whole Sunday school would be increased as well as benefitted. Each teacher should have for her motto: Punctuality, perseverance, patience, piety, and last, but not least, prayer.

MALVINA B. PARKER.

## A Splendid Offer.

MOBILE, Ala., 305 Warren Street, }  
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Pastor Warren St., M. E. Church,  
Mobile, Ala.

—D. L. Moody advises: "If you do not like the churches, go in and make them better, but do not become a grumbler. Keep yourself aloof from that class of people, for it is the easiest sort of thing to find fault. Any stupid man can do that, but it takes a smart man to make things better. When a man begins to grumble and find fault you can size him up for a light weight right away."

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## Psalm I.

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In counsel of ungodly men;  
Nor stands in sinner's way,  
Nor sits in scorner's chair;  
But he makes his delight  
Jehovah's law, and meditates  
On His law day and night.

And he is like a tree  
Set by the waters' way,  
Which timely yields its fruit, nor shall  
Its foliage decay;  
So prospers all he doth.  
The wicked are not so;  
But rather they are like the chaff,  
Which wind drives to and fro.

The godless shall not stand  
Before the judgment then;  
Nor in th' assembly of the just  
Appear shall wicked men.  
Because the just men's way  
Is to Jehovah known:  
As for the way of wicked men,  
It shall be overthrown.

—W. M. S., in Michigan Chr. Ad.

## Old Ministers.

Age is not all decay. It is the ripening, the swelling of fresh life in mental and spiritual qualities. It has been said by Jonhorth that "old age takes from the man of intellect no qualities save those which are useless to wisdom," and in the Church of Christ maturity of age has ever been regarded as a necessary qualification for an "elder." There was a time in the modern history of the English Church when there was a tendency to select young men for bishoprics, especially for those in the foreign field; but experience has already proved that both maturity of character and dignity of age seem most necessary for a missionary episcopate. The mistakes of "boy bishops" in the establishment of Christianity in a foreign land are not easily rectified. In the American Church it would seem there is very great danger in the marked inclination of vestries to elect young men for large and important parishes. If the duties of the pastorate consisted merely in "going from house to house," in managing boys' clubs, and in drilling cadet corps, there would doubtless be very great wisdom in selecting young and physically fit men for a rectorship. But the chief offices of the pastor are those of preaching, teaching and consoling, and the training necessary for these duties can only be obtained through the experience of years. The flippant harrishness of many of our pulpits, and the rash utterances of many a priest whose lips should "keep knowledge," can only be accounted for by the recklessness of youth. —Churchman.

## Joy in Worship.

The Hebrew worship, we are apt to think, was awe-inspiring and therefore gloomy; but it had, nevertheless, large room for gladness. The magnificent collection of psalms which have come down to us give token that the element of joy predominated in the worship of their assemblies. To this day we can find no better expression of exultant emotion than these songs supply. We do not think we are wrong in asserting that the tone of public worship to-day is quite below that of the Hebrews, and certainly below that of the early Christians in gladness. In our hymns and liturgies we use their words; but it is seldom that in the worship of a modern congregation one is conscious of the exultant note of joy. —The Watchman.

—God's place for a Christian is where he is needed the most....The man who wins heaven is the one who is willing to lose this world....The man who is right with God don't have to have a big income to be happy....To a man of pink defeat is generally a step to something better. —Ram's Horn.

## Importance of Reverence for Authority.

Reverence for authority is the basis of good citizenship, and of submission to God's orderings. The powers that be are ordained of God, and are to be recognized as representatives of God in their sphere. Both the Old Testament and the New enjoin the duty of honoring those who are over us in the Lord, not merely because of their personal worth, but on account of the position they hold in the providence of God. He who holds up to shame his father, in the family, the Church, or the State, even though that father has borne himself shamefully, is an unworthy son, and a curse is sure to follow his infatuated course. The citizen, be he lawyer, or teacher, or clergyman, who seeks to bring contempt on a legislature, a court of justice, or a ruler, is by that very act shown unworthy of citizenship, and possessed of the spirit of an anarchist or a nihilist. It hodes no good to a people when its religious leaders inculcate disrespect for civil authority by their public utterances and prayers. —Sunday School Times.

## A Christian at Home.

The most difficult place on earth for a man to be a Christian is at home. There he is off his guard, and the evil that is in his heart comes to the surface. Away from home he is somewhat watchful; there is a reputation to maintain, and the public gaze forces him to restraint and watchfulness; but at home with wife and children, who are interested with himself in keeping his defects concealed, the devil gets the best of him, and he says things and does things which he would blush to have his neighbors hear and see. Perhaps we can form no more accurate measurement of a man's Christian character than when we become familiar with the home life he lives. —Methodist Protestant.

## A Girl's Composition.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by.

Man was made before woman.

When God looked at Adam he said to himself, "Well, I think I can do better if I try again."

And then he made Eve.

God liked Eve so much better than Adam that there have been more women than men ever since.

Boys are a trouble.

They wear out everything but soap.

If I had my way, half of the boys in the world would be girls, and the rest would be dolls.

My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy. —Watchword.

—Once in a while a short paragraph reaches our eye that sends our fingers at once to feeling for the editorial scissors. The following from the Northern Christian Advocate belongs to that class: "Love enlarges the heart. The smaller the heart the more malignity, grudge and revenge it will hold. A small nature has great room for meanness. The measure of a man does not depend on the bigness of his body or even of his brain, but of his heart. Magnanimity is greatness." If you do not "cut this out and paste it in your hat," we beg you at least to write it deep in your memory. "Magnanimity is greatness." The words are fit to be framed into a motto, and kept always in sight. —Ex.

—The power exerted by women in public affairs is acknowledged by no less a statesman than Prince Bismarck, who, in a recent utterance, paid a glowing tribute, not only to the influence of woman, but also to its character, which he acknowledged to be generally on the side of the right, both in social and political matters. This is in Germany, where the woman's movement is only just now making a start. In America, its importance has for some time been recog-

nized by the greater part of those who are accustomed to the study of social problems, and even here, the fields of woman's effort are now believed to be of small extent in comparison to those that are apparently opening to her labors. —Ex.

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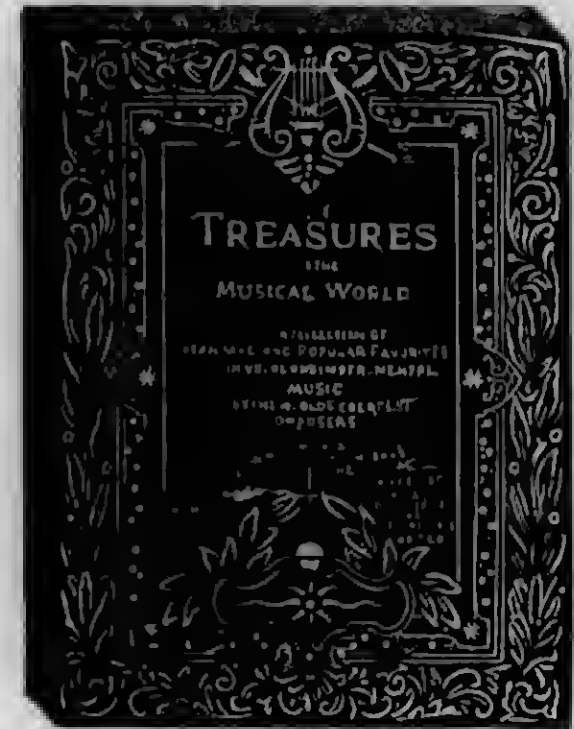
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**SAVANNAH CONFERENCE.**

This progressive and promising conference met at Griffin, Ga., on Wednesday, January 22, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., LL. D., presiding. Dr. M. C. B. Mason was elected secretary. The attendance was unusually large, but the accommodations were ample and satisfactory. Mrs. Crauston of the Book Concern, Freeman of the Sunday School Union, Hamilton of the Freedmen's Aid, and Spencer of the Church Extension, were among the general official visitors. Dr. J. P. D. John, of Clark University, and Mr. Geo. B. Johnson, representing the Western M. E. Book Concern, were also among the distinguished visitors. Revs. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., and M. M. Alston were elected clerical delegates to the General Conference. The Lay Electoral Conference elected Brothers L. J. Price and J. Bowen to represent the laity in the General Conference. The vote on the admission of women showed an almost unanimous vote in their favor. The editor of this paper received an ovation on Friday night, together with over 1,100 pledges for cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. The conference voted to divide, and henceforth we will have two great conferences—the Savannah and the Atlanta. It is a right move, and we predict great enlargement to the work throughout the State. We were domiciled in the delightful home of Rev. J. P. Wragg, one of the presiding elders of the conference, who, with his excellent wife, dispensed genuine hospitality to a goodly number of pleasant companionable guests. Bishop Mallalieu held matters in splendid shape, and his presiding gave general satisfaction. Owing to our failure to make the necessary connections, we were prevented from attending the session of the Florida Conference, which we regretted beyond expression. President Wilbur P. Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, is an acceptable member of this conference. Greatly beloved by all the brethren, he is rendering splendid service in its development. The Savannah and Atlanta may be set down as among the most progressive and promising of all our Southern conferences.

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**A WISE, PROVIDENTIAL MOVEMENT.**

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purposes." These are bold, strong words, but their distinguished author knew whereof he affirmed. He had made the divine government a study, both under its legal aspects, with Moses as its great human representative, and under its gracious provisions, with Christ as its greatest and best exponent. The result of the investigations of the apostle while he was yet an adherent of the traditions of Judaism, and after he became a most zealous follower of the new teacher, but confirmed his belief in the wise, ample and loving provisions of our heavenly Father for the welfare of his children. Observe, there is no restriction in His wonderfully comprehensive promise, "All things work together," which happily combine and amply conduce to the welfare of them that love God. Here love is the test. Deep, pure, unselfish, abiding, continuous love toward God, unequivocally and absolutely secures the divine favor under which mountains of troubles disappear, foes vanish, darkness melts into sunlight, prisons become palaces, afflictions which would otherwise terrify and discourage are not only lightened, but work out for us "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We believe this glorious experience is within the reach of the humblest child of God, that it is the privilege of every believer to have the continual consciousness of the indwelling of the blessed Lord, and which will be a continual source of rejoicing under any and all of the circumstances by which one may be surrounded. Surely, this is a glorious privilege, and this test is worth the struggle. "Called according to his purpose" is to be in perfect and complete harmony with his word and will. Bear in mind the words of the Master, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." And, "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

**THE CHURCH PAPER.**

The Nashville Christian Advocate, in an article on the Church paper, says:

"No single piece of ecclesiastical machinery serves a larger number of uses than the Church paper. It is a sort of common carrier for all moral and religious enterprises of every sort. We shall not go to the extreme of saying that it is indispensable, for we have learned from the New Testament, and from the pages of history, that the Church of God, being a divine institution, and drawing its life from supernatural sources, may live and prosper even when all helps and accessories fail. But at the same time it seems to us that, speaking after the manner of man, no more serious disaster could come to our holy religion than that it should be deprived of the support of the periodical press. What, for example, would our Methodism do were all the Advocates stopped to-morrow? Every argument in favor of publishing a religious newspaper is also an argument in favor of giving it a wide circulation; for, evidently, its power of doing good will be measured exactly by the number of its readers."

In these dozen or so sentences Bishop Hendrix utters an essay of large value on the same subject:

"A Church paper makes a working Church. Work implies a knowledge of something to be done, and the right motives prompting one to do it. Ignorance of the demand for service is an excuse for inactivity. It is the light from heaven which makes one cry out: 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?' The largest givers to the benevolences of the Church are those who keep posted as to their demands. The most systematic workers are those who realize the needs of the field. A pastor could revolutionize a Church by getting them to see the work being done and needing their help. What new methods of work in the Sunday school, in the Epworth League, in the different Woman's Societies are possible to those who read a live Church paper! What better financial methods are possible to the stewards who keep posted as to what other churches are doing. It was because the church at Antioch kept posted that it was the great mission church."

—Dean Marcus D. Buell, of the Boston University School of Theology, delivered the Founder's Day address at Gammon Theological Seminary on Dec. 24. It was a thoughtful and inspiring utterance. The Seminary has the largest attendance in its history; enrollment almost one hundred. The grade of candidates is higher. Formal opening day in November was made memorable by the presence of five bishops of sister Churches. The address was given by Bishop Williams, of Washington, D. C. It was a bugle call for larger intelligence and higher morality in the ministry.

—The following advice from Mr. Wesley is worth more than many whole books in homiletics: "Ought not a minister of Christ to do three things? First, to preach His Law, in order to convince of sin? Then to offer free pardon, through faith in His blood, to all convinced sinners? And, in the third place, to preach His Law again, as a rule for those that believe? I think if any one does otherwise, he is no true minister of Christ. He divides what God has joined, and cannot be said to preach the whole Gospel."

—Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, New Orleans, will cheerfully give any information concerning the organization of Epworth Leagues throughout the bounds of the Louisiana Conference. Dr. E. A. Schell, general secretary, has instructed him to assist in the organization of the league work throughout the State. Address him at this office.

—The Star of Zion, official organ of the African M. E. Zion Church, looks splendidly with its new heading, and is increasing in influence and usefulness under the able management of Editor Clinton.

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..Men can get along without science, but they cannot get along without religion.—Hitchcock.

..Jesus Christ pours out a doctrine beautiful as the light, sublime as heaven, true as God.—Theodore Parker.

..Let us go down with bare arms into the lowest recesses of our souls, and there wrestle with sin and despair.—Coquerel.

..He that will believe only what he can comprehend, must have either a very long head or a very short creed.—Colton.

..Without the Bible, man would be in the midst of a sandy desert, surrounded on all sides by a dark horizon.—Daniel Webster.

..Say what men may, it is doctrine that moves the world. He who takes no position will not sway the human intellect.—Shedd.

..It is a fine thing to ripen without shriveling; to reach the calmness of age, yet keep the warm heart and ready sympathy of youth.—A. K. Boyd.

..Heathenism was the seeking religion; Judaism the hoping religion; Christianity is what Heathenism sought and Judaism hoped for.—Luther.

..The philosopher who recognizes a God has with him a crowd of probabilities equivalent to a certainty, while the atheist has nothing but doubts.—Voltaire.

..If you want to be miserable, think about yourself; about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.—Charles Kingsley.

..It would be as difficult to take an inventory of the benefits the world receives from the sunshine as to enumerate the blessings we derive from the Christian Sabbath.—H. D. Gause.

..Let us beware of losing our enthusiasms. Let us ever glory in something and strive to retain our admiration for something that would ennoble and interest us in all that would enrich and beautify our lives.—Phillips Brooks.

..A great many professors of religion look like stately books, on the back of which is inscribed, "History of England" or "History of the Crusades," but when you open them you find nothing but emptiness.—Bethune.

..If there were no other argument for a future life, sin would furnish one never to be refuted, for it tells of a cause standing over between the judge and ourselves, for the hearing and decision of which a time must certainly come.—Lyman Taylor.



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## Mississippi Conference.

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By request of the bishop, A. D. Payne, secretary of the last session, called the roll and 80 members and probationers were present.

A. D. Payne was elected secretary, and J. C. Hibbler and H. L. Kennedy were chosen to assist him. R. P. Threlkeld was elected statistical secretary and N. Toole, A. J. McNair, G. W. Smith and P. W. Baldwin elected assistants. Wm. McCombs was made treasurer and L. J. S. Bell was elected to assist him.

The business of the conference was done expeditely and with that precision which characterizes the presidency of Bishop Mallallen, yet there was plenty of time to look carefully after all the interests of the Church, and to listen to the speeches of the many general visitors whose presence was a great benediction to the conference.

Among the general officers who attended were Drs. Hamilton, secretary of the F. A. and S. E. Society; Cranston, of the Book Concern; S. L. Baldwin; E. W. S. Hammond, of the SOUTHWESTERN; Spencer, of the Church Extension; J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary; and Hartzell, of Freedmen's Aid.

It was a session of much inspiration to hear these great heroes, representing the various causes for which they stood.

The conference was favored by many other visitors in the personages of Revs. P. O. Jamison, W. E. Mask and W. McDonald, presiding elders of the Upper Mississippi Conference; Revs. R. Sewell, A. D. Gerren and J. W. Parks, also of the Upper Mississippi; J. L. Wilson, principal Meridian Academy; Mrs. P. O. Jamison, acting for the SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. Libby and wife, of Rust University; Prof. E. H. McKissack; Revs. J. A. B. Jones, of M. E. Church, South; Dr. Bennett, of the Baptist Church; R. T. Sims, J. C. Leonard of the Colored Baptist churches; Mayor Powell of Canton, and Miss Dickey of Mt. Hermon Seminary.

Revs. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., and S. A. Cowan were elected delegates to General Conference, and A. D. Payne and A. M. Trotter reserves. G. W. Stith and Thos. I. Keys were elected lay delegates and M. S. Love and J. A. Robinson reserves.

Sunday was a day of spiritual power, commencing at 9:30 a. m. with lovefeast, followed at 11 by the bishop's great and eloquent sermon, which we can never forget. Then the impressive ordination of deacons closed the morning session.

At 3 o'clock Dr. Bowen highly entertained the large audience with his lecture on an "Educated Ministry." After which came Dr. Hartzell's able sermon, and the ordination of elders.

On closing day, Monday, Jan. 20, the bishop called together the cabinet the last time at 7:30 a. m.; at 8:30 the conference opened, and in a short time the business was nearly completed; and according to the request of the bishop, Dr. Bowen delivered his "Eulogy on Frederick Douglass," and many who heard it think it was the speech of his life. At 10:30, the business being finished, the bishop made some wholesome remarks and led an earnest prayer. He then read the appointments, sending each man to his field of labor, feeling that the Holy Spirit had guided the beloved bishop. Thus ended the twenty-eighth session of the Mississippi Conference.

A. D. PAYNE, Sec'y.

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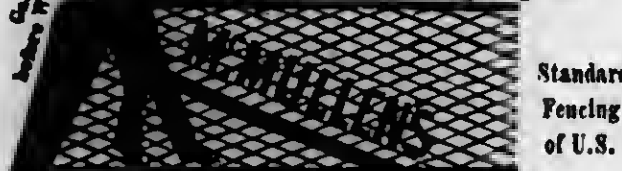
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## The Sermon on the Mount.

(Luke 6. 41. 49.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." [Luke 6. 46.]

After the events of our last lesson Jesus went from the house, likely the home of Simon, to the sea side. Multitudes resorted unto Him. He taught them. When He departed He went to Jerusalem to attend "a feast of the Jews." This was likely the second Passover of His ministry. As He passed by He called Levi, the son of Alphaeus, to follow Him. He obeyed. This was no doubt Matthew, the author of the Gospel, that bears his name. While in the holy city He healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda. As He returned from Jerusalem to Galilee He passed through a field of wheat or barley. The disciples plucked and ate some ears of corn. The Pharisees accused them of breaking the Sabbath. Jesus, in defending them, referred to the conduct of David when he ate the shew bread, and to the work of the priests in the temple. Our Savior then passed from the field into the synagogue and healed a man with a withered hand. He withdrew from there to the seashore. Multitudes followed Him. He healed their sick. Jesus departed from the seashore and went into a mountain—likely Mount Hattin, so called from a village at its base bearing that name. This mountain is about six miles southwest of Capernaum, and in full sight of the sea of Galilee. It is only about 60 feet above the plain, square shaped, and has two points running up called the "Horns of Hattin." It is pointed out to day to the traveler as the "Mount of the Beatitudes." Jesus continued all night in prayer, and on the following morning called unto Him His disciples, and from among them chose twelve and ordained them apostles. When the multitude began to assemble He came down into the plain between the two horns of Hattin and taught them. This discourse—called the Sermon on the Mount—was no doubt delivered all at one time. It is recorded more fully by Matthew. This lesson treats of judging and knowing, of hearing and obeying.

I. Judging and Knowing [41-45]. 1. The mote and the beam. This was, no doubt, spoken to condemn a custom of the Scribes and Pharisees. They were self-righteous and saw others to be very wicked. All people, independent of the grace of God, are intensely sinful. Vice has degrees, with some it is as a beam, and with others as a mote. We can see clearly the faults of others, and can speak of them to those about us. Some are had enough to throw away a whole man for a single fault. Minutes should "rehnke with all authority." We behold our faults as "through a glass darkly." In our judgment all others are worse than we. "Oh! that God would power ge ne, to see ourselves as others see us" (Burns). A hypocrite is one who keeps his true nature concealed. He acts what he is not. He appears before the world as one person when really he is another. This was true of the Pharisees, and the same may be said of many in this age. Those who judge should be better than those who are judged. It is not necessary for one to be pure before he judges another, but the more pure we are in heart the more merciful we will be in judgment.

2. The tree and its fruit. The fruit is one of many ways of knowing the tree. Every tree brings forth after its kind. Men do not gather figs of thorn or grapes of thistles. There is some difference between judging and knowing. Judgment implies limited knowledge, knowing is fact. When we know we cease to investigate and render decision. As the corruption of the tree lies back of the fruit, so the impurity of morals lies back of the deed. Corruption—depravity—is not in the action, as some teach, but in the design. Bad conduct is the result of a corrupt nature. Make the tree pure and the fruit will be good. Cleanse the fountain and the stream will be clean. Set the heart right and the life will be holy.

3. The man and his heart. The heart is the center of life. It is the source from which the emotions, affections and desires spring. It is the germ that produces the intellect, sensibilities and will. The heart is a treasury, and is ever full, but its store is not always valuable. The man is the guardian of his heart, and is exhorted to keep it with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life [Prov. 4. 23]. As the heart is, the life will be. Of its fullness the mouth speaks, the hands act, and the feet move. The heart is good

when its desires are in keeping with the word of God; when it is in love and sympathy with the suffering, and when it labors for the betterment of man. The heart is evil when its affections and desires antagonize the Bible; when it is filled with hatred, strife and revenge; when it plans and labors to injure others.

II. Hearing and doing [46-49]. 1. Hearing Jesus. It is very important that we hear aright. Jesus said—"Take heed how ye hear" [Luke 8. 18]. Some hear Him like seed falling by the wayside—His words making no impression on them. Others hear like seed falling upon stony ground—not making deep impressions. A third class hear like seed falling among thorns—suffering other things to erase the impressions made. While a fourth class hear like seed falling into good ground—receiving deep impressions, and causing the word of God to revive their lives, so they bear much fruit. None hear the word of God aright but those who do His will. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear, understand and obey."

2. Coming to Jesus—"Whosoever cometh to me." The assertion implies that we are away from Him. It is spoken to the soul. All who love darkness rather than light, all who prefer sin to holiness, all who do not know Him as a sin-par-doning God, are away from Him. It implies that He desires us to come. Jesus knows the soul is immortal, that hell is full of horror, and that heaven is replete with joy. He has given the invitation because He loves the soul and desires its happiness. It teaches that we are able to come. We have the will power to accept or reject Him. The destiny of man's soul is in his own hands. It implies that there is a way by which we may come to Him. Its way. He has marked out in His word. It is the way of faith, repentance, prayer and purity.

3. Building upon Jesus. (1) Laying the foundation—"He digged deep and laid the foundation upon a rock." This foundation stone is Christ. He is called elsewhere—"A chief corner stone" [1. Pet. 2. 6]. He is "the stone which the builders rejected" [Matt. 21. 42]. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" [1. Cor. 3. 11]. The foundation is the important part. While it remains the building is likely to stand. We cannot build upon this foundation without labor. This man "digged deep." He broke up the "fallow ground" of his heart by deep pungent repentance. He sowed in righteousness and reaped in mercy. He set about this work of salvation in a determined way. Believing, repenting, praying, and striving to enter the Kingdom. We lay this foundation in conversion. (2) Erecting the edifice—"He is like a man which built an house." This house is the soul, the man. All people are building a house of character. Their deeds, words and thoughts are the stones which they are laying day by day in that building. Some characters are painted on the surface, others are carved deep into the material. Some lives are all on the outside, they exist to be seen of men. Others have deep abiding principles within. There are objects of eternal worth connected with their existence. Erecting this edifice is "growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" [2. Pet. 3. 18]. It is becoming "steadfast and unmovable" in the work of the Lord. (3) Testing the strength of this house—"The flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it." Many are the trials of the saint. Temptation is solicitation to sin, it is invitation to do wrong. We are no stronger than the weakest faculty of our nature. Satan knows us well, and always tempts along the weakest lines. He may come as the subtle serpent—he came thus to our first parents. He approached St. Paul as an angel of light—puffing his moral nature. He tempted St. Peter as a roaring lion—stirring up his emotions. But he whose hopes of heaven are built upon Christ will stand firm in the midst of the severest trials. May all be able to sing with Edward Mote—"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

4. Building upon the earth. Some build their hopes of heaven upon works of righteousness. If salvation is of the law then Christ has died in vain. We are not good because we keep the commandments, but because we are good we will keep them. When the heart is pure good works will follow. We are saved alone on the merits of Christ. There is no salvation in works. "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you say: 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do'" [Luke 17. 10]. Others build their hopes of heaven on the fact that they have been baptized in Jesus' name. To comply with this ordinance is well. We endanger our salvation by neglecting it. But where is the Scripture for saying it is essential? We are not saved by water baptism. A third class build their hopes of heaven upon the righteousness of others. Their parents

were good and sent up many earnest, faithful prayers for them. These petitions, say they, will not be lost. Jehovah will by and by save them. But we are individuals, and have to deal with a personal God. By our own faith and repentance we are saved, and on our own merits we stand or fall. When we build upon anything but Christ, we build upon the sand. When trials and tribulations come, when death and the judgment draw near, we will be swept away as with a flood. Our ruin will be great: our destruction will be awful. The loss of the soul cannot be estimated.

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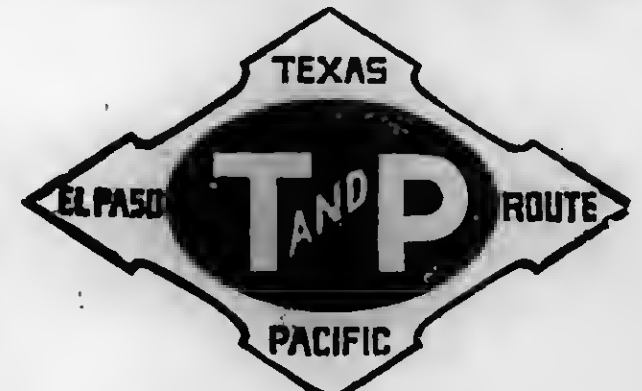
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To the Pastors—Please raise your General Conference collections and send it in at once. The following is the assessment to each charge: Conroe and Montgomery \$3, Lovelady and Trinity \$3, Huntsville, Huntsville circuit, Prairie Plain, Corrigan, Livingston \$3 each; Willis \$4; Cold Springs \$3 50; Dodge circuit \$2; Springs and Crockett circuit each \$1 50; Colmesneil, Town Bluff, Newton circuit and New Couney circuit each \$1. Total \$37 50. Now, my dear brethren, please do your best to raise this amount and send it to its place. May God bless all, both sons and grandchildren. I am your father and grandfather, A. C. CULBREATH, P. O. box 371, Huntsville, Texas.

#### Natchitoches District.

Dear Brethren—Go in for a full year's success. Remember your benevolences and the SOUTHWESTERN, and let us see if we can get five hundred souls for Christ. I bid you God speed in your work. I am with you. This is General Conference year. I trust you will manage your work in your benevolences, in subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN and for souls for Christ—the work will tell; the fact will live. Let us put the Natchitoches District up a notch or two higher in the scales of the Church. May I have your co-operation? Write me. Yours, H. J. WRIGHT, P. E., Box 50, Natchitoches, La.

#### Meridian District.

Brethren—Don't fail to notify each official member and all the committees to be present at the first quarterly conference. Let every one begin work at once. A. M. TROTTER, P. E.

#### Shubuta District.

Dear Brethren—Let us enter upon our work this new conference year with a stronger resolution to do more for Christ and the Church than ever before. Let revivals begin early. Commence taking benevolent collections at once, and push the work for subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Let this be the most successful year of our Christian ministry. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Fraternally yours, J. M. SHUMPERT.

—Let the nobleness of your mind impel you to its improvement. You are too strong to be defeated, save by yourselves. Refuse to live merely to eat and sleep. Brutes can do so, but you are men. Resolve to rise—you have but to resolve; nothing can hinder your success if you determine to succeed.—W. D. HOWARD.

—“The man who has the worst reputation is always worrying about being injured.”—Ex.

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### Clippings.

—That man who has not experienced what Christ can do for sinners, is in a very unfit condition to do much good for his fellows.—Ex.

—If the Church wants to increase the supply of her ministers, let her take good care of the old ministers who have worn themselves out of the service.—George P. Hays, D. D.

—Some people belong to the church military, rather than the Church Militant. They are born fighters; when they suffer no real wrong, they contend for imaginary wrongs, and the latter comes nearly all their entire time.—Lutheran Observer.

—Two Chinamen, recently converted, entering into a business partnership, mutually agreed to the following three rules: “First, we will not buy or sell anything injurious to our fellowmen. Second, we will do no business on Sabbath. Third, of all we make, one-tenth shall be given to the Lord's work.”

Exposure to cold, damp winds, may result in pneumonia unless the system is kept invigorated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

### Episcopal Visitations for 1896.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
St. John's River, Lawley, Fla.	Feb. 5	Foss
Virginia, Chesapeake, Va.	March 4	Bowman
Washington, Charlestown, W. Va.	Mar 4	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	March 11	Verren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	March 11	Harret
Lexington, Louisville, Ky.	March 18	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.	March 18	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, Wil.	March 18	Vincent
Hampert, Pa.	March 18	Goodsell
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18	Bowman
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.	March 25	Foster
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 25	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.	March 25	Foss
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeport, N. J.	March 25	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.	March 25	Goodsell
New England, South'n, N. H.	April 1	Foster
New York E., New Haven, Conn.	April 1	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.	April 1	Andrews
New York, New York city.	April 1	Ninde
New Hampshire, Lawrence, Mass.	April 1	Fowler
Wyoming, Birmingham, N. Y.	April 1	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1	Joyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.	April 1	Goodsell
Maine, Auburn, Me.	April 8	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego, N. Y.	April 8	Joyce
East Maine, Oldtown, Me.	April 15	Merrill
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.	April 15	Fowler
North Dakota, Jamestown, N. D.	April 15	Vincent

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

### CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Nashville District.

Second Round. February.  
Manchester circuit... 12 Tullahoma circuit... 8 9  
Shelbyville... 15 16 Farmington... 23 23  
March.  
Morrisboro circuit... 12 Morrisboro sta... 8 9  
Stones River circuit... 14 15 Caneyville circuit... 21 22  
Christiana circuit... 28 29  
April.  
Nolensville circuit... 4 5 Madison Hill circuit... 7 8  
Sea chapel... 11 12 Thompson's chapel... 18 19  
H. W. White, Presiding Elder.

#### Chattanooga District.

Second Round. February.  
Hill City... 12 South Pittsburg... 8 9  
Cleveland... 15 16 Cleveland circuit... 23 23  
Sherman Heights... 25 and March 1.  
Wiley Memorial... 7 8 Rockwood... 14 15  
Dayton... 21 22 Georgetown... 28 29  
April.  
Pikeville... 4 5 Soddy... 18 19  
G. W. Staples, Presiding Elder.

#### Shreveport District.

First Round. February.  
Shady Grove... 7 9 Grand Cane... 11 13  
Mandeville... 13 17 Fairfield... 23 23  
Floroy, Mer 1... 29  
March.  
Longstreet... 7 8 Brownlee... 10 12  
Napoleonville... 14 15 St. James... 16 18  
Rocky Mount... 20 22 St. Paul... 21 25  
Round Grove... 28 29  
April.  
Minden... 4 5 Bodcan... 11 12  
H. James, Presiding Elder.

#### North New Orleans District.

First Round. February.  
Udon... 3 5 St. Matthew... 6 9  
Gretna... 7 Mt Zion... 10  
Malden... 13 Asbury... 9  
St. Charles... 15 16 St. John... 20 21  
Dar. oville... 23 23 New River... 24  
March.  
White Hall, Feb 29... 1 Slidell... 7 8  
Ponchatoula... 14 15 Kenner... 23  
Shady Grove... 27 29 Franklinton... 30  
April.  
Mandeville... 4 5  
S. Duncan, Presiding Elder.

#### Wilmington District.

Second Round. February.  
Swanne... 15 16 Fayetteville... 20  
John's station... 22 23 Cool Spring, Mar 1  
March.  
Hamlet... 7 8 Salem... 14 15  
Beanty Spot... 21 22 Wall's chapel... 28 29  
Daniel Brook, Presiding Elder.

### Jackson District.

First Round. February.  
Benton... 8 9 Yazoo City & oir... 15 16  
Rosenath... 19 Lake George... 21  
Green Hill... 22 23 Clinton... 27  
March.  
Forest, Feb 29... 1 Morton... 3  
Pelehatchie... 4 Braodon... 5  
Jackson... 7 8 Canton & clouit... 14 15  
Madison... 21 22  
J. C. Honston, P. E.

### South New Orleans District.

First Round. February.  
Winsted... 8 9 Godman chapel... 9  
Franklin... 10 11 Centerville... 12 13  
Patterson... 16 Morgan City... 15 16  
Burwick City... 17 Houma... 19 20  
Schleiver... 22 23 Thibodaux... 21 23  
Woodlawn... 26 27  
March.  
Napoleonville, Feb 29... 1 Labadieville... 4 5  
Vloron chapel... 8 Donaldsonville... 7 8  
First St. Church... 11 12 Mallalieu Chapel... 13 15  
Camp Parapet... 15 Williams... 14 17  
Simpson Chapel... 19 22 Haven... 18 22  
University charge... 21 St. Patrick and St. James... 28 29

Island... 4 5  
Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder.  
5215 Constance street, New Orleans.

### Shubuta District.

First Round. February.  
Heidelberg... 6 7 Ellisville... 8 9  
Estahatchie... 12 Hattiesburg... 15 16  
Lumberton... 21 Perkinson at Red Creek... 22 23  
arts... 28  
March.  
Augusta at Bolton... 1 Besin, at Moody... 1 2  
Feb. 29... 1 Quitman... 11  
DeSoto... 12 Shubuta circuit... 13  
Shubuta... 14 15 Chicora mission... 17  
State Line... 19 20 Waynesboro... 21 22  
Moss Point... 23 29 Rosatawa... 30 31  
April.  
Ocean Springs... 1 2 Biloxi... 4 5  
Hansboro... 7 8 Pass Christian... 9 10  
Bay St. Louis... 11 12 Pearlington... 11 12  
J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder.

### Natchitoches District.

First Round. February.  
Pleasant Hill... 12 Allen... 8 9  
Fairmont... 15 16 Bayce... 22 23  
Chopin... 29  
March.  
Young's chapel... 1 Robe'ine... 7 8  
Marthaville... 14 15 Natchitoches... 21 22  
Cane River... 28 29  
April.  
Compte... 4 5 Alpha... 7 8  
Coushatta... 11 12 Naboton... 15 16  
Bedford... 18 19 Lake End... 21  
Columbus... 25 26 C. far... 29 30  
H. J. Wright, Presiding Elder.

### Meridian District.

First Round. February.  
Meridian, St. Paul... 12 Meridian circuit... 6  
Meridian, Haven... 8 9 Collinsville circuit... 13  
Daleville... 15 16 Chaney... 19  
Lauderdale... 22 23 Ebenezer... 26  
March.  
Socoba, Feb. 29... 1 DeKalb... 7 8  
Philadelphia... 18 Hickory... 14 15  
Lake... 17 Centerville... 19  
Garlandville... 21 22 Mislaory... 24  
Paudling... 26 Lake Conno... 28 29  
April.  
Mount Jordan... 1 Enternise... 4 5  
A. M. Trotter, P. E.

### Greenville District.

First Round. February.  
Indianola... 12 Ita Bena... 8 9  
Baird... 15 16 Greenville... 22 23  
March.  
Helen, Feb 29... 1 Shelby... 12  
Webb... 7 8 Clarkdale... 14 15  
Tunica... 17 18 Belen... 19 20  
Lula... 21 22 Benoit... 22 23  
Aroola... 28 29  
April.  
Riverville... 4 5 Mound Bayon... 7  
Ita Bena circuit... 11 12  
J. W. Davis, Presiding Elder.

### Aberdeen District.

First Round. February.  
Aberdeen & circuit... 8 9 Galsman... 11  
Athens... 15 16 Caladonia... 22 23  
Columbus circuit... 25  
March.  
Crawford, Feb 29... 1 Columhne... 7 8  
Brooksville... 14 15 Mashulaville... 21 22  
Macon... 28 29  
Macon circuit and Shuqualak... 11 12  
Hickory... 4 5 West Point circuit... 5  
West Point... 18 19  
H. R. Revols, Presiding Elder.

### Vicksburg District.

First Round. February.  
Gloster... 8 9 Harrison... 13 14  
Natchez... 15 16 R. dney... 21  
Fayette... 23 23 Anguilla... 27 28  
March.  
Cary, Feb 29... 1 Bovina... 5  
Vicksburg circuit... 7 8 Bolton... 14 15  
Edwards... 21 22 Hamburg... 28 29  
Meadville... 30  
April.  
Union Church... 4 5 Vicksburg... 12 13  
S. A. Cowan, P. E.

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From Methodist Hymnal—By Charles Wesley.

## LOVE, THE BOND OF UNION.

While we walk with God in light,  
God our hearts doth still unite;  
Dearest fellowship we prove,  
Fellowship in Jesus' love:  
Sweetly each, with each combined,  
In the bonds of duty joined,  
Feels the cleansing blood applied,  
Daily feels that Christ hath died.

Still, O Lord, our faith increase,  
Cleanse from all unrighteousness;  
Thee the unholy cannot see,  
Make, O make us meet for thee;  
Every vile affection kill,  
Root out every seed of ill,  
Utterly abolish sin,  
Write thy law of love within.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT.

Just now the most important question that can be brought to the attention of our people is that of improving their homes. Several of the great Protestant denominations have organized societies for the moral and industrial training of our girls, and we are glad to say that they are succeeding admirably in the work which they have chosen. But it seems to us that there is a supplemental work for the people, especially the women of our race to do, and without which, the work which is being done by the Women's Home Missionary and other similar organizations will be very seriously retarded. We speak of home as "one's own dwelling place; the house in which one lives; especially the house in which one lives with his family; the habitual abode of one's family." In a special sense it is true that the home is the corner stone of civilization, and it has in all ages of the world determined the character of that civilization.

Our people are not now confronting a theory, but a condition. Out of their homes must come the future men and women of the race. It is very gratifying to know that there are many mothers and fathers among us who recognize the importance of persistent, patient and thorough supervision of the moral and religious training of their children. This should be insisted upon constantly and continuously, and the results will determine the future character of the race. Let it be remembered that neither carpets on the floor, new and costly furniture, with other embellishments to give the home the appearance of thrift, and industry, and refinement, can make a model home, where parents or guardians have neglected this training.

—Among the cheering notes which greeted our return to the office was the following from a representative brother of the Texas Conference:

Dear Doctor Hammond—I hereby write you, pledging you 10 subscribers from Texarkana for 1896.  
"W. HARTLEY JACKSON."

We believe the canvass is on in earnest. The South Carolina Conference, with unparalleled enthusiasm, added 2,000 pledges to the list, which now aggregates 6,000. Brother Jackson's letter is a sample of the cheerfulness with which these pledges are given. Watch the column for other volunteers.

—The highest and noblest purpose that can actuate a human heart, is that which must ennoble in brotherly helpfulness. The underlying idea of God's great plan of salvation, is that of the common brotherhood of man. Everything that has ever happened, is the result of something that has previously happened. Nothing exists by chance, but otherwise. We behold all around us the results of a divine arrangement for the good of every creature in all parts of the great universe, with incentives to the practice of those virtues which will put the soul into harmony with His word and will.

### A HUMANE SOUTH.

The various political changes through which the South has passed since the late civil war have attracted more or less attention in proportion as the true conditions were brought into prominence. The "reconstructed South" is a bit of unpleasant history, rendered such by the too frequent introduction of those elements which not only retarded its development, but engendered bitterness and strife. Then we have had periods during which the Southern people were spoken of as great sufferers. Distinguished writers and speakers have dwelt with thrilling eloquence and pathos upon the "wrongs" inflicted upon a "conquered, yet a chivalrous people," while a literature has sprung up, and is most assiduously disseminated among the Southern youth, intended to show that the United States government usurped its authority and trampled upon the sovereign rights of the Southern people when it overthrew by force of military strength the accursed institution of slavery. We are amazed when we hear champions of the "lost cause" expressing their satisfaction with the overthrow of slavery, and almost with the same breath denouncing those who brought about its extirpation. The *Louisville Courier Journal*, with the matchless Henry Watterson, and the *Atlanta Constitution*, with the brilliant and warm-hearted Henry W. Grady, were the acknowledged molders of public opinion, and the special champions of the "New South," which they believed was the harbinger of an era of peace, good will, with unequalled commercial prosperity, and such an intelligent appreciation of the great political questions of the day, as would permit the people to disagree if they so willed without the old time acrimony, invective and bitterness. This new South marked an important epoch in our history. It was a splendid opportunity for the brainy, chivalrous, liberal minded and public spirited young men of the South to come to the front to take a more active part in the development of its mighty resources. It will go without saying that the champions of the "New South" were charged at times with a disposition to forget the late "unpleasantness" and with entertaining sentiments in favor of the recognition of the manhood of the late slave. Standing over against this newer South is the "solid South," which strangely enough, essays to stand solidly in its advocacy of political convictions, which are inimical to its social, political, commercial and material development. The Hon. W. H. Suggs, of Alabama, a typical Southern gentleman, and one of the most liberal minded and progressive of Southern leaders, at a recent meeting of the Hamilton Club in Chicago, Ill., uttered the following suggestive words:

"The passing of the solid South is a current event of great moment to this whole country. A solid compact or alliance, political or religious, wherever found, North or South, East or West, is contrary to the genius of American institutions, a standing menace to the liberties of the people. There is room for but one compact in this country. \* \* \* The passing of the solid South is nothing more than the coming of the American South. He who accomplishes results to-day is the best American whether he live in the North or South. Of what moment is it whether the British merchant, the New England trader or the Southern planter first brought slaves to America. They were brought here, and the institution was a curse to both sections. Thank God that curse has been taken away. If we of the South were more to blame, God knows we have paid the full penalty."

The American South is a possibility. There are influences silently, yet effectively, at work which will bring about the establishment of better fraternal relations between the sections

of our common country, and the flag which now stands as the symbol of a united country will, in fact and in truth, proclaim this to be the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Into this great compact all the citizens of the great South must come—full fledged, panoplied and ready for the exercise of all the rights and privileges of American citizenship without regard to race or color or nationality. This being true, our Southern white fellow-citizens should see to it at once that its weaker constituent element, the colored citizen, should have that treatment accorded him, which is in perfect harmony with the spirit of liberty and justice and humanity. The great problem which so often vexes and perplexes cannot be solved unless upon the broadest and most humane principles. The colored man appeals, not to the uncertain arbitrament of political party supremacy, nor to the cruel and unreasoning dictum of a system based upon the continued supremacy of the few, regardless of character or culture or ability, but he does appeal to the better South, the humane South, to that South which sees in him something good, which recognizes some virtue, which sees in its patient, trusted and silent constituent something more than a mere "hewer of wood and drawer of water," but the promise of a stalwart, trusted and true ally in all that pertains to its material, moral, commercial, social and political development. To this humane South the Southern colored man puts his plea upon the altar of its broadest humanity.

### TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

After an absence of ten days, officially visiting the Savannah and South Carolina Conferences, we are again at our desk to find our correspondence and other office business accumulated to an extent that is not a little embarrassing. With hands, head and heart engaged, and no outside claims upon us, we find it quite difficult to read all the letters, answer all correspondence, and look after the literary departments of the paper; but when we are out in the field, which is a very important part of our duty, every person who has ever had any experience in this business knows that it is a difficult task. Yet, that is just what we are trying to do, and the standing of the paper must be necessarily affected by the actual environments of the editor. We literally take our office with us when we leave headquarters; our grip sometimes packed with matter for the paper which we seldom are able to arrange, owing to the many inconveniences of travel and the consequent lack of facilities, with other discomforts, which the editor of this paper experiences in traveling through his patronizing territory. We must visit the annual and district conferences as far as possible, filling the offices of visitor and collector, with gentle duns thrown in as lagniappe. But the business of the paper must go on, and we are forced frequently under the circumstances to do much of our editorial work on the wing, or at long range. But this, under the circumstances, is absolutely unavoidable.

We write these words that some of our correspondents, who frequently feel that they are neglected may understand the real situation. We believe that there are better times ahead for the paper. The generous pledges of support from the spring conferences alone represent an increase in subscriptions of more than a hundred percent. We are assured that the fall conferences will give as many pledges in proportion to their membership, as have the other conferences mentioned. Let us then patiently and persistently work to secure the necessary advance which will justify the enlargement of our paper, and put its editorial and all other departments in line with the march of progress.



For the SOUTHWESTERN.

## That Problem.

By Rev. G. J. IZARD, Franklin, Texas.

I wish to take advantage of this opportunity which I hope will create, or help to cultivate, the already created thought in our many readers respecting the Negro problem. What I thought of saying is this:

Our Church, or a great many of our churches, with both laity and clergy, have too much religion on some lines and on others they are lacking. In the first place, we are too ready to take into our ministry men who say there is no difference between the Methodist denominations, when the assertion is not true in the least sense. They never defend our Church against false claims on her. Such men are simply here for the leaves and fishes. A whole Gospel is never preached by such men, but simply use their best endeavors to accomplish financial ends for personal benefit. We, as Methodists, preach as we pray, and work the same. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven."

In my judgment, God means for his militant Church to be united, as his triumphant Church is in heaven. If we pray that way, we should work that way. If we work that way, we will find no place for class legislation, for where there is class legislation on account of color, there is prejudice; where there is prejudice, there is a shortness of God's grace in the heart.

Let us see now what the fruit of class legislation is on account of color. In the South there is more class legislation than in all the known world combined, with the northern and western portions of the United States included. What stand ought the Christian Church take in this case? Should we encourage the prejudice, or should we raise our unceasing voices in trying to wipe out these class lines on account of color? I should think to hasten the coming of God's kingdom we should do all in our power to drive out these lines.

The Negro is quite anxious for the coming of God's kingdom, but he has the cart before the horse. He thinks the United States constitution and State ought to do it; but these cannot, my brother. Politics cannot do it. God does not expect it to come that way. God's spiritual kingdom must shape the political kingdom. God's Church must drive out these class legislations on account of color. The Negro denominations that cherish separation on account of color are the worse enemies that the colored man has. Work, dear friends, for God's kingdom to be established on earth as it is in heaven. Who is he that would not work for the Church on earth to be like the Church of the first-born in heaven, made up of all nations, languages and tongues? The great fight before the Southern legislatures is hacked up by the Negro sentiment, calling for Negro horses and Negro supremacy, which enslaves the whole for the benefit of a few.

The South has the separate marriage, the separate school, and the separate car law. Now it is working for separate taxation, which means that the Negro shall not use a larger proportion of taxes for school purposes than he pays himself. All this is the result of class legislation on account of color. I hope the Methodist Episcopal will raise her voice and use every possible means to take advantage of this foe. "God be with you, dear readers, till we meet again."

—Sin as a caterpillar is bad enough; but sin as a butterfly is a thousand times worse. The butterfly, for all its gorgeous coloring, is only a caterpillar with wings. The swallow recognizes it as a worm, and makes his dinner off it in spite of the wings. So sin is the same disgusting thing at bottom, however much concealed under some pleasant, attractive name. In the interests both of truth and of virtue the circumlocutions and euphem-

isms at present so much in vogue ought to be sternly discarded. Not many comprehend the power of words. To change the name of a thing is equivalent with most persons to changing its character. The true name of sin is the best exposure of it, strips off its seductiveness, and sets it forth in the glaring light of its own grossness. The effort to do away with these plain, homely words and gild over wickedness must be resisted. He who jocosely alludes to the devil as "the old Nick," or "his Satanic majesty," has done something to put out the fires of righteous indignation against the Evil One. The smooth, fair phrases under which crimes are so frequently alluded to in the public prints do much to debauch public sentiment. Adultery is an unfashionable word; so is lying and theft; but if these terms were faithfully applied to what are pleasantly called "marital infidelities," "commercial invaricacies," "financial irregularities," it would be much better for the moral health of the community. Conversation is educational. Let us keep to the strong Anglo-Saxon words wherein yea is yea and nay is nay, lest we fall into condemnation.—Zion's Herald.

## Christ's Work in Us.

"My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Christ's peace is very unlike that of an indifferent, careless, or hardened heart. He never cries, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." He deceives us not with soothing words when there is cause for alarm. His covenant of peace is founded upon righteousness, so that the heart of man may rest in it without being troubled or afraid. It begins in the pardon of sin through faith in his atonement, and goes on into a peace in the inmost being of the increase of which there shall be no end. Such a peace holds the heart under all circumstances in strength and quietness. We find refreshment, rest, peace, in Christ. Rest in him comes first, then peace and refreshment. He satisfieth the hungry soul with good things. You believe you are a Christian because you have rested your soul in him as your Savior, but is there a sweet comfort in your heart, a certain something which satisfies? If not, you have not fully proved the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe. His is a satisfying, transforming work in every heart that fully trusts him. What he has done for us in his atoning death is a pledge of what he will do in us by his regenerating power. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

This is what Christ does for us. Then follows his blessed work within us. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." O, the blessed realizations of a heart which has turned itself over to Jesus to be taken care of, kept, guided, transformed by him! To glory in tribulation, to find patience, to have experience—these are riches to be coveted. To have experience means that we have been tested and have proved that we can bear trial, and that we can be trusted with his best things by our divine Teacher. The last process which the delicate mechanism of a watch undergoes is its testing by every kind of motion, every degree of heat, everything by which a watch could possibly be tried to see whether it will keep time under all circumstances before it can be warranted as good. That is what experience means—proved through trial. That is what Christ does in us by the "exceeding greatness of his power." He brings us through testings of various kinds to see whether we

can, under all circumstances, be true and strong, and whether we are being made meet for our inheritance in the perfect life to come. When the eyes of our understanding are enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we see the uses of discipline. We do not then accept the trial because we cannot avoid it; we know that through it, according to the exceeding greatness of his power, Christ is working in us the good pleasure of his will, and his will is our perfect restoration to his own glorious image.—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

## For Nervous Debility

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And the truant voice has sped  
To vibrate everywhere;  
And perhaps far off in eternal years  
The echo may ring upon our ears.

Never are kind acts done  
To wipe the weeping eyes,  
But, like flashes of the sun,  
They signal to the skies;  
And up above the angels read  
How we have helped the sorer need.

Never a day is given  
But it tones the after years,  
And it carries up to heaven  
Its sunshine or its tears;  
While the to-morrows stand and wait—  
The silent muses by the outer gate.

There is no end to the sky,  
And the stars are everywhere,  
And the time is eternity,  
And the here is over there;  
For the common deeds of the common day  
Are ringing bells in the far away.

—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

## The Fussier Man.

If there is one thing a real womanly woman despises more than another, it is a fussy man. She can never overlook effeminate qualities in man. Yet there are certain little qualities of character makeup not essentially masculine that go such a long way toward making her lot a happier one. The helpful man need not be a "Miss Nancy" by any means, because he sees to putting away his clothes instead of leaving them strewn about for his wife to pick up. He is not one whit less manly because he does not throw cigar ashes on the floor, but puts them in the place allotted for such debris. Some "lords of creation," spoiled from boyhood by mothers and sisters who waited on them hand and foot, do not realize the amount of unnecessary work they cause their wives by habits of negligence, so easily conquered if only they would think a little. Few men can realize what a well-kept, pleasant home means to a wife. They cannot understand the genuine affection women have for chairs and tables and that a scratch on one, or a stain on the other, is a real wound to their feelings. Of course, men appreciate a perfect ensemble, but so few help their wives to keep up the standard. Comfort suggests putting up the feet on the window sills; up they go. Result—paints soiled, wood work marred; wife naturally vexed. Comfort suggests leaning back in a spindle-legged chair, with head resting on delicately-tinted wall paper; the only wonder in this case is that the result is not far more disastrous than it usually is, and that the easy-loving gentleman does not get a much-deserved tumble. In a dozen ways a man unwittingly adds to his wife's labors, while a tiny bit of thought, which means no diminution of his personal comfort, would so materially augment hers. Easy-going husbands, who seldom think, begin to think now.—Philadelphia Times.

## May's Sunday-School Lesson.

May stood by the window, pouting, and drumming on the pane.

"I think it's too bad," she said to mamma, who sat sewing.

"I would rather you would mind Dot for a time, while I finish this," answered mamma, who looked tired.

"But you said you always wanted me to study my Sunday lesson before Sunday, and now I want to, and you won't let me, and Ida will wonder why I do not come over. Dot's all right, playing with her blocks. I should think you would want me to go and study, and Ida will be so disappointed, when I said I would come."

"Well, then, May, go," said her mother quietly, and turned to her work without another word. May looked at her to see

if she really meant it, for she could hardly believe she had made mamma see the thing as she saw it. And she was not quite sure she had, when, running by the window, she noticed mamma had dropped her work and had taken Dot, who was fretting, in her arms. But she ran down the street and gayly trilled by Ida's house, as she went up the path. The door opened, and a bright-eyed little girl stood there smiling, clad in a long-sleeved apron.

"It's you, May," she said, glancing at the quarterly May held. "I am so sorry to disappoint you, but mamma asked me to clean the silver this afternoon, as Maria is away. Just look at my hands! I knew you would be disappointed, too, but I thought you would understand why I wanted to help mamma; you have such a dear one of your own. So we will have to wait till next week. And mamma said she would help me herself to-night, and that will be pay enough. I must not stay any longer now. Come in, won't you?"

May declined, and as the door closed on Ida's bright face, she walked slowly toward home, telling her lesson quarterly, and thinking very hard. As she turned into the yard, she heard Dot crying, and going past the window, she saw mamma's work still on the floor, and the baby in her arms.

"Back again so soon?" said mamma, as May entered. Dot stopped crying to look at her.

"Yes," she faltered, putting off her hat.

"Ida couldn't study just now."

"Why?" asked mamma.

"Cause she was—helping—her—mamma," burst out May, and running to her mother, she buried her head on her shoulder, while the sobs came fast.

"Oh, is that it?" said mother, comfortingly, stroking the yellow hair. "Well, May, you can do that as well as Ida. Here is Dot, who still wants sister; and by-and-by when the sewing is done, and Dot is asleep, you and I will study the lesson together."

May raised her head.

"That's just what Ida and her mamma are going to do," she said, surprised.

"Is it not a good way when Ida is too busy to study with you?"

"O mamma," said May coloring, "I did not mean to be so selfish! You know I'd rather you would help me than any one else. And perhaps it was because I wanted to see Ida more than it was the lesson."

"I do not wonder you wanted to see a little girl like Ida," said mamma with a kiss; "I am glad you did."—Helen T. Wilder, in N. Y. Observer.

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are absolutely necessary. It is against the copperhead method of silent biting and poison injecting, as distinguished from the more honorable warfare of the rattlesnake, which always gives notice, that there should be universal repulsion.—Ex.

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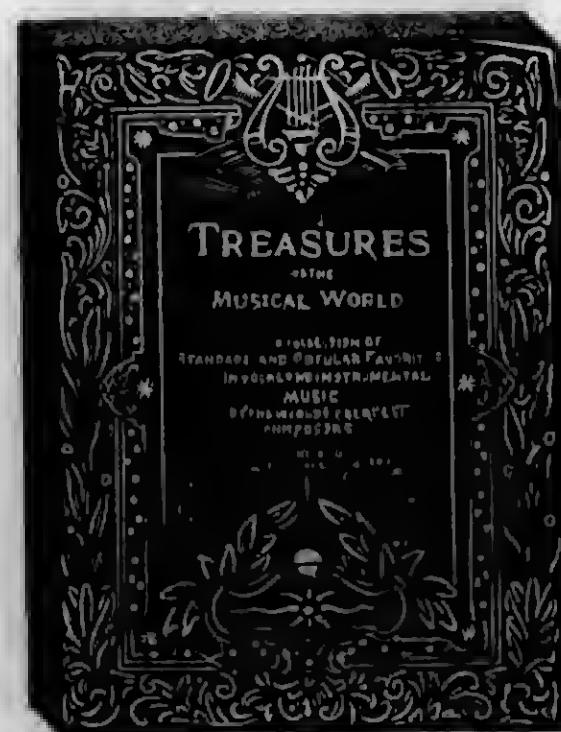
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**SAVANNAH NOTES.**

We were quite unexpectedly detained at Griffin, having failed to make the proper connections for the Florida Conference.

Drs. J. M. Freeman, of the Tract and Sunday School Union, and W. A. Spencer, corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and the editor of this paper were introduced, and addressed the conference during Saturday's session. Dr. Spencer ably represented his cause in a most interesting address on Saturday night.

The Sunday services were grand, impressive and helpful. No adequate description can be given of the masterly sermon of Bishop Mallalien at the opera house on Sunday morning. The large congregation which densely crowded the spacious hall was deeply moved by the sermon. The spirit of the lamented Bishop Gilbert Haven yet lives among these humble Georgians, and the mention of the name of this peerless friend of the colored people by his greatest friend, Bishop Mallalien, swept the vast audience by its thrilling pathos: O for more Gilbert Havens! The ordination of deacons followed the impressive service. In the afternoon the editor of this paper occupied the stand. The service at night was a grand culmination of the splendid services of the Sabbath. Dr. W. A. Spencer, the sweet singer in Israel, and also a preacher of great ability, delivered a thrilling sermon. It was truly a pentecostal hour. The doctor was at his best, and the Holy Ghost attended the preaching of the Word. Many stood up for prayers, and several came forward to the "mourners' bench" and were happily converted. Bishop Mallalien took an active part in the services, which will never be forgotten. In company with Bishop Mallalien and President W. P. Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, and Pastor M. M. Alston, the editor was permitted to spend a most delightful hour in the hospitable mansion of that royal elect lady, Sister King. The welcome strengthened body and soul.

We found a cordial welcome and splendid entertainment in the hospitable home of Rev. J. P. Wragg, presiding elder, who, with his most excellent "better half," entertained not a small number of big-hearted, companionable Methodist preachers.

Owing to the division of the conference, the labors of the bishop and cabinet were unusually exacting. A large class was admitted into the conference, including ministers from the A. M. E., C. M. E. and Baptist Churches.

There are several debaters in the conference. Mr. Geo. B. Johnson, the genial representative of the Western M. E. Book Concern was present and made quite a favorable impression upon the conference.

Notwithstanding the hard times, the conference shows an increase of \$178 in benevolent collections.

A high standard of intellectual qualifications was required of all candidates for admission, and all future applicants are required to secure the books and be prepared for a thorough examination. High ground was taken on the subject of temperance and the prohibition of the liquor traffic, while strong words were spoken against the desecration of the Sabbath. All the great moral questions have able champions in these conferences. Memorial services were held in respect to the memory of Rev. C. K. Wright, late presiding elder of the Atlanta District; Archibald Samuels, an effective member; George Armsley, superannuate, and Sister Holmes, an elect lady. After which Rev. A. P. Melton, in a neat speech on behalf of the conference, presented a beautiful gold-headed cane to the bishop, who responded in a few well-chosen remarks.

Strong resolutions were passed pledging increased interest in the SOUTHWESTERN. The closing scenes were very impressive, and the

two conferences wheeled into line to receive marching orders and go forward to their assigned work.

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—A contribution of thirty-nine dollars was received for the Temperance temple in Chicago from some missionary women in Foo-Chow, China. Nine of the givers belong to the American board, four to the English missions, and one to the Methodist missions.

—A cablegram from the Rev. H. O. Cady, of West China Mission, received at the Missionary Office January 2, says that our claims for property destroyed at Chentu have been paid, and protection guaranteed. Our buildings at Chentu will be restored at the earliest possible day.

—The long-awaited for calendars arrived last week. We are mailing about 200 a day, which will soon supply all who are entitled to them. They are very pretty. Remember, all who have paid for a full year since October will get one, and also all who shall, before the meeting of the General Conference, pay a year's subscription.

—The farm once owned by John Brown in Essex County, New York, where his body now lies under an immense boulder, was recently turned over to the State of New York to be preserved as a public park. Arrangements will be made with funds already in hand to erect a suitable monument over John Brown's grave.

—Boston University has received thirty-nine large octavo volumes, comprising the "Tripitaka," or sacred writings of the southern Buddhists, as a gift from the king of Siam, in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne. The presentation page of each volume bears the king's signature, while above it is printed in two Eastern dialects the nature of the contents, and beneath it is the same in English, French and German.

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Foreign missionary work for Christ is now a commercial necessity, and will continue to be more and more so as the population of the earth increases. Christian missionaries must plant the spirit of Christ in the hearts of the people before they will receive foreign commercial travelers in lasting peace. It is only in this way that all the useful surplus products of the earth can be sold. If we will not go "into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" for religious reasons, God will make us do so for selfish reasons; for he has said: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—*Exchange.*

—Bishop Ninde, in his address on the Armenian problem, delivered at a mass-meeting of the citizens of Detroit, said: "I have at times wished that somehow the Monroe doctrine bore upon this question." The intimation given by this remark that the United States would in that case be in position to care for Armenia, and would do so promptly and efficiently, awakened the approving applause of the audience.—*Pittsburg Ch. Advocate.*

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With all of this we had our sorrows. The death of Brothers S. B. Henderson and J. H. Scales was the occasion of sadness to the hearts of all the conference. They sleep, awaiting the resurrection morning, when all the dead in Christ shall rise first.

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## The Great Helper.

[Luke 7. 2-16]

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—"They glorified God, saying, that a great prophet is risen among us." [Luke 7. 16.]

There is no recorded event in our Saviour's life between this and our last lesson. When He came down from the mount He entered into Capernaum. The passage before us shows His power over disease, and over death.

1. Jesus healing the sick [2-10]. 1. The sick servant and his master. A centurion was a Roman officer in command of a hundred soldiers. Some of them were men of noble character. Cornelias and the one before us were of this class. I do not suppose this centurion had ever conformed to the Jewish method of making proselytes. But he was a man of great faith and large soul. There are many noble men not in any church. He had a servant that was "dear unto him." He was a man of feeling, or he would never have become attached to a slave. True love always shows nobleness of soul. This was no doubt an excellent servant. A nobler heart never beat than that of a true slave for his master. No labor is too hard or sacrifice too great for him. This servant was sick of the palsy, or paralysis. The attack was sudden and severe. He was "grievously tormented, and ready to die." We are Christ's bond slaves.

2. The messengers sent to the Saviour. (1) The centurion "beard of Jesus." We know not who told him of the Christ's arrival. Jesus had wrought many miracles in Capernaum. He was known throughout the city as a teacher and healer. Some one may have suggested to the centurion that he send for Him. We may hear of Jesus through His written Word and from His children. Those who are saved are witnesses to His healing power. (2) "He sent unto Him the elders of the Jews." Matthew says—"There came unto Him a centurion." There is no contradiction here, people are often represented as doing what they cause to be done. This delegation was sent because of the high esteem in which the centurion held Jesus. The "elders of the Jews" were persons who had charge of the synagogues and conducted their services. They were usually men of age, wisdom and influence. This was no doubt an honorable delegation. Balak sent princes unto Balaam to ask him to curse Israel [Numb. 22. 15].

3. The message they bore. (1) "They besought Him instantly." They felt that no time was to be lost, that the man was very sick, and if he was not aided then he would die. Sons are afflicted with sin, we are ambassadors for Christ. The Lord's work requires haste. (2) They besought Him earnestly for their man. They spoke more eloquently than the centurion would have done. a. "He is worthy." He is every inch a man. He will highly esteem this favor. There are many worthy, needy people among us. They are ever seeking aid. We should help those who help themselves. b. "He loveth our nation." It is likely this man had read the Jewish Scriptures and learned the dealings of the Lord with them. He no doubt believed, admired and loved their God. Race prejudices are always great. It is hard for one nationality to admire another. Nothing but the blood of Christ will erase all race line. c. "He hath built us a synagogue." He proved his love by his works, and erected for them a house of worship. "Modern travelers tell us that among the ruins of this city of Jesus are the remains of a white marble synagogue of the time of the Herods. This may have been the Roman soldiers' noble gift to Israel" [Pulpit Commentary]. God has consecrated money among the unseparated. A house of worship is a noble legacy for a man to leave to others.

4. The result of their plea—"Jesus went with them." All were in Capernaum. The distance from where Jesus was to the house of the centurion could not have been great. The soldier probably saw the Saviour and the elders of the Jews when they set out for his home. He was likely impressed with the greatness of Jesus, and with his own unworthiness. He sent another delegation to meet Him and have Him speak the word only, and his servant would live. Jesus went about doing good. Here was one in great need. The work could not be done by another. The sick had sent no message, had expressed no desire, and had exhaled no faith. Jesus went on the faith and goodness of another. But usually every one must believe, repent and pray for himself.

We may by our prayers lead Jesus to the suffering, a sorrowing, that He may relieve them.

5. The humility of the centurion. (1) He did not feel worthy for Jesus to enter his house. His home no doubt was all that wealth could make it, and all its rules and regulations were of the highest order. Yet he did not think it good enough for the Son of God to enter. Very different indeed are many homes of wealth in our land. They would not admit Jesus if He stood at their door, as He walked the streets of Capernaum nineteen centuries ago. Not because they would feel unworthy, but because they would feel Him to be unworthy. (2) He did not feel worthy to go himself to Jesus. He sent first the elders of the Jews, and then a company of his friends. He had the right opinion of himself, for only those who humble themselves will be exalted. Some have much more influence with the Lord than others. God often blesses the unseparated for the sake of His children. (3) He realized that he was a man under authority. The emperor of Rome, the heathen ruler of Palestine, and many commanders in the army were his superiors in office. He felt compelled to obey their orders or lose his place. But Jesus was, in his judgment, a supreme ruler, and under the authority of no one. Therefore he did not feel worthy for Jesus to come under his roof. We are very dependent on others. "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." (4) But there is also a shade of self-importance here—about as much as a man should have of himself. He had soldiers under him who went at his beck, came at his call, and did his bidding. He intimated that as these men of war obeyed him, so the laws that govern disease, or the invisible powers that cause them, would obey Jesus. Many diseases are caused by violating the laws of nature. (5) As all these powers are subject to Thee, "say in a word and my servant shall be healed." He felt that Jesus was able to cure him without being near to touch him. He had greater faith than Moses, who felt that he must not only speak to the Rock, but smite it also, before it would give forth water for all Israel [Numb. 20]. Unbelief leads to condemnation, and faith to salvation. The one is the source of all misery, and the other the fountain-head of every joy.

6. The onlookers of Jesus. He expressed surprise at the centurion's faith. He was not looking for it. This man was a heathen, a Roman, and a soldier. He did not expect such a one to show so much faith in the true God. There were many following Jesus, to them He said—"I have not found so great faith, no, not in all Israel." Faith has degrees. Here we read of "great faith," elsewhere of "little faith" [Matt. 6. 30], and of "no faith" [Mark 4. 40]. This man's faith was great because it revealed to him his true nature; great because it taught him the true character of Jesus, and great because it brought about the desired result. Our faith is great when it prevails the wrong and enforces the right. The servant "was healed in the self same hour."

II. Jesus raising the dead [11-16]. 1. Two journey. Nain was about 15 miles southwest of Capernaum. It was located near Mount Tabor in the plain of Esdraelon. Jesus likely departed from Capernaum early in the morning. Many journeyed with Him. It was probably in the afternoon when He reached Nain. There was no work of chance in this miracle. It was no doubt divine power that caused Jesus to leave Capernaum, journey to Nain, meet the funeral procession just outside the gate, stop the bier, and raise the dead. Nothing more is said of this visit. Did He not go for this one purpose, and when it was accomplished depart elsewhere? God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. And what often seems to us purely accidental is only a natural result of His hidden laws.

2. The funeral procession. Nain was walled, and likely had but one way of egress and ingress. Jesus and those with Him were ascending the hill just as a company bearing the dead were leaving the city. Much people were with the deceased. Two large crowds met. The departed was a young man and his mother was a widow. She had many friends, who wished to pay a last tribute of respect to her dead. Many sons are to-day dead in trespasses and sins.

3. The work of Jesus. (1) *Soul*—"He had compassion on her." The primary object of our Saviour's miracles was not to prove His Divine nature, or to give Him popularity, but to relieve the suffering. The reasons for this miracle were four-fold—This was a young man, he was an only son, his mother was a widow, and she was broken-hearted. (2) *Mind*—"Weep not." These were very comforting words coming from one who had perfect power over death and the grave. We cannot speak them as did Jesus, but we may comfort the sorrowing by teaching the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, and the joys of heaven.

There will be a grand réunion by-and-by. (3) *Body*. a. "He came and touched the bier." The dead was not put in a coffin, but wrapped in a winding sheet and swathing bands, and laid on a frame of lattice work. The touch of Jesus always means something. He touched the leper and he was healed, and He touches the soul dead in sin and it springs into spiritual life. b. "They that bear it stood still." They had no doubt heard of Jesus, and when He touched the bier they were likely filled with hope. One that has all power, and is filled with compassion for the distressed, is sure to help when an opportunity is given. c. "Young man, I say unto thee, arise." The dead hero was one just entering manhood. Jesus speaks like one clothed with complete authority. He addressed the dead body, but the departed soul heard His voice, and returned to his house. The heart began to beat again, and the blood to flow. Color returns to the cheek. The lungs rose and fell as they inhale and exhale the air. All is in motion and filled with new life. d. The dead "sat up, and began to speak." What did he say? We know not. He may have talked of the world beyond. Oh! that his words had been recorded.

4. The result of the miracle. There were many people saw this wonderful work. They were all filled with fear. This deed was a result of superstition. They shouted the praise of God, and looked upon Christ as a great prophet. They felt sure God had again visited His people. To-day the Lord raises souls from the death of sin, quickens them into spiritual life, and causes them to speak His praise.

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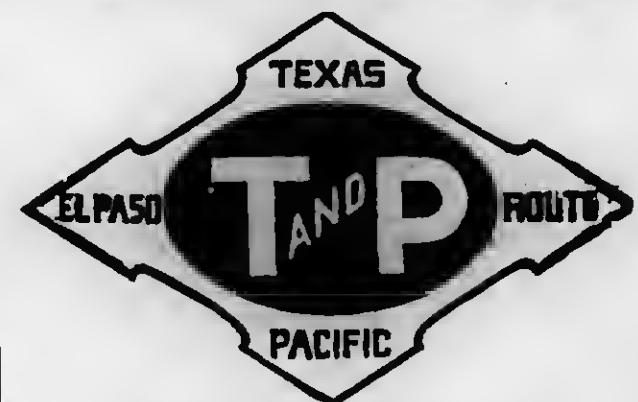
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### Louisiana Conference Board of Church Extension.

This board will meet at the office of the  
SOUTHWESTERN, New Orleans, on Wed-  
nesday, Feb. 19, at 12 noon. All members  
of the board and others interested are re-  
quested to give prompt attention to the  
same.

A. E. P. ALBERT, Secretary.

Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La., Jan. 30.

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is recorded of woman. The gift was a  
widow's mite; the service was the anoint-  
ing of Jesus with a box of ointment; the  
prayer was a mother's prayer for a daugh-  
ter possessed with a devil. Jesus never  
let fall such words of royal commendation  
as concerning these three women. Of the  
poor widow he said, "She has cast in  
more than they all." Of Mary he said,  
"She has done what she could." And to  
the Canaanitish mother he said, "O, wo-  
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unworthy though we be, respond faintly  
to that love, and try to be what he would  
have us to be.—Rev. F. W. Robertson.

### Episcopal Visitations for 1896.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
St. John's River, Lawley, Fla.	Feb. 5	Foss
Virginia, Chesapeake, Va.	March 4	Bowman
Washington, Charlestown, W. Va.	Mar. 4	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	March 11	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	March 11	Bowman
Lexington, Louisville, Ky.	March 18	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.	March 18	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, Wil-		
liamsport, Pa.	March 18	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18	Goodsell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.	March 25	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 25	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.	March 25	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25	Foss
New Jersey, Bridge-ton, N. J.	March 25	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.	March 25	Goodsell
New England, South-b'n, Fall		
River, Mass.	April 1	Foster
New York E., New Haven, Conn.	April 1	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.	April 1	Andrews
New York, New York city	April 1	Ninde
New Hampshire, Lawrence, Mass.	April 1	Fowler
Wyoming, Cheyenne, W. Y.	April 1	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1	Joyce
Maryland, Trenton, Mo.	April 1	Goodsell
Mass., Andover, Mass.	April 8	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego, N. Y.	April 8	Joyce
East Maine, Oldtown, Me.	April 15	Merrill
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.	April 15	Fowler
North Dakota, Jamestown, N. D.	April 15	Vincent

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

### Malaria on the Mississippi Bottoms.

From the Banner-Democrat, Lake Providence, La.

The swamp lands along the banks of the  
Mississippi river in Arkansas, Mississippi  
and Louisiana are generally considered  
very unhealthy in contrast with the hilly  
country adjoining them. It is here the  
germs of malaria are formed, and from  
which originate those terrible malarial  
chills and fevers which the people of the  
low countries dread. In addition to these  
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all caused from malarial germs and the  
dampness of the atmosphere.

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ments can be moderated, if not eradicated,  
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that there can be found any cure for these  
symptoms. Such has been the general  
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and came to stay. To-day those who  
have used them say they would not do  
without them for all the medicines in the  
drug stores.

Mr. Dan. O'Sullivan, Sr., is a prominent  
citizen of this city, Lake Providence, La.,  
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for years. At present he occupies an  
important position on the City Council,  
and is also secretary of that body. He  
was once a strong, robust, healthy man,  
full of vigor and always on the go.  
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has been very bad, his appetite poor, his  
digestion poor, in fact, his entire system  
was completely out of order. He began  
to use various medicines, but to no pur-  
pose. At length he decided to try Dr.  
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could be noticed. He continued to im-  
prove so fast, that the proprietor of the  
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viewed him and asked him what he had  
been taking to put him in such good  
shape again. His reply was in substance  
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get thin, and I felt sick all over. I con-  
cluded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as  
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week or so I felt like a new man. They  
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good condition, gave me a good color, a  
good appetite, in fact, put me in first-  
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#### Alexandria District.

First Round.	February.
Hobartville.....	89 Jeanorette..... 9 10
Patentville.....	13 St. Peter..... 15 16
Glencoe & Island.....	16 17 Sorrell & Union ch..... 19
Oliver.....	20 Abbotville circuit..... 22 23
Ashville mission.....	25 Cade & Breauz B'go, 28

March.

St. Martinsville, Feb. 29	1	New Iberia..... 14
Lafayette.....	3	Crowley & Rayne..... 4
Jeorings & Welsh.....	5	Opeiousa..... 8 9
Washington.....	7 8	Pleasance..... 7 8
Wasin & Palmeston.....	11	Morrows..... 12
Beonville.....	14 15	Bnnkie..... 15 16
Rordeloaville.....	17	Cottonport..... 17
Sundowner.....	20	Kola..... 21 22
Chensyville.....	22 23	Grand Cot..... 24
Evergreen.....	24	Lake Charles..... 28 29
Woodworth.....	30	

April.

Lecompt.....	45	Spring Creek..... 45
Willow Glenn.....	6	Moreland..... 6
Alexandria.....	11 12	Pineville..... 11 12
Avoca & Kognette, 18 19		

S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder.

#### Dadeville District.

First Round.	February.
Opelika.....	15 16 Blufston..... 22 23

March.

Dadeville, Feb. 29.	1	Dadeville circuit..... 7 8
Alexander City.....	14 15	Rockford..... 21 22
Sylacanga.....	28 29	

April.

Lafayette.....	45	Five Points..... 11 12
Fredonia.....	11 12	Roanoke..... 18 19
Wedowee.....	25 26	

May.

Ashland.....	23	Lamars..... 9 10
Talasee.....	16 17	Ethol..... 16 17
Eclectic.....	23 24	

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#### Montgomery District.

First Round.	February.	
Mobile-Warren St.....	89	St. James mis..... 10
Wesley Chapel.....	15 16	Theodore..... 22 23

March.

Pensacola.....	1	Pollard..... 7 8
Brewton.....	7 8	Castleberry..... 14 15
Evergreen.....	21 22	Flat Creek nile..... 23 24
Greenville.....	26 27	Montgomery..... 28 29

April.

Prattville.....	45	Hardaway..... 45
Union Springs.....	11 12	Brown's Grove..... 18 19
Aberfole.....	18 19	Troy..... 25 26

E. M. Jones, P. E.

#### Hot Springs District.

First Round.	February.	
Bearden.....	89	Camden..... 11 12
Magnolia.....	15 16	Candle d..... 22 23

March.

Lewi ville, Feb. 29.	1	Texarkana, 1st ch. 7 8
Texarkana circuit, 10 11		Texarkana, 2d ch. 14 15
Fort Linn.....	16 17	Wilton..... 21 22
Fulton.....	28 29	

April.

Locksburg.....	45	Center Point..... 11 12
Center Point cir.....	14 15	Clew..... 18 19
Gordon.....	22 23	Hot Springs..... 25 26
Hot Springs mte.....	28 29	

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#### Tupelo District.

First Round.	February.	
Houston.....	12	Beil..... 5
Okolona.....	7 9	Okolona circuit..... 8 9
Shannon.....	12	Pontotoc..... 14 16
Pontotoc circuit.....	15 16	New Albany..... 22 23
Cotton Plant.....	25 26	

March.

Ripley, Mar. 29.....	1	Ripley circuit..... 3 4
Corinth.....	6 8	Corinth cir..... 7 8
Tupelo.....	14 15	Armory cir..... 17 18
Amory.....	21 22	Union Grove..... 28 29

P. O. Jamison, Presiding Elder.

#### New Orleans North District.

First Round.	February.	
Pleasant Plains.....	7 9	Thompson chap..... 10
Scott Chinn.....	11	Union..... 12 13
Wesley.....	14	St. Matthew..... 15
Gretna.....	16 17	Mt Zion..... 19
Malden.....	21	

March.

Darrowville, Feb. 29.	1	New River..... 3 4
St. John.....	5 6	St. Charles..... 7 8
LaPase.....	13	White Hall..... 14 15
Kenner.....	16	Mandeville..... 18 19
Slidell.....	21 22	Ponchartroula..... 27 29

April.

Shady Grove.....	45	Franklinton..... 6
		S. Duncan, Presiding Elder.

#### Marion District.

First Round.	February.	
Oak Grove.....	89	New Borne..... 15 16
Marion.....	22 23	

March.

Old Town, Feb. 29.	1	Salma..... 7 8
Kutaw.....	14 15	Tascocoosa..... 28 29

April.

Clinton.....	45	Allen..... 11 12
St. Paul.....	18 19	Union..... 25 26

May.

Bethany.....	23	
		F. L. Teague, Presiding Elder.

#### Pine Bluff District.

First Round.	February.	
Johnville.....	89	Warren..... 15 16
New Edinburg.....	22 23	

March.

Monticello, Feb. 29.	1	Dermott..... 7 8
Hamburg.....	10 11	Wilmott..... 14 15
Morrill.....	16 17	Gains Landing..... 21 22
Pumas.....	24 25	Avary..... 28 29
Tamo.....	30 31	

April.

Pine Bluff, St. James	45	Pine Bluff cir..... 45
Rison & Grapevine, 11 12		Altheimer..... 18 19
Sherrill.....	21 22	Hensley..... 25 26

May.

Sweet Homs.....	23	
		E. D. Spencer, Presiding Elder.

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#### Brookhaven District.

First Round.	February.	
Hazelhurst.....	89	Georgetown..... 15 16
Bowerton.....	22 23	

March.

Crystal Sp's, Feb. 28.	1	Crystal Sp's ch. Feb. 29. 1
China Grove.....	7 8	Bismark, Mt Zion, 9 10
Pleasant Valley.....	11 12	Columbia..... 14 15
Brookhaven.....	21 22	Kanawha..... 28 29

April.

King.....	45	Beau's Creek..... 11 12
Terry.....	18 19	Bismark Magnolia 25 26

J. L. Pratt, Presiding Elder.



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From Methodist Hymnal—By Harriet Auber.

## FOUNDED ON A ROCK.

With stately towers and bulwarks strong,  
Unrivaled and alone,  
Loved theme of many a sacred song,  
God's holy city shone.

Thus fair was Zion's chosen seat,  
The glory of all lands;  
Yet fairer, and in strength complete,  
The Christian temple stands.

The faithful of each clime and age  
This glorious Church compose;  
Built on a Rock, with idle rage  
The threatening tempest blows.

Fear not; though hostile bands alarm,  
Thy God is thy defense;  
And weak and powerless every arm  
Against Omnipotence.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—Dr. Hartzell, writing of our Southern conferences, has these good words: "The delegates from our Southern conferences to the next General Conference will be made up more largely than ever before of first class men, educated, intelligent, and loyally devoted to the best interests of the Church. This is true of both the white and colored conferences. Methodism will have reason to be proud of her delegates from the South."

—Dr. Elias Riggs, a missionary of the American Board, of Constantinople, though eighty-five years old, is still in active work. He was born in New Providence, N. J., and after being graduated from Amherst College and Andover Seminary, he went as a missionary, first among the Greeks, and then among the Armenians. He went to Constantinople in 1856, and for some years has been engaged on a version of the Bible in the Bulgarian tongue.

## BISHOP PETTEY AND THE NEGRO.

Among the many addresses upon the great "Negro Problem," but few have equaled the magnificent deliverance of Bishop Pettey, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, during the congress of the churches held at the Atlanta exposition. The address was clear, logical, comprehensive and broad. There was no appeal to mere sentimentalism, but a fearless and manly putting of the Negro's case in equity, showing what he has done, is doing and entering a cheerful and hopeful prophecy of what he will do if given a fair chance. The address increases our respect for the man and gives inspiration to renewed zeal in the uplifting of the people in whose behalf the honored Bishop pleads.

## ARMENIA AND ITS NEEDS.

The terrible stories with which the papers have been filled for the past three months of the outrages committed in Armenia have stirred the hearts of the readers of this paper, and yet the extent of the outrages and of the disaster to the people is not realized. The massacres began the 8th of October at Trebizond, on the Black Sea coast, and extended southward like a pestilence, or a devouring wind, until the southern extremity of the country inhabited by Armenians was reached; then, when the outrages showed signs of going farther and affecting others besides Armenians, the Turkish government ordered out the soldiery and stopped them. The same was true on the eastern borders of the district so ravaged. The net results of this disaster are that 60,000 people have been killed, and from 200,000 to half a million are now sitting in houses that have been emptied of their contents. The question of the heart of every

help these people?" These questions can be answered without hesitation. Already \$100,000 have been sent to be distributed through the efforts of missionaries upon the ground. It is sent promptly and economically and administered at the least possible cost. Money is being sent from Chicago by the treasurer of the Armenian Relief Committee—E. G. Keith, president Metropolitan National Bank. This committee is organizing the work of relief throughout the northwest, and our readers cannot do better than to send contributions, whether large or small, to them.



Rev. Sandford Hunt, D. D.

As we are making up our forms we learn from a dispatch to the Associated Press that Rev. SANDFORD HUNT, D. D., senior publishing agent of our New York Book Concern, and one of the publishers of this paper, died very suddenly of apoplexy at the Grand Hotel in Cincinnati, O., last Monday night. Suitable memoir will be published next week.

## VOTE ON VARIOUS PROPOSITIONS.

### Arkansas Conference.

Constitutional amendments:  
1. Hamilton, ayes 0, noes 7, declined to vote, 19.  
2. Baltimore, ayes 24, noes 2.  
3. Representative, ayes 24, noes 0.  
Delegates—Ministerial, A. J. Taylor; reserve, R. W. McMaster. Layman, J. H. Clendenning; reserve, D. D. Cole.

### Florida Conference.

Constitutional amendments:  
1. Hamilton, ayes 0, noes 0; declined to vote, 26.  
2. Baltimore, ayes 34, noes 1.  
3. Representative, ayes 3, noes 35.  
Delegates—Ministerial, S. A. Huger; reserve, P. Swearingen. Layman, R. Ayer; reserve, R. R. Robinson.

### Little Rock Conference.

Constitutional amendments:  
1. Hamilton, ayes 0, noes 51.  
2. Baltimore, ayes 24, noes 1.  
3. Representative, ayes 3, noes 35.

**WORSHIPING AT AN UNHOLY SHED.**  
That desperate efforts are being made to humiliate colored people in various parts of the country no one will deny. Nor are those acts and cruel acts confined to any particular section of our country. The reason of this is plain, however, since wherever low-minded, prejudiced and caste-affected people live, their real character will come out in just such acts as are occurring almost every day in the year. Therefore, the refusal of the managers of two or three first-class hotels in Boston, Mass., to entertain the scholarly and high-toned Christian minister, Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., and the attack upon Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox, a colored lady of eminent character and of most excellent parts, who was recently dragged from a railroad car in Tennessee by a brutal and illiterate white conductor, are results arising from the same conditions. Each is predicated upon what is popularly called "race aversion." We are told that the patrons of these hotels and first-class cars are averse to sleeping in beds which have been occupied by colored people or to occupy seats or births in railroad cars or other public conveyances which these proscribed people are sometimes permitted to occupy. This need occasion no surprise as there are hundreds of instances where white worshipers have expressed themselves as decidedly averse to offering up adorations to their Gods in houses of worship where there are colored people, except they are servants.

The fact is that too many of these so-called "best patrons" and the "traveling public" the presence of the colored man is obnoxious except when he appears in the most menial capacity. Indeed he often thus becomes a familiar friend, tried, trusted and confidential. But when he makes his appearance as a man of character, serving it may be, yet when there is a manifestation of dignity and of culture, and noble manhood, his presence is offensive. An ordinary, yes, a very ordinary white man can go from a dive or a gambling room into a first-class hotel or public conveyance; he may gather around him congenial spirits, be a liberal patron of the bar and be considered one of the best patrons according to his ability to make lavish expenditures of his own or the funds of others, both his color and his character are welcomed, but the line is drawn against the colored gentleman or lady.

This is the spirit and genius of the so-called social laws East, West, North and South, and is practiced more largely where there is a larger number of subjects to practice upon. The moving from one section of our country to another does not necessarily divest a person of his or her prejudices. Far from it. The love of justice and fair play can be cultivated and practiced as liberally in New Orleans as in Boston. Prejudice is not in the blood, but flourishes under a vitiated public and moral sentiment. Men are prejudiced against their fellows, because their hearts are bad. And he has a bad heart, indeed, who fears to recognize true manhood and moral worth anywhere. He is a sycophant who draws the line in his estimate of character and social worth upon the mere question of pigment. Our sympathies, and we believe the sympathies of the best people of the land regardless of color, are with Bishop Arnett, Mrs. Fox and hundreds of others who are forced for the time being to bear the insults heaped upon them by those whose common sense and better judgment are polluted by the crime of color.



## Ignorance of Southern White People Concerning the Negro.

Rev. J. C. HARTZELL, D. D.,  
Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

History demonstrates that, as a rule, people in the midst of whom great social reforms are going forward know the least concerning the causes, progress and final outcome of those reforms. How little did Germany understand the significance of the revolution under Luther and his coadjutors, or England of the revival under the Wesleys! How absolutely blind were the friends of slavery in America to the real significance of the advancing force of the abolition movement in the nation as a whole; or, later, how true it was that the South, both in church and state, was absolutely ignorant of the gathering force of that terrific storm which swept over their land with destruction, and revolutionized their whole social order amid the awful throes of a civil war. President Buchanan, in his inaugural address, referring to the Dred Scott decision, said that all cause of agitation was now passed. His absolute ignorance of what was going on in the nation was only an illustration of the ignorance among multitudes of the wise and best statesmen, clergymen, and sociologists of that time. There are always exceptions to this general rule, and there were not a few, North and South, who with prophetic ken, saw the rising tempest.

What was true during slavery has been true since freedom in the South. As a rule the great majority of Southern white people, be they statesmen, clergymen, or men of finance, are poorly qualified to judge of the Negro's real condition, his aspirations, his wants, or of the best methods to help him. Of course, there are some marked exceptions. Bishop Haygood is one, and yet, as he himself says, it took years and years before he could get any hearing in the press or pulpits or church councils of the South to express his advanced and sensible views, based upon the fundamental philosophy that the Negro is a man, and therefore needs for the development of his manhood just what any other man does. Take the clergymen of any Southern city to day, and ask them, collectively or individually, the actual condition of the Negro schools or churches or homes in their midst, and their ignorance is amazing. Only a small percent of them have ever visited a Negro school or preached in a Negro church, much less visited the homes of our intelligent, cultivated colored people.

We have had of late a remarkable illustration of the truth of what I have said in an editorial statement of Dr. Steel in the Epworth Era, the Epworth League organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Take two or three of his statements. He says:

"The North set them (the Negroes) free, enfranchised them with the ballot, preached the doctrine of equality to them; and, in a single generation, has succeeded pretty nearly in undoing all that has been done for them. A few schools here and there are educating a few hundreds, but the level of the race is slowly sinking. The Negro is to-day far below what he was in 1860, in all that constitutes moral character."

Speaking of this and other equally absurd statements, Bishop Haygood, above referred to, says in The Northwestern Christian Advocate, in its issue of Jan. 1:

"When it is affirmed that the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church among the Negroes is a failure, let charity spread her wings. It is not malice, but ignorance that speaks."

This is the charitable view to take of Dr. Steel's statements. He simply does not know what he is talking about. Unfortunately for him, and for his church, and for the people for whom he is writing he is ignorant. He has, of course, spoken

occasionally to colored audiences. He has made one or two addresses at some of our schools for colored people; He has felt himself competent to instruct Northern people at Chautauques, and on other lecture platforms as to what is the best thing to do with the Negro; but Bishop Haygood understands him thoroughly, and has diagnosed his case correctly. Now, the unfortunate thing is that Dr. Steel is one of a type that the traveler in the South meets at every step—good, conscientious people, who will talk over the old chestnut theories about the Negro, and what he cannot do, and what he has not done, and what he ought to do, and about the mistakes that the North made in its methods of helping him, and how absolutely free from moral obliquity the South has always been in the treatment of the Negro, and so on, and so on.

No one pretends to say that the North is faultless, or that its estimate of the Negro has always been correct, or that all the plans it has laid for his elevation have been the wisest; but, for any man with intelligence enough to write an editorial for a respectable newspaper in the South, much less to pose as a moral leader in racial problems, to say that what the North has done has practically undone the good that slavery did, or that the occasional wicked Negroes who do horrible things are in the slightest degree the outcome of the Christian heroism and devotion in efforts to elevate the free Negro, is to write himself down so ignorant of the people of whom he writes as to be unworthy the slightest consideration. The North is doing its work among the Negroes of the South as best it can, and is showing its faith by its benevolent and heroic endeavor. It has given the South nine-tenths of the public school teachers it has. Up to date, with very few exceptions, it has put into the Negro pulpits of the South most of the intelligence it has. Even the Great Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has not yet built a single building for the education of Negroes, except in so far as it has aided Bishop Laus, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, in his heroic efforts to complete that building at Jackson, Tenn. Southern Presbyterians have one small school at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Southern Baptists have not established a single school for Negroes, as far as I know.

Now, the field is wide open for our Southern brethren of any or of all the churches, to inaugurate work in hundreds of spots in the Southern States, where there are from five to fifty Negroes to one white person, and where the ignorance and superstition is as dense as on the Congo. It will take money. It will take heroic men and women. The Southern white churches have money. They are building greater church edifices than ever before. Their missionary gifts for foreign countries, and their church extension collections are increasing every year, for which everybody thanks God. They have money to go into these dark places and begin the work according to their own ideas, if they want to give it. Furthermore, they have thousands of as noble young men and women as can be found in the world, who, if the leaders of Southern churches would relieve from the social ban, sure to follow if they go into such a work, would be ready to give themselves, and labor and sacrifice for Christ. I have talked with hundreds of such privately, throughout the South the last twenty-five years.

One of the most distinguished ministers the South has had in a century, and who since the war has gone to rest, went out to his farm as the Union army was approaching his city, and remained until after emancipation was completed. He was a good man, and when the slaves were free his first thought was that it was his duty as a Christian minister to begin to instruct the freed people and prepare them for their new and untried future. He sent out word to have all the slaves gathered, and that he would preach to them. His first thought was to begin at the foundation, and teach them the duty

they the oh. Methodist called on their child. Several freed their babes in the first one the then who its fat know. He was em the next one, and sh not know, and the good men broke down in despair. A member of his own family told me that for the first time he waked up to the fact that right on his own plantation slavery meant, practically, the obliteration of family ties, the exceptions being only enough to prove to those who understood the situation the awful reality of the rule. That man has written some of the strongest defenses of slavery. He is the author of a large number of standard works, and was a great man; but he was as ignorant of what slavery really was as the average millionaire of Fifth avenue, New York, is of the actual conditions of the multitudes who live in tenement houses a stone's throw from his mansion.

### WATCH TOWER.

Pound Cake for the Children.

BY UNCLE THOMAS.

I want to enlist a hundred thousand boys and girls to enter right into active service; it will take that many to marshal the army and march them on to victory. Would like for every one of them to enlist under marching and recruiting orders. It don't matter what your color is, none are excepted. I want you to enlist for ten years, or during the conflict. Your chief duty at the beginning will be to convince somebody every day of the evil of intemperance. If you will obey this order, go forward in the work. Don't be ashamed, and you will find that a broad field will open and a grand work will present itself to you, in the pursuit of which you will rise to eminence and renown. Will you enlist? If you will, send your name, age and address to the WATCH TOWER, or send it to me and say, "I enlist in the temperance army as an officer." Then get you a book and pencil. Write at the head of the page these words, "I am against the liquor traffic," then write your name under it, and get every person that you can to write their name in the same way in your book. The heading of your page will only be the text upon which you are to talk and work. Very many persons will laugh at you and try to shame you out of the work. But stick to it and we will hear of you in the future. Its only the valiant warriors that the country cheers. Men and women are in the field trying to crush out intemperance. They have voted local option, prohibition, and for a president. They have organized societies and carried on the Murphy movement. All of which is very good. And still the cry is going up for the suppression of the liquor traffic. But the end is not yet, nor will it be reached till the boys and girls are enlisted and educated for its suppression. What do you say my little folks? Aren't you with me? If so, work against it in your Sabbath school and day school. Talk against it at recess when you meet on your play-ground. Talk against it at home and abroad. Don't be ashamed to talk against intemperance. Its a grand work. The evil one will try to shame you; don't surrender. Righteousness will shrink at the appearance of sin if there is not a bold spirit to back it up. You have that spirit if you will call it to your assistance. Be strong. Be courageous. Right has the power of God on its side. He will not suffer the righteous to be moved.

"Stand then in His great might,  
With all your strength endured,  
And take to arm you for the fight  
The people of God."  
(continued.)

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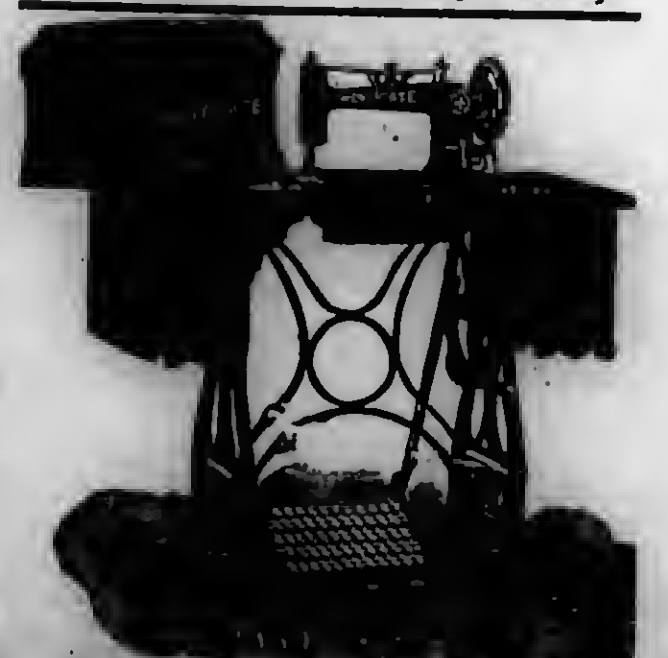
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 grateful love, to count our met-  
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 God, and the infinite quantity it in-  
 Next, our recovery from the death of sin  
 to the life of righteousness through  
 atoning love of our divine Lord, and the  
 patient guidance of his Holy Spirit. For  
 the spirit of faith and the dominion of  
 love in our hearts; for the fellowship of  
 his people, and for welcome at the mercy-  
 seat; for open eyes to see the truth, and  
 for hearts made sensitive to his will; for  
 victory over the world's seductive charms,  
 and for deliverance from fear and the  
 flesh; for providences numberless, tender  
 and thoughtful, for the witness of our  
 adoption into God's family, and for the  
 hunger after righteousness which will  
 not, can not be satisfied with less; for the  
 assurance to eternal life in the presence  
 and palace of the King Eternal—"Bless  
 the Lord, O, my soul, and all that is  
 within me, bless his holy name."—  
 Selected.

#### A Loan to the Lord.

A poor man with an empty purse came  
 one day to Michael Feneberg, the godly  
 pastor of Seyg, in Bavaria, and begged  
 three crowns that he might finish his  
 journey. It was all the money Feneberg  
 had, but as he besought him so earnestly  
 in the name of Jesus, he gave it. Imme-  
 diately after he found himself in great  
 outward need, and seeing no way of  
 relief, he prayed, saying: "Lord, I lent  
 three crowns: thou hast not yet returned  
 them, and thou knowest how I need them.  
 Lord, I pray thee, give them back."

The same day a messenger brought a  
 money-letter, which Gosener, his assist-  
 ant, reached over to Feneberg, saying:  
 "Here, father, is what you expended."  
 The letter contained 200 thalers, or about  
 \$146, which the poor traveler had begged  
 from a rich man for the vicar; and the  
 obdurate old man in joyful amazement,  
 cried out, "Ah, dear Lord, one dare ask  
 nothing of thee, for straightway thou  
 makest one feel so much ashamed."—Ex.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla creates an appetite  
 and gives tone to the digestive organs.

#### Be Christians Now.

We see more clearly than ever the vital  
 importance of our girls and boys giving  
 their lives to the Savior. Very few per-  
 sons are converted after they pass middle  
 life. Indeed, not many begin the service  
 of Christ after they have passed the  
 limits of youth.

I am glad that in our day there is so  
 much anxiety for the salvation of the  
 girls and boys. Just now, how many  
 fathers and mothers are praying for their  
 children! How many Sunday school  
 teachers are earnestly asking for the  
 conversion of their pupils! How many  
 Junior superintendents are praying and  
 longing society become true Christians!  
 Dear girls and boys, will you not decide  
 now to become the Lord's own obedient  
 children? God is love. He loves you.  
 He wants your love. He wants your glad  
 service. He hears the feeblest cry of the  
 sincere soul. He waits to receive you.  
 I hope all the members of our Junior  
 societies everywhere who have not  
 already become sincere followers of the  
 Master will do so now. Now is the best  
 time. Now may be the only time. Now  
 is your time.—Epworth Herald.

#### Touched Their Hearts.

A group of girl clerks in a large dry  
 goods store were laughing and talking  
 together, when there came down the aisle  
 a small, gray-bearded old man, evidently  
 from the country. He looked around him  
 with eager interest as he came down the

aisle, and  
 "go on,"  
 "y butter and  
 while a fourth  
 wants a yard and  
 and will expect  
 in garden stuff."  
 the counter, the old man  
 and small articles, the girl  
 on him exchanging a glance  
 with her companions, as they still con-  
 tinued whispering and laughing to-  
 gether.

The old man carried in one hand a  
 small, neatly-made basket, the lid tied  
 down with a bit of blue ribbon. While  
 waiting for his change, he lifted the  
 basket to the counter and said: "Scuse  
 me, miss, but I've got something here I'd  
 like to give you, if you'd take it and  
 divide it 'round 'mong them other young  
 ladies there. You see I've got a little gal  
 to bome 'bont your age, but she can't  
 walk nor caper 'round like other gals.  
 Had a fall when she was little, and the  
 doctors say she'll never walk now, but  
 she's just as cheerful and happy as them  
 that can walk and be strong, never com-  
 plainin' nor nothin'. She made this  
 basket herself, makes lots of 'em, and  
 every time I come to town she has me  
 bring one of 'em full of something to  
 give to somebody that dont know what  
 the country's like. Now this basket is  
 full of the first that's ripened of our airy  
 August red apples, and some little posey  
 bouquets she fixed up herself. It jest  
 came across me that maybe you'd like 'em,  
 and you're welcome to 'em. We live  
 about forty miles out, half a mile from  
 F—, an' I'd be glad to have you all  
 come out and stay over Sunday any time.  
 Here's the basket."

The girl accepted it with a sober  
 "thank you" and walked toward her  
 companions as the old man went on his  
 way.

"Well, it was real kind of him, wasn't  
 it?" she said.

"Yes, it was," replied one of the girls,  
 heartily.

"He's a good old son!" said a third. "I  
 feel guilty for laughing at him."

"So do I. What lovely apples! And  
 here are six little bouquets of wild flow-  
 ers his crippled girl fixed up. See how  
 she's made the apple shine, too! I could  
 cry for making fun of her old father."

The faces of the girls wore a soberer  
 look, and there was a mist about their  
 eyes as they separated, each of them  
 wearing the little bouquets, the gift of  
 which had touched their better nature.—  
 Ex.

#### Important Facts.

If you have dull and heavy pain across forehead  
 and about the eyes; if the nostrils are frequently  
 stopped up and followed by a disagreeable dis-  
 charge; if soreness in the nose and bleeding from  
 the nostrils is often experienced; if you are very  
 sensitive to cold in the head accompanied with  
 headache; then you may be sure you have catarrh;  
 and should (immediately) resort to Ely's Cream  
 Balm for a cure. The remedy will give instant  
 relief.

#### Episcopal Visitations for 1896.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Virginia, Chesapeake, Va.	March 4	Bowman
Washington, Charlestown, W. Va.	Mar 4	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	March 11	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	March 11	Warren
Lexington, Louisville, Ky.	March 18	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.	March 18	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, Wil.		
Liamspott, Pa.	March 18	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18	Goodsell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.	March 25	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 25	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.	March 25	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton, N. J.	March 25	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.	March 25	Goodsell
New England, Southern, Fall		
River, Mass.	April 1	Foster
New York E., New Haven, Conn.	April 1	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.	April 1	Andrews
New York, New York city	April 1	Nlade
New Hampshire, Lawrence, Mass.	April 1	Fowler
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.	April 1	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1	Joyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.	April 1	Goodsell
Maine, Auburn, Me.	April 8	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego, N. Y.	April 8	Joyce
East Maine, Orono, Me.	April 15	Merrill
Tracy, Glasgowville, N. Y.	April 15	Fowler
North Dakota, Jamestown, N. D.	April 15	Vincent

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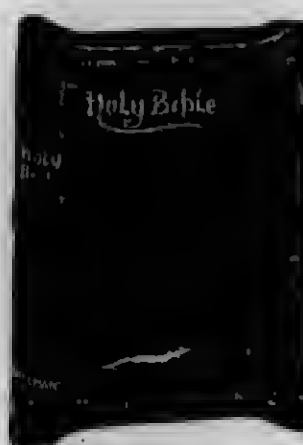
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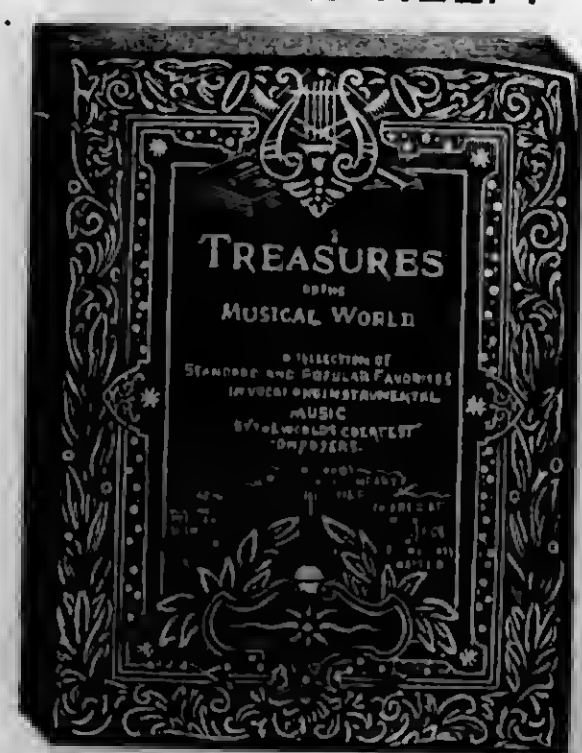


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#### THE PASSING OF CASTE.

The Woman's Club of Chicago comes in for a big lump of vituperation from some of the Southern journals; its great and unpardonable sin being the admission of Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams to membership therein. No account is taken of the splendid character, high social standing, and striking literary qualifications of the lady who is the innocent cause of the rage of those doughty knights of the quill who march valiantly forth to demolish this very creditable representative of her sex, regardless of race or color. The fact is, Mrs. Williams was admitted to membership in the club with a full knowledge that she would meet all requirements as to membership, the ladies of the club being too high-minded to be influenced against one of their own sex by the vaporings of a few editors, North or South, or in the Middle States, who lack the sagacity to perceive character anywhere outside of their own narrow racial limits. A Southern editor wildly writes:

"These efforts to force the Negro into places in which he is not wanted have only stimulated the feelings against him. It is better to recognize this sentiment, to see that it is innate and natural to the white race, particularly to the Anglo-Saxon, and that to it we owe the preservation of the race and its civilization."

Such utterances are cruel, to say the least of them, since the logical inference to be drawn from them is that the so-called Negro has been, is now and always will be inferior to his so-called Anglo-Saxon neighbor, regardless of the excellencies of social, moral and intellectual character, and the so-called Anglo-Saxon's proverbial love of justice and fair play. Having all the facts of more than two hundred and fifty years of slavery in this country before us, notwithstanding the continued fusion of race elements during all those years, we do not believe that there is any danger to the "preservation of the race and its civilization" by the admission of cultured and respectable colored people into the churches, clubs and other social organizations of white people. On the contrary, we believe that both classes, if such they may be called, will be mutually benefited by the association. This is probably the view taken by the Chicago Woman's Club, which is certainly composed of some of the best, most intelligent and wealthy white ladies in this land. Let color prejudice die, die hard, and be buried so deeply that even the resurrection trumpet will not disturb its fitful slumbers.

#### EBONY, OR IVORY—WHICH?

Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel, in a recent number of the *Epworth Era*, the organ of the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, alludes to one of our distinguished orators and scholars, Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, a professor in Gammon Theological Seminary, as "the D. D. in ebony, Dr. Bowen of Atlanta." The gentleman thus set aside with a sneer is one of the most remarkable men of his race in America. As a man of refinement, culture and devotion—to say nothing of good manners—he is worthy of association with any company of gentlemen to be found in the land. To taunt a man who is doing a noble work for his race is not a deed to be proud of. The phrase cited above may be placed along side of the expression used by Rev. Sam P. Jones some time ago in an article in the *Tennessee Methodist*, in which he spoke of Miss Wells, the woman who pleaded in England in behalf of her people in our Southland, as "a nigger wench." As long as a down-trodden race is thus spoken of by Anglo-Saxon leaders it will be necessary to suggest that a man's color, either in ebony or ivory, ought not to offset his high qualities of scholarship and usefulness; that God hath made of one blood all

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it; and that  
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We are learning something concerning Dr. Steel of the *Epworth Era*, Jones of Georgia, and others of the type who think and speak as they do, an unmixed evil to have them speak out as they so often do, with a volubility and impetuosity which brings them no little popularity. It is, nevertheless, a sad spectacle when professed servants of the meek and lowly Jesus resort to the use of opprobrious epithets, innuendoes, ribald jokes, and other questionable methods, with which to ridicule those who fail to meet their approbation. Persons and things ought to be called by their right names. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen is an honored and cultured minister of the M. E. Church, and is doing incalculable good in helping to lift up his people. He should have the unqualified respect of all his fellowmen, especially the Christian ministry. Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, as a pleader of the cause of her down-trodden people, will suffer nothing in comparison with those who plead for the shackles and for merely public approbation. The *Central Christian Advocate* has spoken wisely.

#### THE SOUTHWESTERN PLEDGE BRIGADE GROWS LARGER.

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South Carolina Conference.

A. Lewis 6, Jackson Gordon 20, C. B. Lowery 20, J. T. Wilson 12, A. Cooper 5, York Goodlett 10, E. Forrest 25, E. J. Young 20, J. W. Lockwood 2, G. W. Cooper 25, J. R. Rosemond 15, W. G. Deas 25, N. S. Gibbs 10, J. W. Moultrie 10, S. A. King 35, B. F. Gardy 10, J. W. Graves 15, Wm. Griffin 3, R. L. Hickson 10, W. Holman 5, J. H. Johnson 10, H. W. Matthews 20, W. McWillie 10, Wm. M. Hanna 10, James McCassey 15, T. J. Clark 100, James W. Dore 10, O. R. Brown 10, S. Simmons 5, E. M. Pinckney 30, J. J. July 8, B. M. Pegne 100, J. O. Burch 10, J. McLeod 10, N. T. Bowen 25, S. L. Lawton 25, J. A. Brown 25, B. F. Witherspoon 25, A. G. Townsend 50, M. V. Gray 10, O. C. Robertson 10, W. H. Jones 10, J. L. Grice 10, O. L. Logan 25, B. G. Frederick 10, M. F. Black 6, J. B. Thomas 10, H. O. Frederick 10, G. J. Davis 20, J. O. Dobins 100, F. L. Baxter 10, I. E. Lowery 10, N. T. Spenser 10, W. McIntosh 15, A. J. Robinson 50, H. O. Asbury 25, B. Robertson 25, A. J. Brown 50, A. E. Quick 25,

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10, E. W. Adams 6,  
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on 10, John E. A.  
5, L. G. Gregg 25,  
T. L. Durham 25, A. H.  
Stewart 15, Z. R. Cooper 25,  
William 8, T. G. Robinson 10, Mrs. S.  
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W. Williams 10, S. S. Butler 10, J. S. Thomas  
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L. L. Thomas 15, L. S. Tyler 7, A. Middleton  
10, Charles C. Jacobs 25, William David 25,  
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F. C. Weston 7, G. W. Beckham 10, J. E.  
Wilson 15. Total, 2,000.

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Conference; Central Alabama Conference, 500  
(list not completed).

Little Rock Conference.

B. H. Johnson 10, M. J. Cunningham 5, June  
Lemons 10, S. T. Cooper 20, J. H. Greer 4,  
W. H. Thomas 6, S. McDonald 10. Total, 65.

Total Pledges Since Jan. 8.

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Little Rock, 61; South Carolina, 2,000. Total,  
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Members and friends of Union Chapel M. E. Church gave the new pastor, Rev. H. Taylor, a grand reception on the evening of the 5th instant. R. C. Metoyer and Miss Olivia Clark delivered the addresses of welcome. The pastor and presiding elder responded.

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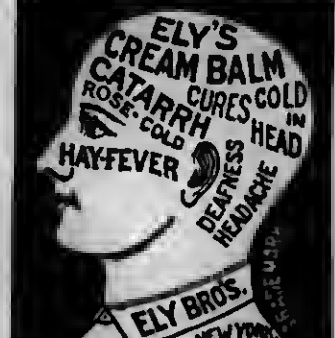
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### Faith Encouraged. [Luke 8. 41, 42, 48-55]

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Fear not: believe only." [Luke 8. 50]

The events of the beginning and close of our Savior's ministerial life are set forth in order by His biographers, but those that occurred about the middle are not chronologically arranged. Jesus went into the land of the Gadarenes, cast out a legion of devils, suffered them to enter a herd of swine, was rejected by that people, and returned to Capernaum. There He was gladly received. The followers of Jesus, like their Master, are sometimes requested to leave certain localities, but in other places they are gladly received. In this lesson we have a request, a journey, and a miracle.

I. The Request [41, 42]. 1. The man. (1) His name was Jair, or Jairus. It means—"God enlighteneth." Names often, not always, indicate character. It was the character and conduct of the "Holy Child" that caused them to be named Methodists. (2) His office—"He was a ruler of the synagogue." This was likely the house of worship the centurion had built. The laity, and not the clergy, had charge of the synagogues. The Pharisees asked—"Have any of the rulers believed on Him?" [John 7. 48]? Here was one, and Nicodemus was another, who had so done. Wherever the life of Jesus is investigated the people believed on Him.

2. The Approach—"He fell down at Jesus' feet." He came with an humble heart. He felt that his life, and that of his child, depended upon the favor of Jesus. St. Matthew says he "worshiped Him." This may only mean that he fell down and kissed His feet. When he came to Jesus he showed faith, when he fell at His feet he expressed humility, and when he worshiped Him he declared love.

3. The Request—"And besought Him that He would come into his house." This ruler did not have so much faith as the centurion, for he believed if Jesus would speak the word only his servant should live, but this man thought Jesus must enter his home, speak the word, and likely give the touch, before his daughter would be made whole. Distance has nothing to do with the power of Jesus. This was an only daughter, and was therefore very near the father's heart. If this ruler had not been a Jew he would not have gone to Jesus for this child, for other nations did not think well of daughters. It is the Christian religion that elevates woman. This child was of tender years. All of life was before her. It is natural to take more interest in the young than in the old. "She lay a dying." She "lieth at the point of death." She "is even now dead." The child was at the point of death, likely dying, when he left the house. Matthew states the ultimatum of her sickness. Mark and Luke do the same further on. Matthew says nothing of one coming from the ruler's house and requesting him to trouble not the Master for his daughter was then dead. An omission is not a contradiction. Many are dying because of sin, and many others are dead through transgression. We should run to Jesus for them, and beseech Him to come and heal them or raise them from the death of sin.

II. The Journey [43-50]. Jesus started immediately to the home of the ruler. His disciples and the multitude went with Him. The crowd was so large and dense it choked His progress. Among them was a poor, afflicted woman, who had spent all her living in order that she might be healed. We try many man-made ways to get rid of sin, but all in vain.

She came up—"and touched the border of His garment." She had great faith in Him or she would not have done this. She was humble, for she did not wish to be seen or known. She was not a thief, yet she endeavored to get a blessing by stealth. She felt that the blessing would not impoverish Jesus, and would greatly enrich her.

She was instantly healed. Does Jesus bless without effort? Will the benefits of the atonement flow to us when we comply with its conditions independent of the mind of Deity or the exercise of His volition? I doubt if it requires a special act of Jesus to save each individual. The plan of salvation is automatic. If we put ourselves in its way pardon is ours, and if we keep ourselves there we will gain heaven.

Jesus knew a good man, but did not seem to be blessed. The man who had been

no man saw her work was not, but she trembled, fell at Jesus' feet, told what she had done, why she had done it, and what the result had been. She was intensely honest. Many try to hide the blessings of God. But the Lord brings His works to the front that others may be benefitted. Can you hide the fruits of the Spirit and yet retain them? Surely not. Jesus spoke kindly to the woman. She was saved through faith and sent away in peace. God always saves the humble believer, speaks to him words of comfort, and sends him on his way rejoicing.

How impatient this ruler must have become when he saw how Jesus delayed. The one who brought the sad news of the maiden's death had but little faith in Jesus. He believed the Savior could heal the sick, but could not raise the dead. Many to-day think there are sinners Jesus cannot save: that He has power to help only those who are dying in sin; that the dead in transgression are beyond His reach. We do not teach wisely when we limit the power of Jesus. He can give feeling to those who are past feeling. He spoke words of encouragement to the ruler. He banished fear, inspired faith, and encouraged hope. This tender, sympathetic Savior may be ours.

III. The Miracle [51-56]. 1. In the hall of mourning. (1) The company. Those who came with Jesus, the ministers or hired mourners, and the relatives and friends of the dead. Every family was expected to secure at least two flute blowers and one wailing woman to mourn for the dead. This household had likely many more. These were expected to weep, howl, heat their breasts, and tear their hair, according to the contract. But there were no doubt true mourners in this company. Those who in their soul bewailed their dead. We have in every circle the true and the false, the counterfeit and the genuine. Then there were many silent, serious friends who thought on the uncertainty of life, the certainty of death, and the length of eternity. (2) The words of Jesus. a. "Weep not." That is, do not weep as those who have no hope. Do not go on at so great a rate over the dead. These words were likely spoken to the hired mourners. It was the hypocritical weeping Jesus wished to silence. He wept at the grave of Lazarus. The disposition to mourn for our dead is God-given. b. "She is not dead, but sleepeth." These words are not to be understood literally. Jesus used the same words when speaking of Lazarus, who had lain in his grave four days; the witnesses of the scene are said to "know that she was dead," and if this had been only a swoon or trance it would not have been recorded. She was really dead. But Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has changed death into a sleep. The sinner dies, but the saint falls asleep. (3) The result of His words—"They laughed Him to scorn." They grinned on Him a ghastly grin. These were no doubt the hired mourners. Their hypocritical weeping was now turned to scornful laughing. They knew if she was not dead they would lose their job. There is much that is affected in human life. The smile may express mirth, or scorn, or deceit.

2. In the chamber of death. (1) The company—Jesus, Peter, James, John, and the parents of the dead. The Savior was there to call back life, the disciples were there to witness the act, and the father and mother were there because it was their child. These three apostles were with Him in the mount of Transfiguration, and in the garden of Gethsemane. God is a respecter of character and not of persons. (2) The resurrection. Jesus advanced to the couch of death, took the white, cold hand of the damsel, there was likely a far-off expression in His face, and an air of calm, self-possession about Him, when He said in clear articulations, "Talitha umei" (maiden arise). Her spirit, that had taken its flight, returned, and she arose straightway. The soul that is dead in trespasses and sins—that is, sentenced to death because of transgression—may hear the voice and feel the touch of Jesus and awake to spiritual life. (3) The surprise—"Her parents were astonished?" Why? Because they were unbelieving. We manifest weakness when we show surprise. Those who believe with all their heart in the Divine nature of Jesus do not wonder at any of His

de Pharisees again. This ill-feeling was a result of jealousy. The Savior wished to keep it down as long as possible. We should be careful not to stir up undue prejudice against the cause of Christ. We should never deny but always defend Him.

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From Methodist Hymnal—By Sir John Bowring.

## THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED.

Earth's transitory things decay;  
Its pomps, its pleasures, pass away;  
But the sweet memory of the good  
Survives in the vicissitude.

As, 'mid the ever-rolling sea,  
The eternal isles established be,  
'Gainst which the surges of the main  
Fret, dash, and break themselves in vain;

As, in the heavens, the suns divine  
Of golden light forever shine;  
Though clouds may darken, storms may rage,  
They still shine on from age to age;

So, through the ocean-tide of years,  
The memory of the just appears;  
So, through the tempest and the gloom,  
The good man's virtues light the tomb.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—Glorying in the cross is a precious experience and it is highly probable that many professed followers of the Christ neither covet or enjoy it. In what strong contrast are the brave, hopeful words of the great Paul: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—How soothing, how assuring are the words of the Master: "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give thee rest." How broad the invitation, "All ye;" how strong and gentle, "Come unto me;" how ample the promise, "I will give thee rest." O, Christian brother, let us accept this great invitation and obtain the rest which Christ alone can give.

—Be still doubting heart, though troubles assail and dangers affright; though the mountains tremble and the billows roar, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." Wait upon him; he will not fail to help, and in the way and at the time which will be best for thee and for the accomplishment of his great purposes. Remember, if cast down, he will lift thee up; if weary, he will give thee rest; if weak, he will strengthen thee; if sinful, and thou wilt confess thy sins, "He is faithful and just to forgive."

### A FISH OR A SERPENT?

The good Master illustrates his love toward his children so beautifully in the following language: "Or, what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread will he give him a stone; or, if he ask a fish will give him a serpent?" Possibly he was addressing some icy, cold-hearted parent who had become so absorbed in the rigid and exacting demands of business, or who had become so lost in the whirl of worldly pleasure as to become callous and impervious to the better and softer pleadings of those who had by this isolation been driven out of his affections. He would call their attention to the relationship which they sustained to their needy children. It has been said, that "one touch of nature makes all the world akin," but there are hearts in which there is hardly a sympathetic response—hearts that are callous, obdurate, sordid, unforgiving; wearing, indeed, an outward mask; wearing, indeed, a smile; grasping the hand often with a tenderness and warmth truly refreshing, while to one's plea for bread they give only a stone, or for fish a serpent. Earthly parents, although "being evil," being touched with human selfishness with all its evil concomitants, sometimes find the way clear to "give good gifts unto their children." Yet does our Heavenly Father "much more" "give good things unto them that ask him." The children of men are asking for bread, for the bread of life, for the bread of human kindness and sympathy, for kind words instead of rebuffs, for

honest and fair dealing instead of chicanery and duplicity. The cold, formal, unfeeling denial and refusal to help when it was really needed, the withholding of comfort and counsel from those to whom it is due. Refusals to perform little duties which might bring joy to the hearts of the desolate, are among the ways in which the precious offices, which though intended to minister to the comfort and happiness of mortals, are rendered of no effect.

Read carefully and prayerfully the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them."

### "SEPARATE COLORED METHODISTS."

We commend the able and comprehensive editorial of Dr. Edwards, of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, as among the best we have ever read upon the subject. The doctor has given this subject careful and prayerful study, and out of a pure heart brimful of love to God and humanity he speaks out his sentiments with a ring and an emphasis which must carry conviction wherever there is a disposition to deal fairly and justly with all men. If all men were like our distinguished confere the vexed question would be solved in a day. It will be solved, however, and a majority of the people in the Church and out of it will, sooner or later, come to his way of thinking. The doctor's unique classification of those who favor "the segregation named is true to life." We have had some experience along that line and know whereof we affirm. Those people "who do not like the Negro, or who are embarrassed by the special issues raised by his presence in a 'white church,'" annoy us not a little by the fervent manner in which they recommend "segregation." Those "who want peace at any price, and who welcome any solution that rids them of the uncomfortable necessity of taking sides when the wind blows hard," pain us by their superficial brotherliness. Those "who wish" the colored brother to be "where they can patronize him, and who can praise" his elevation "without giving any help to the movement," destroy the effect of their good intentions by the very suggestion. Those "who candidly hold that the colored man will do best for himself when he sleeps, eats and prays by himself," must necessarily reach their conclusions from the most limited knowledge of the relationship which the followers of Jesus sustain to each other. Those who are "themselves Negroes who see opportunities for leadership in a black church, wherein white men are not competitors," are not only actuated by selfish motives, but would lower the standard of honorable and meritorious competition, if not proclaim to the world their own inferiority. These "Un-American," and we believe Un-Christian, proposals, if studied carefully, will reveal the true inwardness of the situation, and will pave the way toward a broader and more Christ-like attitude of the whole Church. We thank our distinguished confere for his brave, manly words, and commend them to our loyal SOUTHWESTERN family.

### Separate Colored Methodists.

It has been widely published that a recent presiding elder convention in Ohio voted its conviction that there should be a great separate Methodist Church, in which all Negro Methodists may be gathered, fenced in and fenced out, segregated, cribbed, cabined and confined. We laid aside the printed news for commentary, but have delayed in the belief that the record may be an error as to facts. To say that that convention did not take the asserted action is a decided pleasure.

Several classes of people favor the segregation named. Those who do not like the Negro, or

who are embarrassed by the special issues raised by his presence in a "white church," or who want peace at any price, and who welcome any solution that rids them of the uncomfortable necessity of "taking sides," when the wind blows hard, instantly and almost literally "jump at" the segregation suggestion. Still others who wish the Negro to be where they can patronize him, and who would like to praise "the elevation of the nigger" without giving any special help to the movement, as well as those, themselves Negroes, who see opportunities for leadership in a black church wherein white men are not competitors, see merit in the segregation plan. We leave room, however, for still others who candidly hold that the colored man will do best for himself when he sleeps, eats and prays by himself. They believe that colored leaders will be developed more rapidly in a church wherein all leaders must be black.

The segregation is an Un-American proposal. There are none but artificial "classes" in the republic. Every argument that sustains a separate church for all colored people is conclusively in favor of distinct churches for all nationalities. He who would put the Negroes by themselves must organize churches in the United States for Germans, Irish, English, Spaniards, and so on. The Romanist Church is right in this matter. While there are parishes in which Irish or Germans or Italians or others predominate, and have priests of their own tongue, the church itself is organically one. Any Irishman can attend any German Catholic church he prefers, and any member of that communion can apply for the benefit of clergy wherever there is a Roman Catholic altar. It should so be forever in Protestantism. There should never be any dividing lines other than the individual wishes of the communicant. Methodists have no right to draw lines of separation. In so far as our own Church has drawn the lines, or seems to have drawn them, it is fatally wrong. The Southern Methodist Church has ordained a "Methodist Episcopal Church in America" for the Negro in order to get rid of the Negro, and it tries to further the same plan among Northern Methodists in order to get rid of the implied reproof of our differing example—so far as our wrong policy has allowed a trace of the implied reproof to survive. Our mixed general conferences give occasion for the intended reproach that we are "a nigger church," and our separate annual conferences demonstrate that we are an inconsistent Church.

It is said that the Negro prefers to be separate. We do not believe it. It has been proposed to reunite the African Methodist Episcopal and the African Methodist Zion Churches, but Bishop Arnett of the former body says that the pending vote respecting the consolidation will not carry. That event will again show that a general church union of colored Methodists is not desired by the colored man himself.

It is more than a little to be able to say that one belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and we are sure that that privilege genuinely appeals to the colored members of our Church. The Negro cannot afford to leave our Church, and our Church cannot afford to spare the Negro. We be brethren, and we are sorry if any event or legislation in our Church has appeared to suggest the contrary.—*Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

—The many friends of Rev. Adam Nunn, an esteemed superannuate of the Lexington Conference, residing at Oberlin, Ohio, will be pleased to learn that he is yet alive, attends his church regularly, and is loved and revered by all who know him for his Christian virtues. Rev. H. W. Simmons, pastor of the First Church, at Oberlin, Ohio, is a friend of our venerable father in Christ.



## TIDINGS FROM THE FIELD.

Knoxville Station, Tenn.—Rev. Ellison has done a good work for us since he was appointed here. He has received eleven into the church, and the church is spiritually alive; in fact, we are improving along all lines. One thing long needed has been obtained, and that was a bell. We have purchased and paid for the same, and to-day it hangs in our bell tower. God has wonderfully blessed us.—Samuel Delaney.

Lovelady, Tex.—The outlook shows for a grand year's work. Presiding Elder Culbreath held my first quarterly conference. He did not forget to speak of the good old paper.—E. Holliday.

Opelousas, La.—Church prospering. Sister Nanoy Howard passed away in peace Jan. 24.—E. B. Richards.

D. C. Ransom writes: Brother James Williams and wife, of Nolensville, lost their infant son a few weeks ago.

Columbus, Miss.—The writer and his family enjoyed a surprise recently. The good people brought us many presents.—L. F. White.

Rolla, Mo.—My fourth quarterly conference was held Jan. 23. Dr. Will Jackson preached. Reports show great success. Sunday school progressing nicely.—Wm. McCutchen.

N. B. Blackman, McCool, Miss., writes: I arrived at my work Jan. 14. Everything bids fair for a good year's work. First quarterly conference was grand.

New Orleans, La.—D. G. Butler writes: Brother Gabriel Henry, aged 85 years, died in the triumph of faith.

New Orleans, La.—Rev. J. O. Richards writes: Jerry Allen was married to Miss Olivier Brooks Jan. 9.

Mountain City, Tenn.—J. M. Watson writes: Sister Shaw, aged 33 years, died in the faith.

Brouham, Tex.—Wm. Josey writes: Mr. Tom Dever was married to Miss Martha Roberty.

Lake Providence, La.—F. M. Lashington writes: The following were married recently: D. W. Carter to Miss L. M. Taylor; George Dillou to Miss Rebecca Robinson; Frank Yadney to Miss Sarah Lee.

Roanoke, Ala.—B. G. Smith writes: Sister Yarnell died Jan. 7.

Willis, Tex.—M. Q. A. Fuller writes: Henry Chandler was married to Miss Maggie Miles; also Pollard Washington to Miss Lillia Lewis.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Jesse Price writes: Dook Blytho, aged 68 years, departed this life Jan. 5.

Lake Providence, La.—F. M. Lashington writes: Miss Evelina Hamilton, aged 21 years, departed this life Jan. 28.

Vaiden, Miss.—Ed. Newton writes: Sister Elvira Davis departed this life Jan. 29 in the full triumph of faith.

Bunkie, La.—D. Shelby writes: Stephen Watson, aged three years, died in the faith.

Mitchellville, Tenn.—Frank Smith writes: I think we are improving along all lines. The committee is at work, and we will reach the standard.

Altair, Tex.—G. W. Nevils writes: The Lord is still blessing us, and the church is greatly revived. Our new church is nearly completed.

Willis, Tex.—A. C. Clark writes: Willis is in splendid shape, and Rev. M. Q. A. Fuller has been heartily welcomed and stormed by a large number of members and friends. Presiding Elder Culbreath has visited and helped us wonderfully.

Hartford, Ky.—P. A. Gary writes: The Emancipation was celebrated in grand style. Rev. Wm. Johnson took a leading part. The church and Sunday school are progressing finely.

Alexandria, Tenn.—Robert H. Johnson writes: Our work is in a splendid condition. We begin the year with a revival with good results. Our quarterly meeting

was a season of great rejoicing. Presiding Elder Moore preached helpfully. The children of the church, under the management of Mrs. Hettie Birks, are doing a good work. In the last quarterly meeting they had in their treasure \$8.50, which they divided equally with the presiding elder and pastor.

Crawford, Miss.—Rev. Wm. Bell writes: I have entered my new work with courage to do more for Christ and the church and the good old SOUTHWESTERN than I have ever done before. The good people of this place received us cordially. The parsonage was stormed by members and friends a few days ago, and many tokens of good will were left. A sham wedding was one of the features.

Shell Creek, Tenn.—J. W. Francois writes: Our first quarterly conference was a success. Presiding Elder Provines was present and preached acceptably. The Sunday school was well attended.

McMinville, Tenn.—Mrs. R. O. Susers writes: Our Sunday school is in a thriving condition. Collection during the quarter, \$91.50; communicants, 63.

Lexington, Miss.—Rev. W. H. Hudley writes: On our arrival to my new charge cordial welcome was tendered us, accompanied by a terrific storm, which prepared us for better living. Quite a crowd, heavy laden with many good things, came in, leaving behind their burdens, greatly to our pleasure. We invite them to come again.

Okolona, Miss.—N. R. Clay writes: On a recent Thursday night a storm rushed into the parsonage, and to our surprise it left us many pounds of eatables.

Nashville, Tenn.—J. A. W. Moore says: Rev. James Price, brother of Elder J. P. Price, aged 39 years, departed this life Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1895, in full hope of heaven. He professed faith in Jesus in the year 1866 and joined James Chapel M. E. Church. He served as class leader, steward, exhorter, local preacher, and was loved by all the people. He served the following charges as pastor: Hudson Grove, four years; Seayes and Leesville, two years; Lumsden Hill, three years; Sparta Station, eight months; Sparta Circuit, two years; Brownsville, one year. He was always kind to everybody and died happy in the Lord.

Memphis, Tenn.—R. M. Tollison writes: The Temperance Society of Centenary M. E. Sunday School held its monthly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26. The meeting was opened by singing from Epworth Hymnal No. 205, and prayer by the

Tazewell, Tenn.—C. H. Heard writes: Good success in our meeting, church revived, and the work moving on.

Dickson, Tenn.—S. Knight writes: Rev. S. B. Dauley, P. E., held our first quarterly conference. It was a glorious meeting. I am trying to get the SOUTHWESTERN in the homes of our people. If we had the Bible, Hymn Book, Discipline and Church paper in every Methodist home, it would not be half so hard to get our people to support the ministry and benevolence of our Church.

Bunkie, La.—Carrie Watson writes: The Women's Home Missionary Society, with Mrs. C. Watson, president, and Miss E. L. Martau, vice president, is doing a grand work. The society has bought a graveyard.

Rockport, Ind.—H. F. Smith writes: We have had 151 additions to the church this conference year. Rev. Jessie Munday assisted us through an eight weeks' meeting, and he is a great power in the hands of the Lord for good. The church paid him \$65. The benevolent monies are raised. Presiding Elder Gillam and Pastor W. H. Vaughn are doing grandly.

president, Dr. D. W. Fields. The first on program was an address by Mr. D. C. Current, subject, "The Influence of Intemperance." The next on program was declamation by Mr. Duke Boyd, subject, "The Run Maniac." Mr. Boyd is one of the brightest and most energetic young men of our church. He is an ideal young

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man and deserves to be eulogized for the way in which he rendered his part of the exercises. The next was singing from Epworth Hymnal No. 301. The president concluded the meeting with an address on the subject, "How to Refrain from the Habit of Intemperance," and singing Epworth Hymn No. 302. A. D. Ivy presided at the organ. Pray for the success of this grand temperance cause. The old sisters and brothers of our church gave a grand concert for the benefit of the church, which was quite a success.

Delaware, O.—G. W. Bailey writes: Our fourth quarterly meeting was glorious. Rev. M. S. Johnson, our presiding elder, was with us and preached a very able sermon. We are getting along very nicely in our new church.

Dr. R. Moreland, formerly of Hardinsburg, Ky., who recently graduated from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., is having a good practice in Morgantown, Ky. He was recently married to Miss Myrtle Moore, of Morgantown.

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JOHN H. McALLISTER.

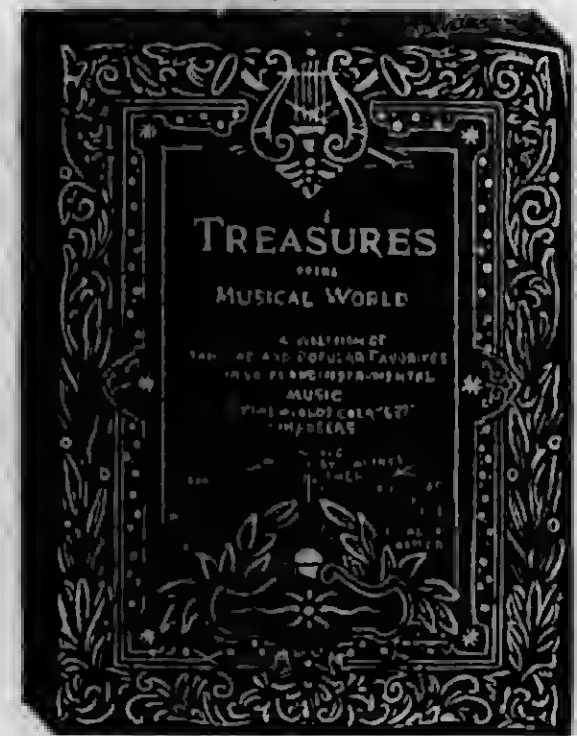
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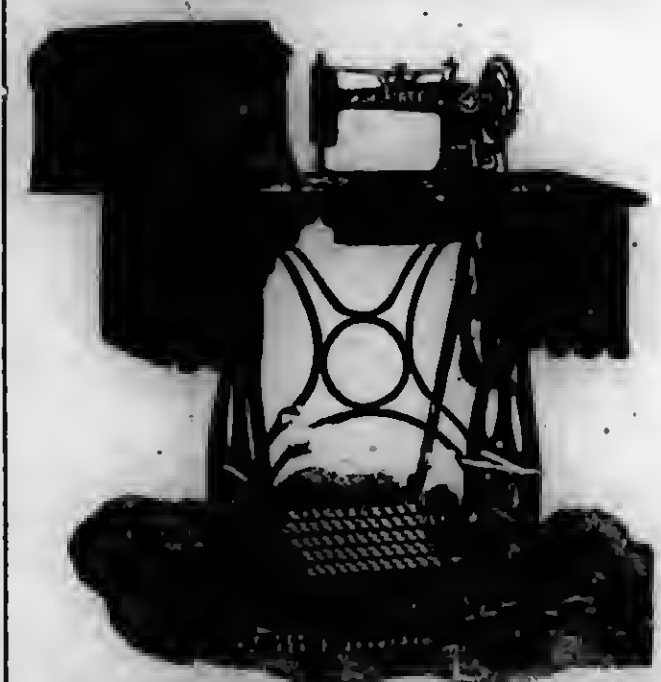
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**DR. SANDFORD HUNT'S DEATH.**

The following well written report concerning the sudden death of the lamented Dr. Hunt, senior agent of the New York Publishing House, is taken from the *Western Christian Advocate*, and will be of much value since it gives the correct details in the sudden translation of this eminent servant of the Church:

"The senior agent of the Book Concern, in New York, having, in the discharge of his official duties, visited the spring conferences in the South, made his way, in company with Bishop Joyce and Dr. Matthew, editor of the *California Christian Advocate*, and Dr. J. D. Hammond, superintendent of the San Francisco Book Depository, last Monday, from Chattanooga to Cincinnati, where they arrived in the evening. Bishop Joyce, having to go on to preside at the National Deaconess Convention at Minneapolis, bade him good-bye at the Union Depot. The others came here to attend the annual meeting of the Book Committee, the preliminary sessions of which were to be held the next day. Relieved by the brethren of his heavier burdens, retaining a light package in his hand, the doctor walked with them across Third Street to that entrance of the Grand Hotel, chatting pleasantly all the way. Just as he reached the door he said, 'Take my hand. I fear—' and was unable to complete the sentence. Dr. Matthew took his hand and supported him, and Dr. Hammond immediately lent his help. The doctor by this time was unconscious; and yet such was his resolution that, when others came with a chair, he had to be forced into a sitting posture, and it required quite a wrench to remove the package from his grasp. He was carried to the elevator, and taken into Room No. 7. Dr. Prendergast, the city health officer, being near at hand, was almost immediately present. Respiration continued for a few moments after he was laid on the bed, and then the end came sweet and painless, for God took him, at 8:15 p. m., Monday, February 10. Dr. Moore, Mr. James N. Gamble, Dr. Head, of the Committees, were soon with Drs. Matthew and Hammond; and Dr. Cranston, and Mr. George B. Johnson, cashier of the Western Book Concern, as speedily as they could reach the hotel from Avondale and Walnut Hills. Dr. Cranston, who loved him as a brother in the many years of their association in the Book Concern, sent the sad tidings to his family through their pastor, Dr. Louis Albert Banks, of Hanson Place, Brooklyn; and called Mr. John P. Epplly, who embalmed the body preparatory to its shipment home.

"Dr. Hunt was always an honor man—in Latin, in his *Alma Mater* (Allegheny); in church building, during his pastorate and presiding eldership in the Genesee Conference; and as agent of the Book Concern since March 3, 1879. The magnificent building in New York was projected and completed during his administration—a grand and enduring monument. Had he lived till March he would have been in his present office seventeen years.

Dr. Hunt was born in Erie County, and was seventy years of age at the time of his sudden release from earthly labor. He graduated from Allegheny College in 1847 and joined the Genesee Conference the same year. His appointments previous to his being elected Book Agent were as follows:

1847, Machias; 1848-9, Ellicottville; 1850, Niagara Falls; 1851-2, Royalton; 1853-4, Rensselaer; 1855-6, Pekin; 1857-8, Buffalo Grace Church; 1859-60, Buffalo Street Mark's Church; 1861-2, Perry; 1863, Albion; 1864-5, Niagara District; 1866-7, Lockport; 1868-9, Batavia; 1870-1, Buffalo Delaware Avenue; 1872-4, Niagara District; 1875-8, Buffalo District.

In 1879 he was elected one of the Book Agents at New York to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. Reuben Nelson, D. D.,

and the subsequent General Conferences have re-elected him by large majorities. He became senior agent on the death of J. M. Phillips in 1889. He has been a member of every General Conference from 1876.

It is a singular coincidence that his immediate predecessor also died of apoplexy, the lamented Dr. Reuben Nelson.

Dr. Hunt was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Nelson's death, by the Book Committee, March 3, 1879. In May of the following year he was re-elected by the General Conference which met in this city. In Philadelphia, in 1884; in New York, in 1888; in Omaha, in 1892, he was re-elected by decided majorities, and was more popular and beloved than ever at the date of his death. Had he lived, there is no doubt he would have received an almost unanimous vote at the Cleveland General Conference.

"He was a man of deep but unostentatious piety. Converted and a Methodist at fifteen, he retained the simplicity of his earlier faith with the growing strength of his maturer years. Prudent and sagacious in business, he aided greatly in keeping the credit of the New York house in prime condition through all the panics and depressions which the commercial world has experienced during the last seventeen years. As treasurer of the Missionary Society and of other Church benevolences, he displayed ability of the highest order. He was pre-eminently the watch-dog of the Methodist treasury. He was 71 years old. He leaves a wife and three daughters, one of whom is the wife of Dr. Sanford, assistant editor of the *Methodist Review*. Their grief that he died from home doubtless will be intense. But he died in the arms of his brethren in the ministry, whom he loved and who loved him; and he felt no pain and knew no fear, so quickly and sweetly did he enter into rest. He died at his post. He had reached the seat of his next duty, and fell on its threshold. Surely he could not have chosen better. Ready, as his loved ones know, he entered in when the door was opened, only to make heaven still brighter for them when they shall follow but a little later. The effect upon the Book Committee is overwhelming. They are dazed and bewildered, and mourn each one as for his brother. The entire Church will feel the shock, and pour out its sympathy to the bereaved family. Prayers from every Methodist altar will go up for Dr. Eaton, the surviving agent, that his sorrow may be assuaged, and that strength and wisdom may be given him for the added burdens and responsibilities he must bear until the General Conference fills the vacancy. At 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, the Book Committee and friends met in Room No. 4, Grand Hotel, to take leave of the remains of their honored brother. President W. F. Whitlock read the ninetieth Psalm and the fourteenth of St. John. Dr. Homer Eaton announced the hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' which was sung with tearful pathos; and Dr. W. V. Kelley, editor of the *Methodist Review*, for eight years Dr. Hunt's pastor, led in earnest, loving prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Luke C. Qenal, and the body was resigned to the care of the undertaker, to be shipped Wednesday morning, under escort of Dr. W. V. Kelley, to Dr. Hunt's late home in Brooklyn. The committee will hold regular memorial services before adjourning."

**Resolutions Passed at a Late Meeting of the Book Committee.**

Realizing the peculiar and special bereavement that has fallen upon our brother, Dr. Homer Eaton, the surviving Publishing Agent at New York City, occasioned by the death of his associate, Dr. Sanford Hunt, and the increased responsibility and labors that have now suddenly come upon him,

*Resolved*, That we tender to him our deepest sympathy in this bereavement, and implore him the helpful love and presence of Him in whose service he has so long and faithfully wrought.

*Resolved*, That he be, and he is hereby authorized to employ such additional assistance as he may deem necessary to meet the new conditions and increased demands upon his time and strength until such time as further provision is made.

—Brother J. F. Prigmore writes that Brother Lee Bane, one of the most prominent officers of the church at Graham, Va., was run over by a train of cars and instantly killed, a few days ago. He was a faithful Christian.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

Young men who are teaching in any colored schools in any part of the South will hear of something very much to their advantage by corresponding with the editor of this paper.

Will the pastors call the attention of teachers to this notice? **REV. E. W. S. HAMMOND,**

Editor of SOUTHWESTERN.

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**THE RISING TIDE.**

Dear Editor—During the session of the last Louisiana Annual Conference, I pledged ten subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. I send in this morning two of that number, leaving eight more. Look for the balance in a short time. I gave you twelve last year—I want twenty five this year. I am in it; Hubertville must lead again. **REV. H. O. WILSON, Jennerette, La.**

**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.**

The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House on Thursday, January 2, 1896, the Hon. J. L. Chamberlain of Maine, senior vice president, in the chair. The religious services were conducted by the Rev. Edward W. Gilman, D. D. Among the communications from foreign lands were letters from Rev. H. Loomis, respecting his recent visit to Korea; from Rev. H. P. Hamilton, of Mexico, giving instances of the opposition some of his colporteurs are encountering in the prosecution of their work; from Rev. M. Bowen, of Turkey, with further information respecting the unsettled condition of the country; from Rev. A. J. McKim, of Cuba, asking for an unusually large number of Portions for distribution among both the Spanish and Cuban soldiers; from Rev. W. L. Whipple, reporting the prevalence of scarlet fever and of diphtheria among both Moslems and Armenians in Tabreez; from Rev. A. M. Milne, of Peru, with an account of a recent journey among the Quichua Indians in the valley of the Upper Amazon, and facts showing increased opposition to missionary work in the southern part of the republic and in Bolivia; from Rev. F. Penzotti, at Callao; from Rev. John Carrington, of Bangkok, with notices of a new tentative version in Cambodian; from Rev. J. Norwood, of Caracas, with information respecting the earnest desire of some men for greater light; from Rev. C. W. Kilbon, of Natal, with statements concerning the revision of the Zulu Bible; from the Ceylon Mission of the American Board, with statistics of Bible distribution during four years from January, 1891; from Rev. J. Madsen, of Bengal; from the Evangelical Society of Geneva, asking for a remittance of funds; and from the Bible Society of France, with information about the revision of Ostervald's version. On recommendation of the committee on distribution, grants of Bibles, Testaments, and Portions were made to the value of about \$2914, including consignments to the Society's Brazil and Cuba Agencies. Funds were also granted for Bible work in South Africa and in Ceylon to the amount of \$622 39. The issues from the Bible House in December were 113,676 volumes; issues since April 1, 1895, 728,920 volumes.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

—The postoffice address of Rev. Hampton James is at 414 Mary street, Shreveport, La.

—Rev. Robert H. Johnson, of Alexandria, Tenn., Tennessee Conferences, sends his pledge for ten yearly subscribers to the Pledge Brigade.

—Rev. M. S. Johnson, presiding elder of the Ohio District in the Lexington Conference, is laboring diligently to bring his district up to the highest point of efficiency. He is just closing his fourth year and reports much progress in church building, debt paying and in the benevolences. Five hundred souls have been converted on the district during the year.

—Centenary M. E. Church at Memphis, Tenn., under the able pastorate of Rev. O. E. Alexander, is a mighty moral force in that city. All departments are organized and doing efficient work. Extensive repairs have been made and the church presents an attractive appearance. The pastor recently joined in marriage Mr. Ed. Rankin to Miss Rebecca Allen, Mr. T. O. Farmer to Miss Annie B. Kaigler, and Mr. J. P. Barnes to Miss Carrie Palmer.



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## Lexington District.

Notice of transportation over the Cincinnati, Maysville and Louisville Division of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, to and from the Lexington Annual and Lay Electoral Conference, which meets at Louisville, Ky., March 18, 1896. Special rates will be made for ministers, delegates and visitors attending the conference. Ministers, delegates and visitors should purchase regular tickets at all stations on the above named divisions where trains are taken for Louisville, Ky., and at the same time of said purchase should procure from the agent certificates showing that regular tickets have been sold. These certificates must be endorsed by the secretary of the conference, which will allow all persons holding them to return at one third fare where tickets were sold. These tickets may be purchased within three days before the conference meets or the first three days of the conference, and will be good returning within three days after adjournment. We have arranged for special coaches from Lexington to Louisville, which will leave Lexington, Tuesday, March 17, at 8:45 a. m. All parties will meet in Lexington, Monday, March 16, so as to leave on special train. Pastors will notify me not later than March 7 of the probable number who will go from their charges. Yours truly,

## Our Schools and Colleges.

Dear Editor—The Live Oak Preparatory School opened the year 1896, on Jan. 6, with an attendance of 40 the first day, and now has an enrollment of 94 with full attendance. As our new schoolhouse is completed and painted, etc., on the interior we have a nice school home for all who come; and as the school will remain open the entire year, as usual, we expect the good done will be commensurate with the increased sphere of usefulness. The Summer School will be in best form for those expecting to teach in the fall or winter. Yours fraternally,

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The average salary of pastor and that of presiding elder in our conference is worthy of comparison. For 1895 the missionary appropriation averaged to each pastor about \$19, and to each presiding elder \$319 60. Thus, on the whole, our pastors for 1895 averaged \$137 and the presiding elders \$694, or \$537 more than the pastors.

A N. JACKSON,  
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West Point, Ga., Jan. 30, 1896.

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## Educational Notes.

Wiley University, Marshall, Texas.

Mr. Editor—It may be of interest to your readers to know that Wiley University was, probably, never in better condition for solid growth. The attendance is an increase over last year; the spirit of Christ, of work, of harmony is here permeating everything.

The discipline is most excellent, and students and teachers seem to be wholly imbued with the spirit of activity.

Dr. Hartzell, who was here some days ago, was constituted in his praise of what he saw.

The military company, under command of Prof. C. L. Marshall, is a thing of beauty. With the company and brass band the young men could not be better pleased.

Wiley University believes in industrial education. Her home for girls, which cannot be excelled in the South, her printing, shoe, farm and carpentry departments all attest this. But Wiley also believes in the highest possible education of her students. This is shown by maintaining a full collegiate course. In this connection it is given out that Professor Lovinggood, in February, will lecture upon the subject, "Why hie, haec, hoc for colored students?" in answer to the charge of Dr. Steel of Epworth Era fame, who says that "hie, haec, hoc" is ruining the Negro.

Prof. J. W. Jones, of Wiley Musical Department, will read a paper before the Texas State Teachers' Association at Corsicana in June. We feel sure that he will do justice to the occasion. His song, "The Parting Tear," which was on exhibition at the Atlanta Exposition, is being highly praised by everybody who hears it. It is of a high order and is destined to become classic.

A grand rally in the interest of Wiley University was held in Houston, Texas, Jan. 24, 1896. Dr. J. C. Hartzell and President Scott spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience. Thereally did good in two directions. About \$33 was collected from our own people for Wiley. But the sentiment created for education will count in the near future, we hope, in more money and more students for Wiley and other schools. Why not an educational campaign to include various parts of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas? Carry the war into the rural districts is the duty of the hour. Thousands of boys and girls are in these States who ought to be in our colleges. Why not a thousand for Wiley?

Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., will hold an institute at Wiley University in March. Dr. Thirkield is an able Christian gentleman, and Wiley will be glad to have him.

The lecture of Prof. J. H. Reed, in the chapel, Friday night, Jan. 24, on the subject, "Silent Forces," was a grand effort, and will be a help and inspiration to all who heard him.

Some kind friends have given to Wiley University money to erect a building for a shoe department. Work will begin on the building in a few days. Bah, Wiley!

The death of Mrs. Lovinggood, Jan. 6, was a shock to all. She was a scholarly, Christian lady, and a graduate of Knoxville College.

J. M. ROBERTS.

Prof. James Bryce, M. P., author of "The American Commonwealth," is to contribute to early numbers of The Century a group of three papers on South Africa, the fruit of his study of that region during a recent trip.

## New Church at Tyler.

To the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Members of the Texas Conference:

At last we have secured a nice lot upon which we hope to erect an M. E. Church. These people have done all we can reasonably expect. To build, we must depend on help from abroad. Tyler is the largest town on the Marshall District, and with a good building it would become self-supporting in a few years. I have reason to believe that with a good building we can increase the membership five times by conference. To save Tyler now means a church and membership of which the Texas Conference would be proud of in the years to come. I want the whole Texas Conference to become identified with the building of our church here. We ask every presiding elder to give us five dollars with which to lay the foundation, every pastor to contribute one dollar, and each member to donate ten cents. I am prepared to furnish every brother with all the tickets he can see to give each member who contributes to this cause. Let each brother send for a supply.

Now, dear brethren, do not read these lines and then throw them aside; but give a dollar yourself and urge every member to give at least ten cents. Let everybody give all he can. As far as possible, announcements will be made each week in the SOUTHWESTERN of everything received.

For further information please address the pastor—J. O. Williams, 504 N. Liberty street, Tyler, Texas.

I approve the above appeal.

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Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Virginia, Chesapeake, Va.....	March 4.....	Bowman
Washington, Charles Town, W. Va.....	Mar 4.....	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.....	March 11.....	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.....	March 11.....	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.....	March 11.....	Hurst
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.....	March 18.....	Bowman
South Kansas, Hardin, Kan.....	March 18.....	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.....	March 18.....	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, Wil.....		
Hampshire, Pa.....	March 18.....	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.....	March 18.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.....	March 25.....	Bowman
German, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	March 25.....	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.....	March 25.....	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.....	March 25.....	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton, N. J.....	March 25.....	Joyce
Central Missouri, Springfield, Mo.....	March 25.....	Goodsell
New England, Southern, N. H.....		
River, Mass.....	April 1.....	Foster
New York E., New Haven, Conn.....	April 1.....	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.....	April 1.....	Andrews
New York, New York City.....	April 1.....	Niade
New Hampshire, Lawrence, Mass.....	April 1.....	Fowler
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.....	April 1.....	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.....	April 1.....	Toyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.....	April 1.....	Goodsell
Maine, Auburn, Me.....	April 1.....	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.....	April 8.....	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.....	April 8.....	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego.....	April 8.....	Joyce
East Maine, Oldtown.....	April 15.....	Merrill
Troy, Glens Falls, N. Y.....	April 15.....	Fowler
North Dakota, Jamestown.....	April 15.....	Vincent
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops		
EDWARD G. ANDERSON, Secy.		



## In Memoriam.

Rev. Solomon Scruggs, who suffered with lung troubles for nearly two years, died in Waco, Texas, Jan. 31, 1896, at 4 p. m. Brother Scruggs joined the West Texas Conference in 1887, and served faithfully and successfully in active work until Dec. 6, 1894, when, on account of impaired health, he was placed on the superannuated list and since that time he has been entirely disabled to do anything, so he leaves his family homeless and in quite a needy condition. Revs. G. R. Bryant, G. Norman, A. Brook and myself were with him the day he died. Among his last words he earnestly requested myself and Rev. G. Norman (his pastor) to see his family comfortably situated and protected, for he would soon be in glory. He also requested us to attend his funeral and give him a decent burial, which we did the very best we could. Rev. G. R. Bryant, pastor of St. James, that church being most convenient, tendered us the use of his church for the funeral services, and as my quarterly conference was due to be held at Mooresville he went in my stead. Brother Scruggs was a faithful minister, a consistent Christian, and those who knew him best loved him most. Our loss is heaven's gain. I hope the ministers of the Mutual Aid Society, of West Texas Conference, will remember their obligations and respond at once, as we have some very pressing obligations to meet. Your fellow-laborer,

H. SWANN.

## In Memoriam.

Mrs. Lillian England Lovinggood, wife of Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, was born in Louisville, Ky., 1871. She was a graduate of Knoxville College, Tennessee, and ranked high as a scholar, having at one time won a gold medal for scholarship. After graduation she taught five years in the public schools of Birmingham, Ala., and held a life certificate. She was married to Prof. R. S. Lovinggood in December, 1894, and he being elected to the chair of languages in Wiley University, they came to Marshall, Texas, in September, 1895. The fall term of school passed away pleasantly and all had begun the work of the winter term with bright hopes, when suddenly on the night of Jan. 6 the grim harvester walked into our midst and gathered this golden sheaf for the garner above. The funeral services at Wiley Chapel were very touching, and the sorrowing husband and mother left with her remains at 4 p. m., for Birmingham, Ala. Peace to her dust until the resurrection morning when the broken circles of earth shall be completely described around the throne of God.

J. H. REED.

## The Resolutions.

Resolutions adopted by the faculty and students of Wiley University in honor of Mrs. R. S. Lovinggood:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his mysterious providence to take from our midst, by the hand of death, Mrs. Lovinggood, wife of Prof. R. S. Lovinggood; be it therefore

Resolved, That we place our fingers upon our lips in mute silence and bow in humble submission to the will of the inevitable.

Resolved further, That we now sustain the deepest sympathy with the husband and relatives in this hour of sore bereavement and darkest gloom, and pray that they may have faith to look beyond the mists unto him who sends comfort to all sorrowing hearts. Be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Lovinggood, Wiley University has lost an active factor in its development; the faculty and students have lost a genial, social companion; her mother, who is by her side, a loving daughter; while the husband is bereft of a devoted and affectionate wife.

In the midst of these earthly losses heaven has gained another gem that shall bedeck the Redeemer's crown.

## Obituary.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, through his wise Providence to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed scholar, Julia Mitchell, and

Whereas, The intimate relations held by the deceased, to the members of Simpson Chapel Sabbath School, render it proper, that we should place upon record our appreciation of her services as a scholar, librarian and teacher, therefore,

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Julia Mitchell, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that her spirit is with those who, having fought the good fight here are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world.

Resolved, That we tender to her afflicted relatives our sincere condolence, and our earnest sympathy in their bereavement at the loss of one who was a good, obedient and devoted daughter.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased.

Signed—Elizabeth Alexander, Sarah Drummond, Liatta Marshall, Committee. Ada Lavigne, Superintendent.

—Our Lord did not rebuke Martha on account of her works; for they were holy and good. He reproved her on account of her anxiety. A man ought to busy himself in good and useful occupations of whatever kind they may be, casting his care upon God, and labor silently and watchfully, keeping a rein upon himself, and proving himself so as to sift what it is that urges and impels him in his work. Further, he must look within, and mark whether the Holy Spirit will have him to be active or quiet that he may obey his godly leadings in each instance, and do and leave undone by the influence of the Holy Spirit; now resting, now working, but ever fulfilling his due task in repose. —Tanler, in Western Christian Advocate.

—The Alabama Christian Advocate says: "We would be pleased to rise and remark to our beloved visitors and contributors: We are glad to see you and to hear from you, always—cordially. But, when coming into the editor's sanctum, be careful what you smoke, please. We tumble not to the dictum obtaining in some quarters, that since 'worms, hilly-goats, and some D. D.'s eat tobacco,' that ergo gentlemen and preachers and some Ph. D.'s must not smoke it. Dogs do not use the weed, and neither do hogs. Yet are they dogs and hogs, for all that. But, gentlemen, D. D.'s Ph. D.'s et al., if you must smoke, then by all means smoke something that smells good. We are not rabbits to be run out of a den. Neither are we ground-hogs (if the Reverend Sam P. Jones in love and esteemed did so affirm) to be stifled to death. Brethren will please draw the line, at least at cabbage leaves.

—Children must be taught what the parents wish them to know. Teach them truthful, gentle ways, and they will be true and gentle. If a boy hears bad language from his father, he will repeat it just as certainly as he has a tongue in his mouth; and if a little girl hears her mother gossip, she will gossip the moment she meets a playmate. People who devour their food like cattle must not expect their children to have nice table-manners. Gentlemen and good women are home-made. There is nothing on earth for which one ought to be more thankful than for having been brought up in the atmosphere of a pure home. Such a home may be narrow and even hard; it may be deficient in material comforts. A man as sturdy as an oak once said: "I was the son of poor parents, and from my youth up was insured to self-denial and hardships; but I do not remember even to have heard a word from the lips of either my father or my mother that was not as it should be." Better such recollections than a great inheritance. —Mary Porter Langley.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1896.

Jesus the Messiah.

[Luke 9:18-27]

GOLDEN TEXT.—"This is my beloved Son: hear him." [Luke 9:35]

Cæsarea Philippi, the place of this lesson, was located at the source of the Jordan. Its first name was Panerium, from the worship of the heathen god, Pan. Its name was changed to Cæsarea Philippi by the tetrarch, Herod Philip. It is noted for the ruins of heathen temples in its vicinity, for its beauty of natural scenery, and for its having been the seat of a bishopric in the Latin Church. It is now a Mohammedan town of twenty huts.

I. An Inquiring Savior [18-21]. 1. Jesus at worship—"He was alone praying." The Christ was a real man, and as such needed the means of grace. He kept the Passover, observed synagogue worship, searched their Scriptures, and called upon the Father in prayer. He petitioned to God in secret, taught His disciples to apply a throne of grace, and prayed with them. We have many means of grace, but few, if any of them, are more valuable than prayer. We should pray in secret in the family, and in the great congregation.

2. The world's opinion of Christ. 1. The question—"Whom say the people that I am?" They had just made a tour throughout Palestine, preaching the doctrine of the Kingdom, and healing the sick. They were, therefore, prepared to answer this question. Jesus did not make this inquiry for information, for He knew the hearts of men, but to prepare the way for the question that followed. 2. The answer—"John the Baptist, but some say Elias, and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again." John the Baptist had some time before this been put to death by Herod, and now the wisdom and power of Jesus caused some to think John had risen from the dead. Others said He was Elijah. Malachi had predicted he would return to earth before that "great and dreadful day of the Lord." A third class supposed Him to be "one of the old prophets." The Jews taught that while Nehuchadnezzar was besieging Jerusalem Jeremiah took the ark, the tabernacle, and the altar of incense, and hid them in a cave in Mount Nebo, and before the Christ came he would return and bring them back to the holy city. These answers are peculiar. They teach that Jesus was a subject of conversation; that the people did not know who He was; that they believed Him to be more than man; and that they looked upon Him as the spirit of some departed saint. The world has never had the true idea of Jesus.

3. The churches' opinion of Christ. 1. The question—"But whom say ye that I am?" This interrogation in the original is very emphatic. "But ye—whom say ye—that I am?" They had observed His daily life, seen His miracles, and heard His doctrine. They should by this time have known Him. The question was addressed to all of them, and Peter, as foreman of the jury, answered for the twelve. But it was also personal, and came to each of them as individuals. Much depends upon our views of Christ. If we have wrong ideas of Him our soul will be lost, but if our conceptions of Him are right then we will be received into glory. 2. The answer—"The Christ of God." The word Christ is an adjective and means anointed, but to us it has become a noun and written as a proper name. It means here the one whom God has anointed to be our prophet, priest and king. Our prophet to teach us, our priest to sacrifice for us, and our king to reign over us. We must confess Christ.

4. The charge—"Tell no man this thing." But why not publish it? Because "at this juncture none but Himself could properly preach the Messiahship; He knew the people did not understand what the Christ should do; the Galilean enthusiasts would endeavor to make Him a king; and He foresaw their faith would falter later" [Illustrative Notes]. This command is not for us. We are His witnesses, and must tell to the world His saving power.

II. A teaching Savior [22-27]. The prayer is over, and the private instruction has ceased. The multitude was invited to draw near. Jesus preached to them. We have in the remainder of this lesson, but a few thoughts of His sermon. His subject was "The Gospel of Sorrow."

1. The way of suffering. 1. The persons who would cause this grief—"The elders, chief priests and scribes." The word elder means an old person. It was originally applied to the heads of families. It is not known when it became an

official title. They represented the people in the Jewish council. Each synagogue had its board of elders. The word implies age, wisdom and piety. The chief priests were next in rank to the high priest. They were the heads of the twenty-four courses of the priesthood. They represented the priests, as the elders represented the people, in the Sanhedrin. The scribes were the transcribers of the Scriptures. The three classes composed the Jewish council. This body was usually presided over by the high priest. Jesus was tried and condemned by them.

2. The affliction of Jesus—He was to "suffer many things, and be slain." The many things referred to what Jesus endured before His crucifixion: to His agony in the garden, desertion by His followers, mock trial before Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate, and bitter scourging. The being slain points to His ignominious death on the cross. He was marching through the gate of death into His kingdom of glory. It is hard to realize what He has endured for us. 3. The resurrection—He would "be raised the third day." This is the first time He had spoken of His death and resurrection. It is well to present both the dark and bright side of the Gospel; its sorrow and joy; its cross and crown.

2. The way of self-denial. 1. Salvation is full—"If any man." Whosoever will may be saved on the conditions of the Gospel. It is for every race and nationality. 2. Salvation is voluntary—"Will come after me." Is willing to come after me. Jesus will make no one a saint against his will. If there is no desire in the heart for Him He will not enter. 3. Salvation requires self-denial—"Let him deny himself." Not his name, or identity, or signature, but the demands of a depraved nature. Let him give up every vice that would exclude one from the kingdom of grace and glory. 4. Salvation requires cross-bearing—"Take up his cross daily, and follow me." a. The cross. It is used to express the sufferings of Christ—"He endured the cross." It is used as a symbol of the Gospel—"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." It is used as an instrument on which to crucify the body of sin—"Through which the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." The cross was no unknown image to the Jews. The gloomy procession of robbers, and rebels against Rome, each condemned one bearing to the place of death the cross on which he was to suffer, was a sadly familiar image in that unhappy land [P. C.]. b. Taking up the cross. Investigate the plan by which God desires to save you. Count the cost of a life of sin, and consider the result of a life of salvation. Reach conclusions. Be honest to self. Halt not between two opinions. Comply with the demands of the Gospel. The word daily is a nice point in, and teaches that we should be constant followers of Jesus. c. Bearing the cross. When the conclusion is reached, and decision gained, then follow Jesus the remainder of life. The Christian's life is a race to be run [Heb. 12:1], a building to be erected [2 Pet. 1:5-7], and a battle to be fought [Eph. 6:14-17].

3. The way of saving and losing the life. The comparison here is not between the soul and body, but between the earthly and heavenly life. 1. Saving the life—"Whosoever will save his life (for his own sake) shall lose it." In the time of great trials the follower of Jesus may save his earthly life by being ashamed of Him, by denying Him, or by giving Him up. But by so doing he will, in the world to come, be banished from God's presence and the glory of His power. 2. Losing the life—"But whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall save it." If he die a literal death for Jesus' sake he will receive everlasting life in heaven. "It is true that life is sweet and death is bitter, but eternal death is more bitter and eternal life more sweet" [Bishop Hooper, the night before he was burned at the stake].

4. Gaining the world and losing self. This is an extreme assertion, used to make the thought more forcible. But few, if any, gain the "whole world," yet many gain some part of it, and become so short sighted as to let their land, or gold, or jewels get between them and God. The love of riches and the efforts used to secure them shut many out of heaven.

5. Being ashamed of Christ. His humble birth, lowly life and shameful death made many ashamed of Him. Peter was ashamed of Him when he denied Him. We are ashamed of Him when we cease to do well and learn to do evil. Awful will be the result of being ashamed of Him. He will come in His own glory, in that of the Father and of the angels. Fearful will be the destiny of those who have given Him up.

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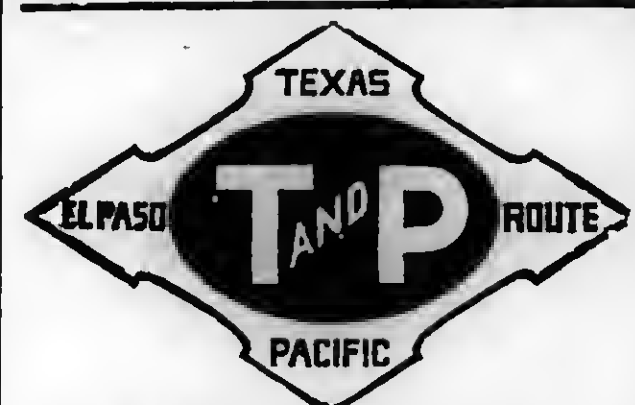
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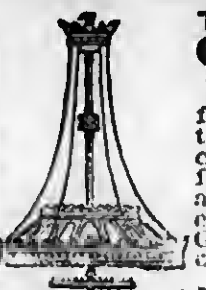
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### Baton Rouge District.

PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNUAL PASTORAL LETTER.

Dear Brethren—We begin anew another year's work for God and the Church. Let past blessings and good results encourage us for future conquests. There is much to be done; but His promise is, as our days so shall our strength be. As your fellow-laborer for the Master it is on my heart to close up this, my last year on the district, with many precious souls converted to Christ, and every interest of the Church up to the mark. Our former cordial relations and your efficient services bespeak for us a more glorious future and triumphant victory in the great cause we labor to advance. Study well the apportionment for the benevolent collections, and do your best to raise the amounts and report at the district conference, which will be held at Jackson, La., Aug. 19-23. Make Easter Sunday, April 5, a great day, both in church and Sunday school, for missions. Raise the whole apportionment and send it on. Write at once to Hunt & Eaton, 631 Poydras street, New Orleans, La., for Easter programs, \$1.25 per hun-

dred. Let the full amounts asked for in each charge be raised. Pastors will prepare themselves to present these causes to the people in a way that will convince them of their duty to give. The last stewards' meeting asked that each member be assessed 25 cents per quarter for ministerial support to meet the presiding elder's claim. The pastors, stewards and class leaders are requested to collect the same before each quarterly meeting. "Giving is a Christian grace." "Giving to the full measure of ability is a Christian duty." "Giving to full extent of opportunity is a Christian privilege." "Giving cheerfully is a Christian delight." "Giving doth not impoverish but enricheth." Put the SOUTHWESTERN into every family. We must make this paper self-supporting. Always keep an eye to the young people. Where you have an Epworth League chapter keep them busy. Where there is none, organize at once. Put the committees and Sunday school at work and keep them at it. Activity is life. Keep the revival fire burning. If the spiritual part of the work is kept up, all else will come out right. Your co-laborer,

T. F. MARSHALL, P. E.,  
Baton Rouge, La., Lock Box 5.

## Trolley Cars and Pills.

From the Evening News, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Anna Burns, of 338 Plane Street, Newark, N. J., is a decidedly pretty brunette, twenty-six years old, tall, and a pleasant conversationalist. On the ground floor of her residence she conducts a well-ordered candy store. When our reporter visited her store, she in response to a question told him a very interesting story.

"Until about two months ago," she began, "I enjoyed the very best of health and could work night and day if necessary. Suddenly, and without any apparent cause, I began to suffer from intense pains in my head. In my limbs and temples. Almost distracted with this seemingly never ending pain, I tried once after cure, prescription after prescription and almost a gallon of medicine of all kinds. Nothing did me any good. In fact I became worse. The knuckles of my hands soon became cramped and the pain in my hips became more and more distressing each day. Business in the store had to be attended to, however, and so I was obliged, suffering as I was, to keep more or less on my feet and occasionally I was forced to go out. This was the ordeal I dreaded. Each time I went out I trembled when I came near the car tracks for my pain at times was so severe that I was obliged to stand perfectly still no matter where I was. On one occasion I was seized in this way while I was crossing the tracks on Market Street and there I stood perfectly rigid, unable to move hand or foot while a trolley car came thundering along. Fortunately it was stopped before it struck me, but the dread of it all lasted as long as my pain, for I never knew when crossing the tracks, whether I would not drop to the ground in my agony and be crushed to death. My anxiety to get well grew apace and I had about given up in despair when I saw in the Evening News one day, an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Here was something I hadn't tried before and I lost no time in getting to the nearest drug store. There I paid fifty cents for a box of these truly wonderful, health restoring pills. Before I had finished taking half of the pills I began to feel relieved; the pains in my hips gradually disappeared and for the first time in many days, I felt as if there was some hope. I continued to take the pills and the more I took, the better I felt. I finished one box, got another and now having taken only a few of the second fifty cents worth, I am free from all pain and as happy as the day is long. Since I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I have gained thirty pounds and now when I cross the car tracks I don't care if there is a dozen vehicles nearby. It is a great relief I assure you, and suffering humanity has a never-failing friend in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I know what I am talking about. I speak from experience."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Waynesboro District.

First Round. February.  
Bascom ..... 23 23 Asbury, Mar 1.... 29  
English Eddy ..... 7 8 Waynesboro sta. .... 14 15  
Millen ..... 21 22 Statesboro ..... 28 29  
March.  
Mount Vernon ..... 4 6 Hellowville ..... 4 6  
Augusta sta & mis, 10 14 Horleum ..... 10 14  
Waynesboro cl. .... 18 19 Wadley ..... 25 26  
May.  
Excelsior ..... 23 Thrift ..... 9 10  
R. R. O'Neal, P. E.

### Savannah District.

First Round. February.  
Blockshare ..... 22 23 Valdosta, Mar 1... 29  
March.  
Thomasville ..... 3 4 Camden ..... 7 8  
St Mary's ..... 14 15 St Simon & Datisio 17 18  
Brunswick station, 21 21 Brunswick circuit, 21 22  
Waycross ..... 28 29  
April.  
Glenmore ..... 4 5 Wareboro ..... 4 5  
Baxley ..... 11 11 Eastman ..... 18 19  
Cordele ..... 25 26  
May.  
Americus ..... 1 4 John Watts, P. E.

### Baton Rouge District.

First Round. February.  
Red River & Island ..... 21 Let worth ..... 22 23  
Union Chapel ..... 22 23 Molville ..... 24 25  
Summer Chapel ..... 24 25 Macon cir. .... 26 27  
Hartsell Ch'l, Mar 1... 28  
March.  
Plaquemine ..... 12 Bayou Goula ..... 3  
Meritt Chapel ..... 7 8 Mt Zion ..... 7 8  
New Roads ..... 9 9 Saughter ..... 10  
St Paul ..... 11 Vincent Chapel ..... 11  
Rylander Chapel ..... 12 St Peter ..... 13  
Macedonia circuit, 14 15 Mt Carmel ..... 15 16  
Jackson ..... 21 23 Argoline ..... 21 22  
Wilson & Norwood 23 Wesley Chapel ..... 25 25  
Asbury ..... 25 26 Clinton ..... 27 29  
April.  
Baker & Plank R'ds 3 Albert Chapel ..... 4 5  
Priestly chapel ..... 7 Jones Creek ..... 7  
St Luke & Brandon 8 Stony Point ..... 10 12  
Conrade ..... 16 Port Allen ..... 17 19  
Brusly ..... 17 19 St Marks ..... 18 19  
Wesley ..... 18 19  
J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder.

### Birmingham District.

First Round. February.  
Adamsville ..... 23 23 Enon, Mar 1.... 29  
March.  
Beesemer ..... 7 8 Woodlawn ..... 14 15  
Mount Pleasant ..... 21 22 Ironside ..... 28 29  
April.  
Warrior ..... 4 5 Mount Springs ..... 11 13  
Oneonta ..... 18 19 Ft Payne ..... 23 24  
Gadsden & Attala 25 Cedar Bluff ..... 27  
Howell ..... 28 Centre ..... 29  
May.  
Springville ..... 1 3 Heflin ..... 6 7  
Anniston & O. ford, 9 10 Oxana ..... 11 12  
Tuledega ..... 16 17 Horse creek ..... 20 21  
Wesley Prottyman, Presiding Elder.

### Forrest City District.

First Round. February.  
Jonesboro ..... 18 20 Jacksonport ..... 22 23  
Augusta ..... 25 27  
March.  
Batesville, Feb 29... 1 Anvergne ..... 4 5  
Cotton Plant ..... 7 8 Cotton Plant cir. .... 11 12  
Brinkley cir ..... 14 15 Clareaudon ..... 16 17  
Palestine ..... 18 19 Brinkley ..... 21 22  
Oak Forrest ..... 28 29  
April.  
Marianna ..... 12 Marvell & Helena, 4 5  
Park Place ..... 8 9 Redace ..... 11 12  
Crawfordville ..... 15 16 Forest City ..... 17 19  
Forest City cir. .... 18 19  
J. W. Jackson, Presiding Elder.

### Little Rock District.

First Round. February.  
Centre Ridge ..... 22 23  
March.  
Morrilton ..... 1 2 Seligheable ..... 12  
Canway mis & cir. 7 8 Argenta ..... 14 15  
Little Rock—Wesley Chapel ..... 24 29  
Little Rock—White's Chapel ..... 28 29  
Little Rock cir. .... 21 22  
April.  
Lonoke ..... 4 5 Richwoods ..... 11 11  
Danville mission ..... 18 19  
W. O. Emory, Presiding Elder.

### Gainesville District.

First Round. February.  
Waldo ..... 22 23 Free Canaan ..... 22 23  
Otto Creek ..... 27 Gulf Hammock ..... 27  
March.  
Cedar Key, Feb 29... 1 Rosewood, Feb 29... 1  
Levyville ..... 2 3 Adamsville ..... 2 3  
Sanpulaski ..... 7 8 Pineville ..... 11  
Newberry ..... 11 Gordon & Freedom, 14 15  
Mie nopy ..... 18 Hagge & Lucrose, 21 22  
Whitton ..... 25 Phoenix ..... 25  
Fort White ..... 28 29 Mikesville ..... 28 29  
April.  
Brandford, Mar 31... 1 Old Town, Mar 31... 1  
Fayetteville ..... 4 5 Hob o Hill ..... 4 5  
Liberty Hill ..... 8 Hammock Ridge ..... 8  
Newmanville ..... 11 12 Stanley ..... 11 13  
Pleasant Plains ..... 18 19 Gainesville ..... 25 26  
May.  
Arredondo ..... 2 3 Union Lake ..... 2 3  
J. P. Patterson, P. E.

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearning subscribers. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

I will be thankful for information concerning my mother-in-law, who is now known by the name of Sina Brown. She formerly lived in Mississippi and was married to a Mr. Henry Johnson. Her two children, Louisa and Robert, were sold from her about 1860 in Polk county, Texas, a man named Ike White being the purchaser. While a slave she went by the name of Si a White. Any person knowing of her whereabouts will confer a favor upon  
GEORGE RIVERS,  
Doble Bayou, Chambers county, Texas.



# Southwestern Christian Advocate.

E. W. S. HAMMOND, D. D., EDITOR.

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From Methodist Hymnal—By Charles Wesley.

## THE WAY OF ALL THE EARTH.

Pass a few swiftly fleeting years,  
And all that now in bodies live  
Shall quit, like me, the vale of tears,  
Their righteous sentence to receive.

But all, before they hence remove,  
May mansions for themselves prepare  
In that eternal house above;  
And, O my God, shall I be there?

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—At the last session of the Central Alabama Conference Rev. E. M. Jones, presiding elder of Montgomery District, was elected clerical delegate and Prof. P. P. Wright as lay delegate.

—President Wilbur P. Thirkield, D. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., will conduct the Annual Preachers' Institute at New Orleans University some time during the month of March next.

—Bishop Foster has been spending some days at Gammon Theological Seminary as an honored guest. He has delivered a series of remarkable addresses on Theology and related themes before the faculty and students, which have produced a profound impression.

—The fifth annual meeting of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held under the auspices of the Tuskegee (Alabama) Normal and Industrial Institute Thursday, March 5, 1896. On the 6th there will be a Workers' Conference composed of persons engaged in religious and educational work among the colored people in the South.

—Mr. William L. Board, a student of Wilberforce University, had the honor of carrying off the first prize at the great oratorical contest in Columbus, Ohio, a few weeks ago. The colleges taking part in the contest were: The National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio Wesleyan, Oberlin, Dennison, Wittenberg, Adelbert, and Wilberforce represented by the successful contestant. The subject was: "The Anti-Saloon Bill."

—Bishop Fitzgerald and Dr. Schell, the general officers of the Epworth League, have recently conducted a very helpful and inspiring conference in Atlanta, under the auspices of Gammon Theological Seminary. Ten sessions were held from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. Some of the audiences filled Chrisman Hall. The conference inaugurates a forward movement in Epworth League work throughout the South, where it is most needed.

—The Grand Lodge of white Masons of Mississippi has been considering the propriety of blacklisting members of the fraternity who aid and abet the liquor traffic. The question was not definitely settled in their recent annual meeting, but the sentiment is very pronounced that Masons cannot sign petitions or vote for whisky, keep saloons, or in any other way encourage its use. May their good example be followed by the fraternity everywhere.

—The Wiley Reporter says: Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., the brilliant and remarkably successful president of our Gammon Theological Seminary, has placed Wiley University in the list of those schools at which ministerial institutes are to be held this spring. The institute will be conducted in March by Dr. Thirkield himself. This will be a rare opportunity for all our ministerial brethren to spend a few days in most profitable study and research. And to think there will be no charge whatever for instruction given! It will be like attending Gammon for a few days for nothing.

## THE SOUTHWESTERN AND THE COLORED CONFERENCES.

It is generally understood that the SOUTHWESTERN is the official organ of the eighteen colored conferences of the M. E. Church. While we have sought to increase its circulation throughout the entire Church, we have put forth special efforts to make it stronger within the bounds of the conferences mentioned, for reasons which need not be given here.

We have had a measure of success. The reports for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1895, show an increase over the previous year of 200 subscribers. We are certain that that at least 100 more have been added to the list since that time, and we say, without hesitancy at this writing, that the prospects are favorable for a continued increase. The editor visited the North Carolina, Tennessee and East Tennessee Conferences, at each of which the SOUTHWESTERN, and its editor as well, received a most cordial endorsement. Owing to the meeting of the African Congress, which we had previously promised to attend, we were not able to meet the Texas and West Texas Conferences, but we have very many reasons to believe that that they have as ardent desire to see the paper succeed as the most pronounced of its friends. Letters from a majority of the presiding elders have promised cheerful co-operation, while their printed letters to the districts almost invariably urge the brethren to put forth extra efforts to have the paper in every home on their respective districts. We have on file many resolutions passed by the districts, with favorable personal mention of the work of the editor, and pledging renewed co-operation in making the SOUTHWESTERN their official organ in fact.

We have visited personally the Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, Louisiana, Savannah and South Carolina Conferences; at each of which strong resolutions were passed, endorsing the SOUTHWESTERN, pledging increased effort in putting it upon a first-class basis, and in every instance uttering helpful and commendatory words concerning the editor.

The Louisiana Conference, within whose bounds the paper has been published for years, gave the editor a most enthusiastic endorsement, and pledged increased interest and co-operation with our plans to give it a more prominent place in Methodist journalism. A copy of the resolutions, which were offered by Dr. J. C. Hartzell and adopted unanimously, will be published in another number.

But we have a more substantial evidence even than the resolutions, which have in every case been unanimously adopted—the pledge cards, containing the signatures of hundreds of the leading pastors and presiding elders of the Spring Conferences, pledging more than 7,000 cash subscribers during the year. These names represent nine-tenths of the entire conference membership with actual bona fide promises to support the paper more liberally than ever; see the SOUTHWESTERN of Jan. 23 and Feb. 13. Already names are coming in from brethren in the conferences where we did not have the opportunity of presenting the pledge cards, asking to be enrolled among those who live to love and help.

It has been the policy of this editor to omit the publication of letters and resolutions referring to his work personally, being content to know from these that his work and services are appreciated.

At the late meeting of our Book Committee it was hoped that our showing might induce those immediately interested to enlarge the paper and place within our reach better facilities necessary to more speedily and effectively to reach our vast constituency. But the expenses of the paper having so far exceeded the receipts, it was deemed best to continue the present policy, hoping that the present plans may result in

such an enlargement as to justify an allowance of the things asked for, in the near future.

We now appeal to our brethren in the ministry throughout the Church, to come to our help in this noble and necessary work. We have sown diligently, prayerfully, patiently—yea, tearfully, and we are expecting to reap a rich harvest. Bring up your pledges; renew your subscriptions; pay for your paper; pray for your editor. We can bank upon the faithful, loyal ministry of our patronizing territory to come "to the help of the Lord; to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

## OUR BAROMETER.

Subscriptions for one week have come in as follows, and will show the correct status of our workers, within the conferences mentioned, up to date for the week, and in the order in which they occur here. It will be an interesting study to note the standing of the conferences from week to week:

Mississippi (two conferences) leads with.....	28
Louisiana.....	18
Tennessee (two conference).....	9
South Carolina.....	8
Texas (two conference).....	5
Georgia (two conferences).....	5
Alabama.....	3
Delaware.....	1

Total for week ..... 77

## A GOOD SHOWING.

The New York Independent says:

"In an occasional paper published by the trustees of the John F. Slater Fund, Mr. Henry Gannett, of the United States Geographic Survey, discusses the occupations of the Negroes according to the Census of 1890. As might be expected the Negroes are mainly engaged either in agriculture or personal service. They have, since emancipation, made good progress toward acquiring property in the form of houses and farms, although their proportion is yet considerably below that of those owned by the whites. But when it comes to mortgages on their property the Negroes are far ahead of the whites, as only 12.3 percent are in the professions, against 22 of the foreign-born and 55 of the native-born whites; they have 47 percent in trade and transportation as against 14 percent of the foreign-born and 17 percent of the native whites; in manufactures they have 56 percent against 31.3 of the foreign born and 22.9 of the native whites. Mr. Gannett concludes: 'The outlook for them is very favorable as agriculturists; but there is little prospect that the race will become an important factor in manufactures, transportation or commerce.' That is a rather hasty conclusion. A race that can do well in agriculture can do well in other kinds of work. It takes as much brains, we imagine, to run a farm as it does to run a horse car. The man or woman who can raise cotton or make bread can puddle iron or tend a loom. The difficulty is in the opportunity. We hear of one cotton mill to be built in the South which will employ Negro hands, and already there is a cry of protest against opening the business to them. If there is 'little prospect' that they 'will become an important factor in manufactures, transportation or commerce,' it is because they are shut out by trade organizations and public sentiment."

This showing ought to be, and is, highly gratifying to those of the Negro's friends, who have not only directed the distribution of funds, but who have themselves given largely toward bringing about those results. There is a great deal of sound sense in the statement that "a race that can do well in agriculture can do well in other kinds of work." And the Negro will demonstrate his capacity to succeed in every department just as all other men do, if given opportunity.



## GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Meharry Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments of Central Tennessee College, Held February 5, 1896.

The graduating exercises of the Meharry Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments of Central Tennessee College, held at the St. John A. M. E. Church, were a lasting evidence of the fitness, appreciation and progress of the colored race. What the colored man can do was fully exemplified in what the colored man has done. A class of twenty, eleven from the Medical Department, three from the Dental and six from the Pharmaceutical, received their degrees and will march forth from the walls of the college an honor to their alma mater and a credit to their race. Of the twenty, nineteen were young men and one a young woman, Miss Pauline S. Morrow, of Littig, Texas, a graduate of the Pharmaceutical Depart-

every colored representative in the city was in the audience, doctors, lawyers, preachers and educators.

The program was begun with an overture from Schiepprell by the choir, led by Miss Mamie Braden, teacher of music at Central Tennessee College, and accompanied by the piano and violin and flute obligatos. The rendition was one of exquisite harmony, the blending of the rich voices of the various parts giving evidence of talented material and careful training. The audience received it with a tremendous burst of applause.

Rev. C. B. Wilson, the pastor of Clark Chapel, A. M. E. Church, made an eloquent invocation, closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which the class and audience joined. Then followed another piece by the choir, "Blessed is the People" (Righini), which was rendered with infinite art and beauty and was as warmly received as the first.

The orations of the evening consisted of these of the salutatorians and valedic-

Rock, Ark. His thesis was "Diphtheria." Rev. John Braden, D. D., president of Tennessee Central College, then formally conferred degrees and presented diplomas as follows:

Graduates in Medicine—Theses: Atwell Theodore Braxton, "Phthisis Pulmonalis," Brunswick, Ga.; Chas. Frederic Crews, Ph. G., "Puerperal Eclampsia," Winston, N. C.; D. Blanford Gaines, A. M., "Diphtheria," Little Rock, Ark.; John Henry Jordan, "Asthma," Hogansville, Ga.; Adam D. Kelly, "Parenchymatous Metritis," Greensboro, N. C.; Esteve Samuel Mars, Ph. G., "Microbiology," New York; P. Willis Price, Jr., "Torticollis," Washington City; Alexander Lionel Sammel, "Typhoid Fever," Rome, Ga.; Daniel Webster Sherrod, Jr., A. B., "Oophoritis," Macon, Miss.; Charles Carroll Stewart, "Diseases of Nervous System," Washington City; Uaysses Grant Talley, "Parenchymatous Nephritis," New Orleans.

Dental—Theses: Charles Stewart Boyd, "Tuberculosis of the teeth," Maryville,

quite a pleasant feature, and after another selection by the choir, the benediction was pronounced and the audience dispersed, many stopping to congratulate the graduates.

## Episcopal Visitations for 1896.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Virginia, Chesapeake, Va.	March 4...	Bowman
Washington, Charlestown, W. Va.	March 4...	Warren
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11...	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	March 11...	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	March 11...	Hinckley
Lexington, Louisville, Ky.	March 18...	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18...	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.	March 18...	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, Wil.		
Hampport, Pa.	March 18...	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18...	Goodell
North Indiana, Richmond, Ind.	March 23...	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 23...	Postor
S. W. Kansas, Wichita, Kan.	March 25...	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25...	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton, N. J.	March 25...	Goodell
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield, Mo.	March 25...	Goodell
New England, Southern, Fall		
River, Mass.	April 1...	Postor
New York E., New Haven, Conn.	April 1...	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina, Kan.	April 1...	Andrews
New York, New York City	April 1...	Ninck
New Hampshire, Lawrence, N. H.	April 1...	Fowler
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.	April 1...	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1...	Joyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.	April 1...	Goodell
Maine, Auburn, Me.	April 1...	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8...	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8...	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego, N. Y.	April 8...	Joyce
East Maine, Oldtown, Me.	April 13...	Merrill
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.	April 15...	Fowler
North Dakota, Jamestown, N. D.	April 15...	Vincent

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

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When a girl I was taken from my mother in Green county, Miss., and carried to Jasper by Dr. Bridges. My name then was Maudy McClelland alias Carline. My mother's name was Martha McClelland. I had brothers, Will, Daniel and Archie; sisters, Ma and Sarah; and uncles, James, Marshall and Adial Huger. I would like to hear from any of these persons, a Martha Huger if living. Address me at Erato, Miss., or my son, Ben Carline, 1137 Carondelet street, New Orleans.  
MANDY CARLINE.

## OVERWORK

-INDUCED-

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Complete Recovery by the Use of

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla

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and gradually increased my weight from one hundred and twenty-five to two hundred pounds. Since then, I and my family have used this medicine when needed, and we are all in the best of health, a fact which we attribute to Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I believe my children would have been fatherless to-day had it not been for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, of which preparation I cannot say too much."—H. O. HYNES, Postmaster and Planter, Kinard's, S. C.

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ment. The exercises which marked this, the twentieth anniversary of the Medical Department, tenth of the Dental and seventh of the Pharmaceutical, were such as would have distinguished any college or university in the land. From the eyes of those who, from prejudice or disbelief, have made light of or refused to acknowledge the advancement or worth of the Negro, the mists were cleared away, revealing through its representatives a race which may boast of greater attainments under overwhelming difficulties than any tribe of the human family since the march of civilization was begun.

Throughout the exercises there was evidenced a glow of gratitude to the benefactors from whom such opportunities sprung. There was no pomp, no affectation—simply a modest assertion of a desire to survive and succeed, and most marked of all, a demonstration of survival and success.

St. John Church, the largest available auditorium in the city, failed by more than half to accommodate the thousands of colored citizens who turned out to witness the exercises. When the church was filled until not an inch of standing room was left, the vestibule was packed and many more stood on the steps and upon the sidewalks without. Probably never before has such a representative body of colored citizenship been gathered on a similar occasion in the South. The graduates represented thirteen States of the Union, and it naturally followed there were many interested visitors from a distance present. Of the professions nearly

torians of the three departments. The first of those was the salutatory of the Medical Department by Dr. Atwell Theodore Braxton, of Brunswick, Ga., thesis, "Phthisis Pulmonalis."

Nothing short of an intelligent synopsis of some length could do justice to the speaker. He made a decidedly favorable impression upon his audience and received their heartiest applause.

The pharmaceutical valedictory, "Progress of Pharmacy of the Negro," was next delivered by Mr. David Lee Johnston of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Johnston showed himself a speaker of unusual excellence and won golden opinions from his hearers.

A double quartette of female voices sang "Rustic Chorus," by Scharwenka, with artistic sweetness and were received with marked favor.

Dr. Edward D. Bulkley, of Orangeburg, S. C., valedictorian of the Dental Department, spoke eloquently to his thesis, "Dental prosthesis." Mr. Bulkley spoke deliberately and eloquently, warning to his subject in a manner indicating his love for the profession, which he had chosen for his life's work. He manifested a scholarly familiarity with the important science, and proved that he had received valuable schooling to fit him for the actual practice of dentistry. The speaker's word of parting, encouragement and advice were happily chosen and were given with earnestness and impressiveness.

The medical valedictory was spoken by Dr. D. Blanford Gaines, A. M., of Little

Tenn.; Edward D. Bulkley, "Dental Prosthesis," Orangeburg, S. C.; William Thomas Dinwiddie, "Pyorrhea Alveolaris," Lexington, Ky.

Pharmaceutical—Theses: Benj. Franklin Easter, "Preparations of Iron, Waco, Texas; Clarence Ernest Gowdy, "Bichloride of Gold," Nashville; David Lee Johnston, "Progress of Pharmacy of the Negro," Birmingham, Ala.; Leonard W. Lewis, B. S., "Alcohol considered chemically, physiologically, medicinally, and as a cause of disease," Springfield, Ill.; Felix George McGroom, "Opium and its Uses," Pauline S. Morrow, "Preparations of Mercury," Littig, Texas.

After the conferring of degrees, Rev. John A. Kumler, of Springfield, Ill., delivered an address to the graduating classes. He spoke earnestly, eloquently and practically, and the close attention with which he was heard was frequently punctuated with applause.

After this address, Dr. Hubbard awarded the first prize in surgery, a handsome gold medal, presented by Dr. Sinclair, of Brooklyn, to Dr. D. W. Sherrod, of Macon, Miss. The second prize, \$5, presented by Dr. Hubbard, was awarded to Dr. J. H. Jordan of Hogansville, Ga.

The prize offered by Dr. Singleton for the best examinations in metallurgy, was won by Dr. W. T. Dinwiddie, of Lexington, Ky., who gained 99 per cent.

A check for \$100, from friends in Philadelphia, was presented to A. D. Kelly.

Then followed a general distribution of individual presents to members of the class, coming from friends. This proved



## OUR : WOMEN'S : ROUND : TABLE

By Olga.

I have often wondered if the pastors in charge impress upon the minds of their members the very important need of family worship. I will venture to say there is not a dozen members in each church that devote any time to it whatever. The following was clipped from the Ram's Horn:

Charles H. Spurgeon, the prince of preachers, once said: Family prayer is the nutriment of family piety, and woo to those who allow it to cease. I read the other day of parents who said they could not have family prayer, and one asked this question: "If you knew that your children would be sick through the neglect of family prayer would you not have it? If one child was smitten down with fever each morning that you neglected prayer, how then?"

"Oh, then they would have it."

"And if there was a law that you should be fined five shillings if you did not meet for prayer, would you find time for it?"

"Yes."

"And if there were five pounds given to all who had family prayer, would you not by some means arrange to have it?"

"Yes."

And so the enquirer went on with many questions, and wound up with this:

"Then it is but an idle excuse when you, who profess to be servants of God, say that you have no time or opportunity for family prayer."

Mothers, have your children instructed in music; especially those that are fond of it. First get them an instrument, and then have them taught; but it is useless to expect rapid progress with little or no facilities for practice. Then, if they derive no benefit from this excellent opportunity, you will feel consoled with the reflection that you are not to blame.

Keep sweet-tempered. Be cheerful as much as possible. This is a troublesome world, and we cannot expect to go through it without having our share. Some one has expressed the thought so beautifully in these lines:

"Oh what's the use of repining,  
For where there's a will there's a way,  
To-morrow the sun may be shining,  
Although it is cloudy to-day."

Mother, make home happy for your children. Many a child has gone astray from the lack of a cheerful home. Give them access to the entire house. How often have I heard children say: I like to visit so-and-so's home, they are all so lively there. Well, why not make your own home the most attractive place. Join in the merriment, this will make it so much more attractive. A beautifully furnished house and a large bank account do not necessarily mean a happy home. Love and order are the two main qualifications for a happy home.

## Helps to Patience.

A woman, whose life has been long and checkered with many reverses, said lately: "Nothing has given me more courage to face every day's duties and troubles than a few words spoken to me by my father when I was a child. He was the village doctor. I came into his office where he was compounding medicine one day, looking cross and ready to cry.

"What is the matter, Mary?"

"I'm tired. I've been making beds and washing dishes all day, and every day, and what good does it do? To-morrow the beds will have to be made and the dishes washed over again."

"Look, my child," he said, "do you see these little empty vials? They are all insignificant, cheap things, of no value in themselves; but in one I put a deadly poison, in another a sweet perfume, in a third a healing medicine. Nobody cares for the vials; it is that which they contain that gives them value. Your daily work, the dishes washed or the floor swept, are homely things, and count for little in

themselves; but it is the sweet patience or zeal or high thoughts that you put into your work that shall last. These make your life."—Ex.

## South Carolina Conference.

The South Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, met in Centenary M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., Wednesday, Jan. 29. For weeks the coming of Bishop Mallalieu had been announced, and as a result the members of the conference and the citizens of Charleston were all anxious to see him, and to make him welcome to the grand old Palmetto State. And what a welcome it was! A sea of upturned, smiling faces greeted the bishop on all sides. He not only saw, but felt that he was welcome.

As usual, the conference opened with singing: "And are we yet alive?" and was led in prayer by Dr. J. E. Wilson. The Scripture lesson, the 61st Isa., was read by Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, after which the Lord's Supper was observed. Fully three hundred ministers and lay members participated. The bishop made a few remarks relative to the changes that had taken place since his first visit to Charleston forty years ago. Rev. J. B. Middleton was, for the fifteenth time, elected secretary. Revs. J. L. Grice, N. T. Spencer and J. H. Johnson were appointed assistants. Rev. J. E. A. Keeler was elected statistical secretary, and Rev. W. R. Jeromey, conference treasurer.

Mr. W. J. Grant, on behalf of the pastor, officers and members of Centenary Church, delivered an eloquent address of welcome. The reply was made by Rev. E. B. Burroughs.

The bishop introduced the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. It is needless to say that he captured his audience, for those who know him would expect nothing else. The effort was one of the good doctor's best. Long will it be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear it.

At night Rev. W. McWillis preached the conference sermon. It was eloquently delivered and showed considerable research and deep study. After the sermon Rev. J. B. Middleton gave a talk on "A Review of the History of the South Carolina Conference." Though historical, it was nevertheless quite interesting and highly instructive. The services ceased with a rousing and deeply interesting address by Dr. E. A. Schell, secretary of the Epworth League.

The second day's session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. J. W. Hamilton. The bishop varied the rule somewhat, and had all the presiding elders submit their reports before calling for the passage of the character of the preachers. The reports evinced painstaking care in the oversight of the work and demonstrated that noteworthy progress had been made. When the Greenville District was reached Rev. J. A. Brown, the efficient presiding elder of the same, surprised both the conference and the bishop by presenting the bishop with a handsome silver water pitcher. The gift was from a lady now living on the place once owned by the famous nullifier, John C. Calhoun. The bishop accepted the same in his usual characteristic way.

Gen. Robert Smalls, the hero of the Pilot, was introduced to the conference, and made a few pertinent and happy remarks.

Dr. J. W. Hamilton was then introduced, and in a short while electrified his audience. The speech was simply grand and powerful. Long may he live to advocate the black man he loves so well.

At night Rev. T. J. Clark preached the missionary sermon. It was well prepared and forcibly delivered.

Friday was a day of considerable anxiety to some of the members of the conference. It was election day. The result was that B. F. Witherspoon, J. E. Wilson, D. D., and T. J. Clarke, on the part of the conference, and Prof. W. L.

Buckley, Ph. D., and Prof. E. J. Sawyer, on the part of the laity, were elected delegates to the General Conference. L. M. Dunton, D. D., and A. G. Townsend, A. M., were elected clerical reserves, and M. H. Gasaway and T. McG. Carr, lay reserves.

Friday night was the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The house was packed. Dr. L. M. Dunton, president of Claflin University, read a report which showed that, notwithstanding the hard times, Claflin is in the healthiest condition. Drs. J. W. Hamilton and C. H. Payne, corresponding secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, made addresses.

Saturday's session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by J. L. Grice. Dr. Law, of the American Bible Society, was introduced and made an address. Dr. Hunt, of the New York Book Concern, was also introduced, and made the brethren feel quite happy when he presented them with a check for \$870.

In the afternoon the anniversary of the Sunday School Union was held. Rev. C. C. Jacobs, A. B., agent for South Carolina, made a strong and able speech in the interest of the same. After which Dr. Freeman, in a clear and interesting manner, urged upon the brethren the necessity of paying more attention to the claim of the society in the future than ever before.

The anniversary of the Church Extension Society on Saturday night was also an educational meeting. Dr. W. A. Spencer, corresponding secretary of Church Extension, delivered a happy speech.

Sunday was a grand and glorious day. Long before the hour for preaching, the spacious auditorium of Centenary was packed. At 9:30 the conference love feast, conducted by Fathers J. R. Rosemond and A. Middleton, was given. It was an occasion long to be remembered. What with happy songs, loud hosannas, and heartfelt testimonies, it was indeed good to be there.

Bishop Mallalieu well expressed the sentiment of every heart present when he arose and said, "This is heaven enough for me." The love feast over, Bishop Mallalieu baptized two children; after which he preached grandly. To attempt to describe the sermon would be hnt to fail. Suffice it to say that it was a noble effort. A wave of glory swept over the vast congregation, and "Heaven came down our souls to greet." After the sermon a large and promising class of young men were ordained deacons.

In the afternoon Dr. C. H. Payne preached an able and instructive sermon. After which a class of strong young men were ordained elders.

At night Dr. W. A. Spencer held forth in his own inimitable way. The doctor won all hearts present by the sweetness of his songs.

Monday was a day of much business and equally as much anxiety. All things work together for good to them that love God, however, and while some were disappointed, they nevertheless went forth determined to do better work than ever.

Just before the close of the session Mr. W. J. Grant, on behalf of the members of Centenary, presented the bishop with a handsome fountain-pen and souvenirs of Charleston.

[See appointments on page 5]

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**PERAMBULATING.**

En route to the South Carolina Conference from Griffin, Ga., at the close of the Savannah Conference, it was a pleasure to be in the company of Bishop W. F. Mallalien, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Wragg, presiding elder of the Griffin District of the Atlanta Conference. Our stop at Savannah was one of profit and pleasure. After breakfasting with Bishop Mallalien we visited a number of places of interest, closing with a most delightful visit to the Haven Home, one of the most important institutions in all the Southland. We arrived in Charleston, S. C., on the evening of Jan. 28, the bishop being escorted to the commodious parsonage of Centenary M. E. Church and the writer to the palatial residence of Mr. J. A. Spencer and lady. Brother Wragg being the brother of Mrs. Spencer our visit was made unusually pleasant. It was our privilege to speak at night to a splendid audience at Centenary. Our reception by the conference will never be forgotten. From the very beginning we had the right of way. Every attention was given the claims of the SOUTHWESTERN, while the evidences of increasing interest in the paper were both marked and gratifying. Two thousand pledges were given with an enthusiasm characteristic of brave Palmetto brethren. The delightful and unremitting attention of our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer; the pleasant drive to various places of interest within the historic city of Charleston, through the unfailing courtesy of W. J. Grant, Esq.; a whiff of ocean air, with glimpses of Sumpter and other places of historic interest, were among the incidents which made our visit among the most pleasant of a life time. After a delightful ride in the "Gospel chariot" we reluctantly closed a brief but delightful visit, and one which will linger long in our memory.

After a brief stay at headquarters we again embarked for Cincinnati, to be present and report to the General Book Committee. Arriving there on the evening of the 11th, we were pained and surprised beyond expression to learn of the sudden death of our beloved senior publishing agent, Dr. Sanford S. Hunt. How strange are the ways of Providence! Our brother had made the rounds of several of the conferences, had spoken joyous, hopeful words, and upon the very threshold of the meeting of the committee, he ceased at once to work and live. Verily, it was a happy translation. He fell, not among strangers, but in the arms of brethren beloved, far away from his loving wife and family it is true, but surrounded nevertheless by those who knew and loved him. Thousands and tens of thousands will mourn his departure, while the great cause to which he had given his life will go forward. Others will take up the work and carry it forward until, like our translated friend, they are rewarded by the Master.

The work of the committee, with the genial, dignified and able Dr. W. F. Whitlock presiding, was transacted promptly and satisfactorily. We were glad to notice that the report of the SOUTHWESTERN shows a gratifying increase in subscribers during the past fiscal year. While the agents could not see their way clear to grant, nor the committee to recommend, what we thought was absolutely necessary, we are pleased to know that our subscribers are increasing, and we believe our reading constituency will so co operate with the publishers and the editor that the way will soon be clear to introduce the needed reforms. The agents and the committee are in sympathy with our work, and so expressed themselves. It was in every respect a meeting of unusual interest.

Turning our face Southward again, we were favored with the company of Rev. Dr. A. J. Warner, of the A. M. E. Zion Church and editor of the *Missionary Herald* of that denomination. We have known the doctor for quite a number of years as a thorough-going, energetic and able pastor. He is a typical Kentuckian and an out-

and-ont Methodist. Few men in the State of Alabama exert a greater influence upon the Church and State than he. His name is frequently mentioned in connection with the secretariat of the Church Extension and Missionary Boards and often with that of the Episcopacy. After a delightful interchange of thought, with pleasant reminiscences of days of other years, we parted at Tuscaloosa.

New Orleans was soon reached, where we found, as usual, a "pile of correspondence" with other duties to remind us of the tremendous work to be done. But we can, must and will succeed. Relying upon the help of Almighty God and the brethren, upon whose hearts he will work, "to will and to do of his good pleasure," we will go forward.

**PATERNALISM, PARASITISM**

**AND SYCOPHANCY.**

Mr. Orishetnkeh Fadnma, an educated native African, who was also one of the most impressive speakers at the recent congress held under the auspices of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, during the Atlanta Exposition, made use of the following very suggestive language which was applauded to the echo:

"Paternalism in government, whether civil or religious, is destructive of true manhood; it crushes self-respect and independence and makes men become children. It pauperizes, belittles and dwarfs the individual to a helpless snickling. It wins thousands of adherents who are at best sycophants and cringers, men who will not dare express their thoughts for fear their missionary masters will be angry at them and cut off their means of subsistence."

Brother Fadnma was speaking of the missionary work in Africa, but his remarkable statements are not inapplicable to the missionary work of the Church in this Christian land of ours as well. There is no harm in that spirit of fatherliness with which the religions, and even educational, affairs of the churches are administered, if its ultimate object is to bring those under their care as speedily and as thoroughly as possible to that degree of efficiency in which the churches can more effectively do their work by the agency of those whom they seek to help. Looking at it from our standpoint we incline to the opinion that the conditions mentioned by the distinguished African do already exist, and that the paternalism so much to be deprecated in Africa is one of the very serious embarrassments in the way of our missionary work at home. That "cringers," "sycophants," and even "parasites" have been developed in various phases of church work, no one conversant with the facts will deny. That there are scores of men here and there who will not dare to express their thoughts for fear of giving offense to those who occupy some position more or less directly related to their means of subsistence, goes without saying. This sort of paternalism has brought into some departments of our church work mere "parasites," who stand ready to do the bidding of their masters, to whom they have surrendered manhood, self-respect and independence. It will be always thus, while men are admitted among church workers whose highest ambition is to "get a living," for which they allow other men to use them as tools with which to advance their own personal interests. We confess that the temptation on the part of those who are disposed to believe that their living depends upon the caprice and the whim of a superior officer to resort to questionable methods whereby to secure a continuance of this patronage; and it is equally important to the world to be "boss" to impress his satraps that his ability to reach the ears of the powers that be should be both respected and feared. These conditions ought not to continue. The churches should frown upon the man who is known to desire the mere mastery of men. It should be no less emphatic and earnest in placing the ban of its displeasure upon the cringing sycophant, or mere place hunter, who, in order to gain a place, becomes the mere shadow, the servant, the slave of another. Many men only should be in power. The authority to lead men in the great work of the Church should be committed to the hands of manly men, not politicians and schemers, not given to bribery and sophistry, but men who will command the respect and admiration of their followers by their sterling traits of character. Out with the church boss and his slave! Down with "paternalism, parasitism and sycophancy." "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith; quit ye like men; be strong."

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**EVENTS OF THE WEEK.**

In a mine explosion near New Castle, Col., sixty lives are supposed to be lost. . . . Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association convened at Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Revolution reported in Corea, occasioned by an order requiring the Coreans to sacrifice their queues and wear their hair in Western fashion. . . . Rumors were afloat that England proposes to establish a federated dominion over the Transvaal. . . . A Washington dispatch of Feb. 21 says, Secretary Olney received a cablegram from Ambassador Ensis announcing that Waller, the ex-consul to Madagascar, was released from jail. It is expected that Waller will join his family in this country.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

—Rev. Monmouth Walton, an old and faithful member of the Lexington Conference, died at his home in Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, February 12.

—Mt. Olive M. E. Church, Topeka, Kansas, Rev. W. A. Ray pastor, was recently honored with the presence and excellent sermons of Revs. J. J. Clarke and R. E. Gillum, presiding elders of Central Missouri Conference.

—Cheering news come from St. Paul's, Paris, Ky. Rev. G. W. Thomas is closing his first year's service with eminent success. A gracious revival just closed, resulted in the conversion of some sixty souls. The church is greatly revived.

—Walter Emmett, son of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Reed of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., made his appearance as king of the family circle on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a. m. The air of the household is all jubilant with his songs. The SOUTHWESTERN joins in the jubilation.

—Sad news comes from the parsonage of our church at Tyler, Texas. On Wednesday, 11th instant, little Laura May, infant daughter of Rev. J. O. and Sister Williams, died. Our ardent and heartfelt sympathy is with the grief-stricken parents, whom we commend to the blessed heavenly Father.

**CRUMBS OF COMFORT.**

—"I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead shall live again, and whosoever believeth in me shall never die."—Jesus.

—Some discouraged soul may exclaim: "Ah, I have no future! The Almighty hath hedged me about. Lover and friend He has removed. I sit solitary. I am weary. I am weak, and have no strength nor courage for struggles." And yet there is a noble resolution such can make, and that is to keep on with patience and faith. Though you are discouraged, God is not.—George S. Mott.

—We can shape our present, and thereby create a future. We can cry to God for the touch of a new life in our present. What we refuse to do in each to-day as it comes, will never be done by us in the future. And so the question comes to us, at the opening of a new year: What are we doing with ourselves? How are we spending the present? One of two things must be done. We must continue in the same course, or change. To refuse to forsake evil becomes a deliberate resolution to choose evil.—Ex.

—There are some people whose life year by year is only a going around and around in the old beaten paths, with no outward movement. They are like men who walk in a circular course for a prize, covering a thousand miles, perhaps, but ending just where they began. Rather, our daily walk should be like one whose path goes about a mountain, but climbs a little higher with each circuit, until at last he gains the clear summit, and looks into the face of God. While we must do in a measure the same things every day, we should do them a little better with each repetition.—J. B. Miller, D. D.



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On February 10, at 10 p. m., Rev. F. Walker and wife, were surprised by a party of members and friends of the church, who made their hearts feel glad by leaving a great many good things.

The Pope Manufacturing Company, who make the celebrated Columbia bicycle, keep their office in this city closed on the Sabbath day. This stand should entitle them to the patronage of all Sabbath-loving and law-abiding people.

## Our Louisville (Ky.) Letter.

LOUISVILLE, Ky, Feb. 18, 1896.

Jackson Street Church has been ablaze with a glorious revival since January 1, which resulted in 38 conversions and 60 additions to the church. The Lord be praised. Sister Dolly Lewis, the lady evangelist, was with us in the latter part of the meeting, and rendered very acceptable service. The meeting closed Sunday night, Feb. 16, with songs of praise from new-born souls.

The Rev. Momonth Walton, one of the old and respected ministers of the Lexington Conference, departed this life on Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, 1896, at his home on Laurel street, this city. His funeral took place on Sunday, Feb. 16, from Jackson Street M. E. Church; Rev. T. L. Ferguson, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. G. A. Sissel, presiding elder of the Louisville District. Brother Walton was one of the pioneers of the conference and was a preacher twenty-one years. He served as presiding elder of the Louisville District four years, and pastored with credit and honor some of the best charges in the conference for the last four years. He has been a superannuate. He was nearly 70 years of age at the time of his death.

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"That the average library of the Christian layman and of the minister of the Gospel is poor beyond words is a lamentable fact. Many of the books are of such inferior authorship as to unfit them for even storage in any home of people either intelligent or hoping to be intelligent. Such books have drifted in because they are radiant with glaring and realistic pictures, or are bound in captivating sheep or calf, or are presented by well-meaning friends, or have been bought in lots at auction under the hallucination of cheapness, or because of some other apology for the existence of the trash. If two thirds of the shelves of the typical domestic library were emptied of their burden, and choice books put in their stead, there would be reformation in intelligence and thought throughout the civilized world. A poor book is dear, and a good one cheap, at any cost. One's best book is that which treats best the subject on which one most needs light, and which one can get only by planning, by seeking, and often by sacrificing. One such book is worth more than all the diamonds of Golconda or the pearls of Tinticorin, and sweeter than all the perfumes of Araby the Blest. It is a friend for all seasons, and remains true to the eighties, and beyond, if they come. Better one shelf of such treasures than a shipload of literary driftings from the dead pyramids of publishers who sell slowly, and of authors who fail quickly."

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"Feb. 28th, 1895. of the Staff of 1894-5." This caught the eye of Bishop Vincent, who presented a copy of the Standard with the following inscription:

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The complete novel in March Lippincott is "A Whim and a Chance," by Wm. T. Nichols.

Clare E. Rohie sketches sharply the portrait of "A Labor Leader." Emily Bailey Stone presents a picture of "Household Life in the Fifteenth Century."

Mrs. Emily Crawford, the well-known Paris correspondent, contributes to the March Century a biographical sketch of Alexandre Dumas, the elder. The article is a succession of anecdotes of the novelist, and presents him in a very picturesque light.

"The Perils of Small Talk" is the title of a brief essay by Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, to appear in the March Century. The author sets forth the relations of slang and effortless speech to cerebral deterioration.

The Outlook's "Magazine Numbers" continue to improve in quality. The February issue is strong in illustration, and has variety and timeliness in its ar-

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Among the notable articles promised for the March Popular Science Monthly are installments of the series on Taxation, by David A. Wells, and that on Professional Institutions, by Herbert Spencer; also Exercise as a Remedy, by Dr. Henry Ling Taylor; and the conclusion of Prof. W. K. Brooks' Study of Inheritance.

In these days of international irritation, it is a satisfaction to learn just what the "British Opinion of America" really is. Richard Whiteing, of the London Daily News, in the March Scribner, directs attention to the opinion of the "Man of the Street," and to the great mass of work a day people throughout England. They have revised their ideas of America in the past twenty or thirty years, and no longer regard this country as a Mecca for the laboring man.

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"Yes; that leaves \$3.75. The shoes were only \$1.25."

"There's 25 cents for a slate for Charles and 10 cents for a sponge and 15 cents for car tickets, and—"

"But that leaves \$3 unaccounted for, Mrs. Stingyman."

"I paid a bill at the drug store."

"Marie Stingyman! There hasn't been a drop of medicine used in this family for a year."

"I know it. I didn't spend it for medicine."

"Oh, I suppose you've been squandering money for perfumery or face powder and other dopes."

"No, Mr. Stingyman, I paid \$3 for the last box of cigars you had charged there. The druggist said—"

"I don't care what the druggist said. I'd like to eat my breakfast and get down to the office some time to-day." And handing his wife the money she had asked for, Mr. Stingyman departed, wishing he had let well enough alone.

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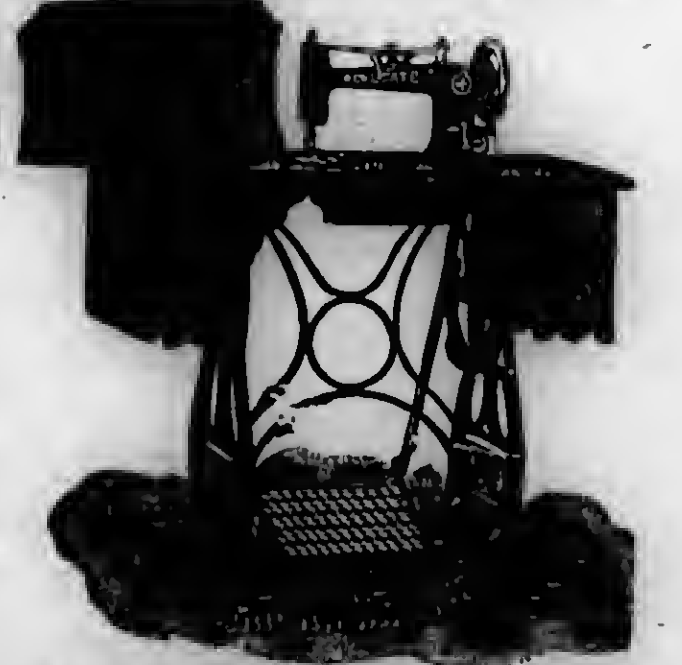
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1896.

True Love to One's Neighbor.  
[Luke 10, 25-37.]

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." [Luke 10, 27.]

Our last lesson closed with Jesus near Caesarea Philippi; this one is located in, or near, Jerusalem. It is not certainly known what events occurred between these lessons. Most Bible students put the transfiguration, the casting out of a demon, the tribute money miraculously provided, the contention of the disciples about who would be greatest in the kingdom of God, the sending out of the seventy, the rejection of Jesus by a village of the Samaritans, the cleansing of the ten lepers, and all the events recorded in the seventh and eighth chapters of John, between the lesson of last Sunday and the passage we study to-day. We have before us a very touching incident. It is second only to the parable of the Prodigal Son. It has in it two great questions, and the thoughts suggested by them.

I. "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus had been teaching. The people were seated about Him. A lawyer—not an attorney, but a student and teacher of the law of Moses—arose and tempted Him. That is, he challenged Him to a keen encounter of wit and professional knowledge. Let us hope he was sincere. Jesus dealt kindly with him, and we should do likewise.

His question implies that there is such a gift as eternal life; that he did not possess it; that he desired to obtain it, and that he did not have the knowledge to do so. Similar questions were asked by the young ruler, the Jews on the day of Pentecost, and the jailer at Philippi. No one can ask a greater question than that about the salvation of his soul.

Jesus caused the lawyer to answer his own question. The law here refers to the decalogue. The ten commandments were written on two tables of stone. On one table was four commands showing our duty to God, and on the other six teaching our duty to our neighbor. The first four refer to idolatry, image worship, profanity, and Sabbath observance. Their spirit is to love God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength. It is well to keep both the letter and the spirit of the law. We should love God *singly*—with all the heart; *earnestly*—with all the soul; *intelligently*—with all the mind; and *actively*—with all the strength.

The commands on the second table refer to honoring parents, murder, adultery, stealing, false swearing and covetousness. The substance of the six is to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This does not mean that we are not to love self. The man who puts a low, mean estimate on himself is a violator of God's law. But let him hold his neighbor in the same lofty esteem. If man loved his neighbor as himself there would be no war, no fighting, no slandering, no intrigue, no dishonest dealing, no strikes, no banquets of vice, and no social evils. Jesus found no fault with this answer. He told him to do this and he should live. But the lawyer, desiring "to justify himself," asked another question. He saw he had not entangled Jesus, and he desired the people to know he was not confused. People are constantly laboring to justify themselves. Every man's way is right in his own eyes. He feels that his ways are equal, but God's ways may be unequal. His second question was—

II. "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus did not tell him the one who lived next door to him, neither did He say only those of his race were his neighbors, but by a tender, loving parable, led him to see that only those who did acts of kindness to the suffering were true neighbors.

1. The unfortunate man. 1. "A certain man." His name is not given. He was, no doubt, an Israelite, and likely a Jew-peddler. When it was necessary Jesus always gave names, when not He sometimes withheld them. This may have been a late historical fact, and it was not best to give the name. Jesus has often set us the example of prudence. 2. "Went down from Jerusalem to Jericho." The distance was about twenty miles. The way was hilly, rough and full of caverns. Many thieves and robbers lived in that locality. Murders were so frequent that it was known as the "bloody way." There are to-day many dangerous ways for our young people. The road that leads by the saloon, brothel and gambling den is a dangerous way. 2. "And fell among thieves." These were robbers. A

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No. 7, coast acc. 8:50 a.m.	No. 4, fast ex..... 9:45 a.m.
No. 1, lim. ex..... 6:50 p.m.	No. 8, coast acc. 3:30 p.m.
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Sunday ex..... 9:30 p.m.	Sunday ex..... 7:50 a.m.
Texas and Pacific.	
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No. 51, T and A	express..... 6:15 p.m.
express..... 9:15 a.m.	
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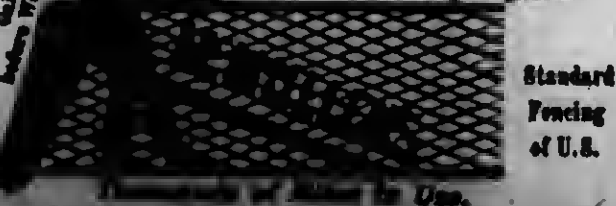
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Dear Brethren—We have begun the work of a new year. Let us do the best year's work of our lives. I am proud of last year's record, but let us improve on that. We should do more and can do more. Let us pray for an abundant outpouring of the holy spirit on ourselves and all the people. Let us raise in full every assessment for the advancement of God's cause on the district. I am counting on your hearty co-operation in the work. God bless you and yours. Yours truly,  
**A. G. TOWNSEND, P. E.**

Charleston District.

To the Members of the Charleston District of the South Carolina Conference—I wish to call your attention to the fact that we have passed from the old conference year of '95 to the new conference year of '96. The old year confronted you with its many cares, anxieties, perplexities, and perhaps some defeat in many of your noble efforts for the blessed Master, but, thank God, you did not despair, but pushed on through seeming impossibilities to the most pleasing success along all lines of the great cause. We cannot afford to rest on past victories, for the world and its institutions are moving on rapidly and we are being brought in sight of much new land to be taken and greater and more glorious victories to be won for Christ and humanity. Do not be satisfied with having advanced beyond the lines of '94, but bend all of your efforts assiduously, prayerfully and systematically toward the success of every claim of the great old Church that has put ten million dollars in the South since emancipation to obliterate the curse of slavery and to lift its victims to humanity, manhood and God. Come, brethren, what say you? Let's make this the crown of all the years of our ministry in soul saving, missionary giving, church building, etc. Don't forget Dr. Hamilton and the F. A. and S. E. cause; don't forget Dr. Dutton and our dear and grand old Clifton; don't forget our dear Dr. Hammond and the South Western; don't forget Dr. Hunt and the Advocate at 75 cents cash for one year; send at once and get it. Don't throw this letter aside, but read it once a week and be inspired by it, and the God of all grace give you success. Yours for Christ,  
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The latest records in lynching history show that during the year 1895 there were 171 lynchings and but 132 legal executions. Of the former, 10 were women, and 112 Afro-Americans. The Southern States were responsible for 144 of the lynchings. Northern States for 27. Tennessee leads off with 24, and the other States come cheerily on with numbers all the way down the teens. We're doing well in our unique business.—The Age.

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Florence ..... 12  
Mare Bluff ..... 3  
Springville ..... 7  
Little Rock ..... 12  
Hemlock ..... 13  
Tatum ..... 13  
Brentsville ..... 13  
North Marlboro ..... 13  
Cheraw ..... 24  
Jefferson ..... 27  
Stokes Bridge ..... 30  
April.  
Cypress ..... 2  
Lamar ..... 4  
Darlington ..... 8  
St. Luke ..... 10  
Mayesville ..... 12  
A. G. Townsend, Presiding Elder.

Gainesville District.

First Round. March.  
Cedar Key, Feb. 29, 1  
Levyville ..... 2  
Sampson ..... 7  
Newberry ..... 11  
Mio nopy ..... 13  
Williston ..... 25  
Fort White ..... 28  
April.  
Brandford, Mar. 31, 1  
Fayetteville ..... 4  
Liberty Hill ..... 8  
Newmanville ..... 11  
Pleasant Plains ..... 18  
May.  
Arredondo ..... 2  
J. P. Patterson, P. E.

Little Rock District.

First Round. March.  
Morrilton ..... 1  
Canway mls & cl. .... 7  
Little Rock—Wesley Chapel ..... 24  
Little Rock—White's Chapel ..... 28  
April.  
Lonoke ..... 4  
Danville mission ..... 15  
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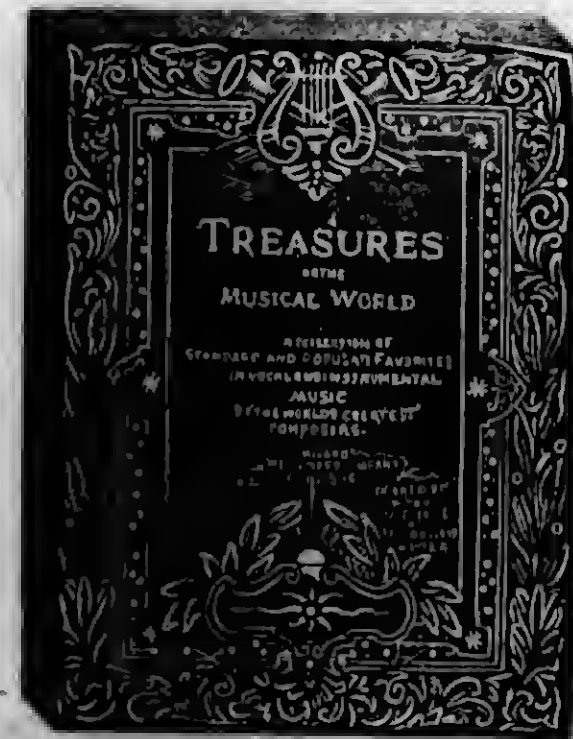
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## WHAT'S THE NEWS?

Where'er we meet, you always say:  
"What's the news? What's the news?"  
Pray what's the order of the day?  
"What's the news? What's the news?"  
Oh, I've got good news to tell—  
My Saviour hath done all things well,  
And triumphed over death and hell—  
That's the news! That's the news!

The Lamb was slain on Calvary—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
To set the world of sinners free—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
For us His precious blood was shed,  
For us He bow'd His sacred head,  
And now He's risen from the dead—  
That's the news! That's the news!

His work's reviving all around—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
And many have Messiah found—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
And since their souls have caught the flame  
They sing "Hosannah" to His name,  
And all around they spread His fame—  
That's the news! That's the news!

The Lord has pardoned all my sin—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
I feel the witness now within—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
And since He took my sins away  
And taught me how to watch and pray,  
I'm happy now from day to day—  
That's the news! That's the news!

And Christ the Lord can save you, too—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
Your sinful heart He can renew—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
This moment, if for sins you grieve,  
This moment, if you do believe,  
A full acquittal you'll receive—  
That's the news! That's the news!

And now, if any one should say  
"What's the news? What's the news?"  
Oh, tell him you've begun to pray—  
That's the news! That's the news!  
That you have joined the conquering band,  
And now with joy at God's command  
You're marching to the better land—  
That's the news! That's the news!

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—It is a fact that should be noted that the last pulpit effort of the late Dr. Hunt was made to an audience of colored people in South Carolina, and his last work in helping seekers for salvation at a Methodist Church altar was in the same church the night following his sermon, when it is probable there were many who had been awakened thereby. He has ever been a staunch and true friend to our people and membership in the South and his memory will be sadly treasured.

—Our esteemed contemporary, *Zion's Herald*, justly indignant because of the refusal of certain Boston hotels to entertain Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., because of his color, says among other things: "Where is the manhood and decency of Massachusetts? But the hotel keepers are not alone guilty; the public is the baser criminal. The hotel keeper is set to serve the great public, and he has an eye to those who patronize him. The public of Boston and Massachusetts do not want colored people as guests about the hotels, and they will not patronize the hostelry which receive the negro. In this matter the people of Massachusetts have not gone down to bed-rock. They have not seriously considered the terrible injustice of this race prejudice. We wrong the best of men; we wrong ourselves. We do injustice to a man for what he cannot help—in fact, for what the Lord made him. We dishonor the image of God itself and reproach the Creator for his work. Let every decent man set himself against this miserable prejudice!"

No one ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.—Spurgeon.

## MISS FRANCES WILLARD AND THE COLOR LINE.

We have read various statements, and from various parts of the country, concerning the attitude of Miss Willard and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union toward colored people. We have seen no statement directly from Miss Willard in connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in which discrimination against colored people was recommended or encouraged. It is nevertheless true, however, that there has been a failure at times, on the part of the local management, to bestow upon colored women that treatment which the name of the great organization would seem to suggest, and to that extent the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has failed to utilize an agency which, if properly appreciated and fostered will give the union a firmer hold upon the people who are destined to play a most conspicuous part in the overthrow of intemperance. We are glad that the union is coming to recognize that fact.

As to Miss Willard's attitude on the subject of lynching, we are not intelligently informed. In all probability some of her words have been misconstrued. It should be distinctly understood, however, that our people are extremely sensitive with reference to the expressions of even their most ardent Northern friends, especially when those expressions seem to confirm the opinions expressed in whole or in part by those less friendly. We happen to know of some instances where the opinions of Northern people have been asked and then very greatly magnified by zealous partisans for the purpose of showing that the unfortunate victims of lynch law met a deserved fate. We believe that Miss Willard's words have suffered the same unfortunate misconception.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the letter of Mrs. Isabella W. Parks, of Atlanta, Ga., who is one of the most eminent white ladies in the land, competent, conscientious and thoroughly devoted to the cause of temperance; a personal friend and admirer of Miss Willard and thoroughly interested in the welfare of the colored women of this nation. She sends also an excerpt of Miss Willard's report in the *Union Signal*. They will be found very interesting reading.

## A TRIBUTE FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER.

In the death of Dr. Sanford Hunt, our senior book agent and publisher, the business manager desires to add his tribute of respect, though it was only a short personal acquaintance that he had with him, which was in the fall of 1891, when Dr. Hunt was on a visit to the office. The business for which he came was dispatched with entire candor and carefulness and he showed an interest in the success of the paper that was inspiring and helpful. It was then that the price of the paper was reduced and the advance payment system adopted. The good man's ministration at the manager's family altar and the many other Christian graces displayed will not be forgotten.

The manager feels especially gratified at the confidence reposed in him by both the agents at New York and also a sense of personal loss in the death of this grand man.

## THE RISING TIDE.

Wants to join the Pledge Brigade: Rev. C. A. Taylor, of Lonoke, Ark., in the Little Rock conference, sends in his pledge for five cash subscribers:

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## BOSTON'S PROTEST.

It may be truthfully said that the best people of Boston, regardless of color or creed, are sincerely and profoundly disgusted with the treatment accorded to Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., by the clerks or proprietors of two or three prominent hotels of that city. Some of our miserable negro-hating Southern editors are chuckling over the event, as though such a thing as discrimination against a man because of his color was the most natural and necessary thing to do.

Their talk is bosh. Every man with a grain of common sense knows that the spirit of discrimination is not as strong in the North as it is in the South. The Boston episode is not the only one that has occurred in the Northern or Eastern States. We have had occasion to speak of this sentiment before. But it must be understood that discrimination is the rule down here. The negro-hater has made a place for the luckless negro here in his principal habitat and if he does not get into it gracefully he goes into it by force. There is hardly any analogy between the Boston or Hartford episodes which are not every-day occurrences and the every-day treatment of the colored man everywhere South of Mason's and Dixon's line.

Almost every Southern Legislature has passed odious laws discriminating against colored people. They are forced to ride in cars frequently which are unfit for the transportation of dogs. Separation, separation, separation confronts you on every hand. White people who come to this section and who take an interest in the colored people are speedily ostracised or informed that their conduct will injure them socially and otherwise.

The idea of saying that the negro is treated with more consideration in the South than he is in the North and that the Southern white man is his best friend is profoundly misleading.

But Boston, the "Hub," the city of progressive ideas, the cradle of American liberty, has protested. This is right. Eminent clergymen and business men repudiated the ungallant and questionable conduct of those responsible for this insult to Bishop Arnett, who is a gentleman of acknowledged ability and character. New York, Ohio and other Northern and Eastern States have enacted laws which guarantee all citizens both their social and civil rights, and whenever these rights are violated citizens can expect a redress of their grievances before the civil courts as constituted. But there is no redress in this section. The negro enjoys some privileges, but by sufferance only. He must put up with what he gets, and if, perchance, he has a case before the courts, the evidence must be very clear, concise and overwhelming in order to secure a verdict in his favor.

Comparisons in this case are simply odious. Yet there are influences at work which promise to so change the social and civil status of the negro that he will be accorded his rights just as freely in the South as in the North. It will not be denied that the negro himself will have much to do in determining this humane and patriotic adjustment.

## GOOD WORDS.

Tennessee—God bless you, doctor. We are pushing the cause in every way possible to help the grand old *Southwestern*. You are making it a better paper all the time. Yours,

C. B. WILSON,  
Clark Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.

Kansas.—With pleasure I read of the faithfulness of the brethren of various conferences in pledging subscribers to the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. I truly hope our conference, the Central Missouri, will not fall one whit behind the others. I am doing all I can for the paper and expect to continue doing so.—Yours,  
W. A. RAY, Topeka, Kan.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ECHOES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

We had two grand bishops who made fine impressions.

We are all feeling sad over the death of dear Brother Hunt.

The conference left the revival fire behind it and Old Bethel and Centenary are ablaze.

The Southwestern has gained in favor and will receive better support in future.

Everybody is talking about the fine body of general officers and the deportment of the members of the conference.

Rev. J. E. Wilson left soon after conference for Cincinnati, to meet the book committee.

Rev. J. R. Townsend, pastor at Darlington College, celebrated his silver wedding Feb. 17, and, with his beloved wife, received some silver and other presents. The writer got a slice of the cake and turkey. God bless them.

Many of the pulpits in Charleston were full of Methodist preachers and power on conference Sunday and satisfaction is said to have been given. 'All hail' to the Gospel preacher.

The Rev. E. M. Pinckney, who obtained supernumerary relation to the conference, is willing as health permits and God helps to assist his brethren in meetings until August. As the result of his labors at Darlington last Sabbath ten joined and the altar was crowded with anxious seekers. Two sons of the pastor were among those who joined.

It is clear that Revs. T. W. Lewis and A. Webster will ever be remembered in the South Carolina conference. Those grand pioneers did nobly in the establishment of our church in this section.

PINCKNEY.

## THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

Since the day of prayer for colleges, the office of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church has received a large number of letters from the various schools of the church, stating that the day was observed with unusual interest and that the results are most cheering. Revivals of great power are in progress in very many church schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, and many hundreds have already entered upon the new life of Christ, while thousands of others, previously members of the church, have entered upon a life of gracious experiences and increased Christian activities scarcely less encouraging than the conversion of the hitherto impenitent. Does the church realize how immeasurable will be the beneficent effects of such a revival, reaching, as it does, the young people who are to be the future leaders of our Methodist hosts? It is to be hoped that this good work will be pressed forward for weeks to come and that its sweep may be so wide and powerful that every student in our higher institutions of learning, shall become a thoroughly saved student, wholly and forever consecrated to the sublime work of saving and uplifting his fellow men. Will not every Christian offer daily prayer for such a glorious consummation?

C. H. PAYNE.

## OUR ARKANSAS LETTER.

Mr. Editor:—I would like to say a few things about the Methodist Episcopal Church in the State of Arkansas. At the last annual conference, held at Batesville, Ark., Jan. 22 to 27, 1896, Bishop W. X. Nide said he felt like calling the Little Rock conference the white-robe conference, as the relation of the brethren to each other was of that character he had never seen before; that none of the presiding elders or the pastors had said a hard word about each other. Praise the Lord for that and let brotherly love continue. Dear brothers, the good bishop gave us three presiding elders from among the young men. Let us see to it that these young men succeed. We must stand together as a unit for the right. Rev. J. E. Toombs, presiding elder Hot Springs district, has started out to shake the valleys and those that wander among the tombs. Rev. E. D. Spencer, presiding elder Pine Bluff district, is a true representative of the church and will do much good with the able young man he has with him. Dr. W. O. Emory, presiding elder Little Rock district, is an able preacher, a good worker and a lover of education. The Forrest City district and Rev. J. W. Jackson, presiding elder, on his third year, give promise of excellent work. Forrest City is the seat of the next annual conference.

On my return to Lenoire I was received with a hearty welcome by all. Mrs. George Forrence died Feb. 2d. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. C. A. TAYLOR.

## A LETTER FROM MRS. I. W. PARKS.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 20, 1896.

Dear Brother:—Much misapprehension has existed concerning the attitude of Miss Willard and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union toward the colored people and upon the subject of lynching. It seems to me of the utmost importance from every point of view that the colored women should unite with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The question of temperance is a vital one to the colored race, as it is to the white, and by joining this organization colored women unite with an army which multiplies their influence a thousand fold. Moreover, it brings them in contact with the best women of the world and in the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union no color line is drawn. But to secure the membership of colored women it is necessary that the mistaken views referred to above be corrected. I ask your aid in this by publishing in your paper the enclosed, taken from Miss Willard's report of her recent Southern trip in the Union Signal, the organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I would also consider it a favor if you would accompany the item with the editorial statement that in all the Southern cities which Miss Willard visited she addressed colored women. Sincerely,

ISABELLA W. PARKS.

"In Kentucky, I have conferred with some of the most intelligent colored women, and they said if their State Union could stand by itself and be directly auxiliary to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, they would gladly do their best to develop our organization. I think they have been under some misapprehension and have supposed that white women wished to 'have a say' about their work, but I assured them that this was a mistake and that the white women in Kentucky desire them to be as independent as themselves, holding direct relations with the National and the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I tell them the story often related by that good and great man, Gen. O. O. Howard, about an audience of freedmen addressed by him in Atlanta just after the war, when he asked: 'What shall I say to your friends at the North as a message from you?' For a moment there was perfect silence, and then a little colored boy standing near the platform took off his torn cap and waving it around his head cried out: 'General, you tell 'em we're a-risin'!' and I try to make the point that in this country to-day the wage-workers, the women and the colored people are 'risin' and that for the present distress it is better for them to meet in groups of their own with those who are under the same condition. If we each do this we will be perfectly free to manage our affairs in our own way, to hold the offices, develop our knowledge of parliamentary usage and learn the difficult lesson of leadership, that later on we may all fraternize on the broader plains of achievement and good will. I tell them that in the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union we know nothing about a difference of complexion, of sex or of creed; we only know humanity, and the best thing they can do under the inexorable social conditions into which they are born is to work themselves up to the level of and become component parts and active powers in those two great societies which are prophecies of the 'glad new time.'—From Miss Willard's Report in the Union Signal of her recent work in Kentucky.

## TEXAS EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Dear Brethren: The Epworth League has become a vital part of our connec-tional life and growth and can not be dispensed with. Wherever it has been organized, fostered by the church and encouraged by the pastor it has proven worthy of its existence.

Many chapters have been the centers of literary influence and of spiritual power. The social cravings of youth must be gratified by the clean, harmonious fellowship with the good and the pure. The youth who visits our churches must be saved, the young communicants more firmly established in the faith and the polity of the church. Brethren, give the young people something to do! Activity is life and growth, inactivity decay

and death! Give the Epworth League a chance. We rejoice in the success already achieved by many of the chapters in the conference. May we not have greater rejoicings this year? Let us pray, labor and wait. We are doing all we can to organize a chapter in every charge in the conference. Will you help? Let us have a thousand conversions through the Epworth League this conference year.

We subjoin a partial report of four of the conference districts. Paris and Palestine made no reports:

The Epworth League work in the Houston district is quite prosperous. The following have active chapters: West Tabernacle, Trinity, Mount Vernon, St. Paul, Columbia, Sloan Street, Boynton, Orange and Beaumont. About ten presidents and over 633 active members.

The Navasota district reports eighteen chapters, over 250 active members, over 150 associate and an increasing interest in League work.

The Huntsville district reports lively chapters at Willis, Prairie Plains, Huntsville, Lovelady, Livingston and Cold Springs. Active members, 635; associate about 200. Enthusiasm growing.

The League chapters of the Marshall district are quite prosperous. Lively chapters at Ebenezer, Malallen, St. Paul, Mineola, Mount Carmel, Red Oak, Valley Plain and Rose Hill. Active members, 800; associate, 300; twenty-five chapters. Officers lively and energetic. May God abundantly bless the League chapters and members of the Texas conference. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. PEMBERTON,  
Conference President.

A conference for ministers and Christian workers will be held at Chicago, beginning Wednesday, April 1st, lasting through to Thursday, the 30th of April, and there will be the advantage not only of the regular work of the Institute, but special lectures will be given afterwards by Superintendent Torrey, Prof. W. W. White and Dr. W. J. Erdman.

As the accommodations at the Institute will be somewhat limited, all who desire to avail themselves of this special conference and stopping at the Institute, at the reduced price for board and room of \$5 per week, should make application early of Superintendent R. A. Torrey, 80 Institute place, Chicago, Ill.

## OUR HOLLY SPRINGS LETTER.

Our first quarterly conference was held Saturday night at Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. Our efficient presiding elder, W. McDonald, presided. The collection was \$17.50. One hundred and eleven took sacrament. Sunday school and Epworth League doing well. Rev. G. G. Logan, A. B., our pastor, is loved by his people. Under his leadership we expect a great jubilee for Methodism in Holly Springs this year. The Southwestern will not be forgotten. Yours for Christ,  
E. H. McKISSACK, Rust University.

—The trustees of the colored school at Clow, Ark., desire a man to take charge of their school at once. Apply to Trustees of Colored School, Clow, Ark.

## AN URGENT APPEAL.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to make this important appeal to the friends and lovers of education. Those of you who have read and kept abreast with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church have not failed to see and feel the influence of the Central Tennessee College. We have watched with interest her career from infancy to her present greatness and power. Her hands are now in a measure tied; she is crowded and needs room. Dr. Braden, the venerable president, who has stood to his post like a hero for nearly thirty years, is now living in the musical department, where four pianos, half a dozen violins and other musical instruments are being played because of the want of more buildings. We appeal to you for a new chapel, for the present one is not half large enough to accommodate the people. Twelve thousand dollars will give us a good building, and the present chapel can be utilized by the musical department. What shall we do and how shall we secure that money? This has been my prayer for some months. God help us to develop some plan to secure the money. Can we find 1000 persons willing to give \$10 apiece? Every graduate of every department of the Central Tennessee College and every student give \$5 and beg \$5, or will he or she give \$10? Let half of this money be

paid in by June 1st and the second half by Sept. 1st. Send your money to Dr. J. Braden or Dr. G. W. Hubbard. Now let every person help who has any interest, for if we can raise \$10,000 the building will be erected at once.  
H. W. WHITE, P. E., Nashville District.

## HELP THOSE WOMEN.

The Training School planned last summer by the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union is at work, with excellent results. It has a non-resident class of about fifty. Its resident students, as a "college settlement," are doing noble service in one of the worst parts of New York City. They carry a meeting in the chapel every evening, a Sunday school, boys' meetings, girls' meetings, a Young Woman's Club, free kindergarten, etc. So far, Mrs. Willing has borne the main expense of it all. She ought to have help. Any one who sends money, stamps, house furnishing, food or clothing for the poor to the value of 50 cents will receive a copy of the booklet that Mrs. Willing has written upon the life of Dr. Willing, entitled "A Prince of the Realm," as a token of appreciation of the gift. Address 463 West Thirty-second street, New York City.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. James McHenry, a superannuated minister of the Atlanta conference, departed this life Feb. 16th at Cave Spring, Ga., in a glorious victory over death. His funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church by the writer, assisted by the following ministers: Prof. F. M. Gordan, Revs. M. M. Alston, B. Boston, J. C. Sheppard, of our church, and Revs. P. G. Simmon and McCain, of the Cedar-town African Methodist Episcopal Church. A large concourse of friends attended the funeral services, which were very impressive. E. D. GIDDENS.

The Preacher's Magazine for March is brimming full of material suitable for Easter. It is the Easter number. The department of homiletics is very abundant in choice sketches and outlines. Wilbur B. Ketchum, publisher, 2 Cooper Union, New York.

## A SPECIFIC

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## THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

### The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your committee, to whom was intrusted the responsibility of the preparation of the report on the state of the country and the church, beg leave to say that "God reigns and the government at Washington is safe."

The past year was one of great interest. It was, perhaps, in very many respects, a year of great trial and perplexity. Many were the doubts and fears with which the many thousands now peopling this great commonwealth began their operations. The year previous had brought them so many bitter disappointments, their honest expectations withering before the blast of the combined forces of soulless corporations, the intrigues of scheming politicians that they had very nigh lost all hope. But "there is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them as we may," and feeling the inspiration of its touch, they took courage, and though sowing sparingly, reaped abundantly. The result is that in many respects we are to-day a happy people.

And yet we would not deceive you. Though prosperous and though great changes for the better have taken place, there is yet much land to be possessed. The voice of the oppressed and despised is still heard in the land. "Man's inhumanity to man" is still making millions mourn. The Spirit of Christ is not yet universally known and practiced, consequently the strong, with impunity and seemingly without any regard of the eternal consequences of their actions, take undue advantage of the weak. And this is seen to be true from the Gulf to the Lakes and from the calm Pacific to the stormy Atlantic. But more especially is this true in this, our Southland. Injustice, like a mighty giant, stalks destructively through the land. Brother is arrayed against brother, and it has almost become true that a man has only to be black to be guilty of whatever crime may be charged against him.

One of the principles of the magna charta, the bulwark of the liberties of the people, is that no man shall be held guilty of whatever offense he may be charged until he is so proved and that he must be given a fair and impartial trial before his peers. We charge that if the white man is, as he claims, the superior of the black man, no black man has been legally tried and punished or executed within the past twenty years, for it is a fact that during the time he has almost been entirely relieved of jury service. Again, the colonies declared that taxation without representation was unjust and for that reason braved the hardships of eight years of continuous war to maintain their position and to prove that they were sincere in their belief and declaration. If it was unjust then, it is unjust now, and we hold, therefore, that to deny the black man representation in the councils of the government and yet tax him for its support is a foul blot upon the once fair escutcheon of these United States. We have asked bread and they have given us a stone. We have asked fish and they have given us a serpent.

We are sorry to say that the great and almost unpardonable crime of lynching is still being practiced. Out of the 198 lynchings that took place last year, 140 were black men! Our cry is: "How long, oh Lord, how long shall we have to suffer these things?" True it is that Governors have issued addresses to the people and made recommendations to their Legislatures. But the crime still goes on. Here in our State a man was recently lynched for the pretext of having stolen a Bible; his aged mother likewise dealt with because she refused to reveal his whereabouts, and his innocent and helpless wife mercilessly whipped for daring to raise her voice in his behalf. We charge that, in a great measure, this great crime could be stopped if the 10,000 and more white pulpits of the South would but raise their voices against it. It may not in this case be true that like people like priest, but we do believe that the white pulpits have been derelict in their duty in this respect. But the voice of the blood of righteous Abel still calls from the ground for vengeance, and as surely as God rules it will come. "Vengeance is mine, and I will repay, saith the Lord." If the pulpits had but been as faithful as nine-tenths of the press has been, comparatively small would have been the number of the victims of such a fiendish and diabolical practice. And we do herewith record our emphatic condemnation of the offense for the al-

leged commission of which so many lynchings have taken place. We also commend the action of the late unconstitutional, so called, constitutional convention in the steps it took looking to the suppression of lynching, and sincerely trust that the Legislature now in session will so legislate as to leave no possible loop-holes through which the guilty and cowardly parties may hereafter escape.

Just here we would take occasion to thank the advocates of our cause and liberty in the recent so-called Constitutional convention for their manly defense, noble and patriotic words and lasting services for humanity.

We are pleased to state that intemperance is weakening and that from present indications the white flag of temperance, purity and sobriety will soon be waving from the dome of every capitol in the Union.

At this point your committee would call attention to the fact that John L. Waller, a colored man and a citizen of this, the reputed "land of the free and home of the brave," languishes in a French prison, and this without a fair and impartial trial and wholly in violation of the system of international law. We would and do hereby condemn such an outrageous assumption of a right that is not a right, only in so far as it is in keeping with the policy of nations. Further do we recommend that a memorial be prepared and sent to the United States Senate urging the necessity of immediate action in this case.

We are pleased to say that the horizon of the financial world presents a brighter prospect than some would suppose. We believe that money matters will be easier the present year than for some years past.

Socially and morally, an appreciable and noteworthy progress has been made. As a result, the social and moral fabric is becoming stronger and there is every reason to believe that the time is rapidly drawing nigh when social purity and moral precepts will be universally known and faithfully practiced.

In the history of the church the past year has been a grand and glorious one. Marvelously great have been her achievements. Her watch-word has been "Onward," and, as a result, thousands, through her agency, have been brought to a saving and experimental knowledge of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Following in the footsteps of our blessed and exalted head, she has gone about doing good. Many are the sorrowing hearts she has comforted; many are the dying beds she has smoothed and with her helping hands thousands have been assisted in their efforts to lead a better, nobler and grander life. We do not wonder then that God has blessed her with at least 250,000 conversions and 150,000 accessions. She still marches grandly onward, building over five churches a day, and we confidently believe that the day is not far distant when she will be found building twenty a day.

It pains us, however, to be forced to admit that there is a deficit of some \$250,000 in our Missionary Society's receipts. Because of this, retrenchments have been made in our missionary work. We would urge upon our conference the imperative necessity of making advances in its collection this year. Let us make the grandest effort of our lives in this particular and have the satisfaction of knowing that through such, the debt, now hanging over the Society like a pall, has been wiped out.

We are glad to note that the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society is still faithful and true to her purposes. Together with the Educational Society, she is doing a great work for fallen and oppressed humanity in this Southland.

A careful study shows that all of our benevolent institutions are still faithfully at work and serving the purposes for which they were created. We therefore confidently predict that a grand, a glorious future awaits us, and that with a firm and unshaken faith in God it will soon be ours to enter in and possess the land, for

"Right is right, since God is God,  
And right the day will win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin."  
E. B. BURROUGHS, Chairman.

### BRAVE WORDS FOR THE FREEDMEN.

Synopsis of an address delivered at the First Episcopal Church, Topeka, Kan., by Rev. N. C. McFarland, on the occasion of taking a collection for the Freedmen:

"There is prejudice existing in the minds of most people in this country against the negro. Many believe that

the cause of this prejudice is because the negro is black, and yet a little reflection will convince any one that this is a misconception. The real cause is previous condition and not color. The proudest lady in the city of Topeka, or the State of Kentucky, will sit and ride in a carriage with the blackest woman ever made, provided she is there as a slave or servant; or even with the blackest of men if he should be the driver; but she would not do this on any consideration if the colored person was there as an equal. But the color is precisely the same in both cases and just as likely to rub off in the one as the other. In European countries where the blacks have never been slaves there is no such prejudice. In India, where the color is the same, the prejudice of caste is far stronger than the prejudice I speak of in this country. It is condition, not color.

"When a business man wishes to make an investment, if he has business sense, he examines into the various forms of investment, bonds, mortgages, farms, to ascertain if possible which will pay the best. He looks for results, heavy interest with least risk. Why not put a little business into your religion, and take the same care with the money devoted more particularly to the Lord's work? Some people are not as careful in investing the Lord's money as they are with what they are pleased to call their own.

"Now I will show you that for quick returns and large profits the Freedman's Board stands at the head of the list of all your beneficiaries and boards.

"First—The freedmen are near you. Twenty-four hours' ride will carry your teachers and money right into their midst. If at any time you have doubt whether your money is properly expended, with very little time and expense your conference can send an agent to examine into the matter, and you can be advised at once. Money is sometimes wasted in missionary as well as other projects. I have heard it said that if you spend thousands of dollars in converting one soul in Africa the money is well spent. I do not controvert the proposition except comparatively, 'one soul outweighs them all.' But if with the same expenditure you can bring 100 souls to the light in Georgia, what then?

"Second—The freedmen speak our language. It takes years for a missionary to learn a foreign tongue.

"Third—What religion these people have is the Christian religion. The heathens all have their religion. They believe it to be the best, and this has to be displaced before you begin with ours.

"Fourth—The freedmen want teachers and Christian missionaries now. They feel the need of them. In heathen countries the people (certainly at first) do not want Christian instruction. They do not believe they need it. It takes much patience, great labor and a long time to prepare the way.

"Fifth—The freedmen are citizens of the Republic; they are voters and will, some day help make the laws that will govern us. Thus it may be seen that we are directly and personally intrusted in their elevation.

"Sixth—We owe them a debt which can never be paid, and such a debt as we owe to no other. For two hundred years we robbed them. The highwayman is satisfied with your purse, the ghoul is satisfied with your corpse, and the libertine is satisfied with your virtue; but here we took everything they had. True, we have suffered in losses to ourselves of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of lives, in oceans of tears and emblems of mourning as black as the color we affect to despise. But we have paid nothing to them. For four weary years it seemed as if the angel of death was demanding a recompense. The great heart of Lincoln was struggling under a sense of this mighty load of debt, when in his second inaugural he said: 'Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wishes that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said: 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

"My dear friends, if we shall do our duty to this despised and neglected race and shall hereafter reach the humanity state, may we not hope that we shall hear sweeter words than ever fell from human lips; sweeter than the angel choir at Bethlehem; sweeter than the songs of the redeemed, because they shall be spoken by the King Himself in His glory, when He shall say: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

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**THE SALOON OR THE HOME.**

The good people of this country who have joined their efforts for the suppression of the saloon are regarded by the saloon oligarchy as fanatical. Indeed, they are charged with attempting to deprive the working people of their rights, and their efforts are styled "puritanical," "oppressive," "insolent," etc. And this because the home in some parts of our land has been made to pay tribute to the saloon by the indifference, if not the downright aid, given to the unholy cause by people who profess to stand for righteousness. We are dismayed when we behold the wonderful strides which are being made toward the destruction of the Christian home and Sabbath and the enthronement of the saloon. The great evil has become an important political factor in many of the larger cities of our Union and men are often selected in these disreputable places to represent their fellow citizens in the various offices within the gift of the people. Meanwhile, the work of destruction goes on. An immense amount of money is required to look after the multitudes who have graduated from these legalized schools of public vice and immorality. Every home in the land is exposed, while it is proposed to give the moloch of intemperance the further privilege of throttling the fair institutions which are the proud boast of American citizens. The Christian people of this land are under the most solemn obligations to make common cause against the rum power and to wage an unceasing warfare until it is wiped from our statute books. That grand motto of the true temperance crusaders, "For God and home and native land," is enough to thrill every loyal heart. In the name of humanity's best friend and for the rescue of the home and the preservation of its sanctity, for our own beloved native land, to make it the fairest, the brightest and the best, let the vast army of temperance workers, East, West, North and South, white and colored, work together until the common foe is not only dead, but buried beyond hope of resurrection.

The bill presented to the Congress of the United States by Senator Pfeffer aims to prohibit the collection of special liquor taxes from persons other than those who are duly authorized by State laws to traffic in intoxicating liquors. It is a step in the right direction, and while it does not go as far in the work of prohibiting the unholy traffic as might be desired, is, nevertheless, a blow which will materially lessen the number of "speakeasies" in license States and the "blind tigers" in local option States. A strong temperance sentiment ought to strengthen the hands and the backs of our Congressmen. Fortunately, the people have the right to petition. Let them use it promptly and persistently.

The Greenville (Miss.) Times is, fortunately, not read very extensively outside of the State, but for all practical purposes is an illustration of the hereditary animus of the dominant political party of that State and shows also the methods used by the said party for the purpose of securing what it is pleased to term "white supremacy."

The following specimen of glaring misrepresentations as to the negro's incompetency to become an important political factor in his native State and the determination of his white fellow-citizens, the chivalrous Mississippians, to deprive him of every vestige of his rights as a citizen, shows how bitterly hostile the sentiment is against the luckless negro. The Democratic Times thus speaks:

"The situation of the negro, transplanted forcibly into the midst of a civilization to the demands of which he cannot rise, and forced by a mistaken philanthropy to assume responsibilities for which his moral and mental limitations render him unfit,

is ineffably pitiful. Out of the ignorance and humility of slavery he was thrust at once into a position of the highest political and social responsibility—a place which he was utterly incapable of maintaining and which rendered his brief supremacy a sorrowful burlesque. Gradually since that time his unsolicited and probably unmerited privileges have been taken from him until it is now proposed to practically deprive him of the only means by which he could ever hope to fit himself for the assumption of the duties of a civilized man and citizen. It is argued, and with justice, that a trial of thirty years has been practically without result. The proposed separation of taxes appropriated for school purposes would annihilate the negro public school system, even should the proposed \$2 compulsory poll tax be levied. Moreover, the tendency is dangerous. The negro has been disfranchised. His school privileges are now to be curtailed or taken from him. Other restrictive measures will follow, and the natural sequence will be his relegation to a condition wanting only the name of slavery. It may be asked what are we educating him for? Frankly, we cannot tell. Not to fit him for social or political equality. Such a condition is not desirable, no matter how high might be his attainments. It is well known that by Southern men the illiterate and half-barbarous negro of the cotton field is regarded with a peculiar feeling of good will and friendliness. A mutual understanding exists between these two classes which makes them almost necessary to each other. With the so-called educated negro, however, it is different, and a feeling of hostility grows between him and the white man with each step he makes beyond the cotton field. The problem is even a more puzzling and troublesome one than the political status of the race. It had its origin in the mistaken philanthropy which his nature makes him unable to hold, and the error cannot now be corrected without a violation of national principles, a shirking of moral responsibility and a long step on a dangerous and precipitous road."

**THE SOUTHWESTERN BAROMETER.**

This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within fourteen out of eighteen conferences composing our patronizing territory. We would like to give credit to each conference rather than to the States included in the conference boundary.

Brethren in the Atlanta or Savannah, in Georgia; the Mississippi or Upper Mississippi, in Mississippi; the Texas or West Texas, in Texas; the Tennessee or East Tennessee, in Tennessee, in sending in subscribers, will please give the name of their conferences (not their districts), so that we can give the proper credits to the conferences in the barometer column.

The status of the conferences for the week ending March 2, is as follows:

Mississippi (two conferences) leads with.....	13
Texas (two conferences).....	7
Georgia (two conferences).....	6
Louisiana.....	4
Tennessee (two conference).....	2
Florida.....	2
Lexington.....	2
Central Alabama.....	2
Little Rock.....	1
Delaware.....	1

Total for week.....40

The gambling evil, so prevalent in different parts of this country, will in all probability soon be outlawed. The good people of New Jersey have fought this gigantic evil against almost overwhelming odds, but success has crowned their efforts and all forms of race-track gambling are suppressed. The Legislature of Virginia has taken hold of the evil and its reign in that State will soon be at an end. New York, Illinois and other States will join their forces with their sister States in rooting up the iniquity. Kentucky is, perhaps, the most important stronghold of the pool-room gambling fraternity, with Covington as their capital. But the good people of that city—especially the woman—are waging a successful warfare against the evil, with the probabilities of success largely in their favor. Now for Louisiana.

—Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, will please accept our thanks for annual catalogue of this, one of the most important, educational institutions in the United States.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

Young men who are teaching in any colored schools in any part of the South will hear of something very much to their advantage by corresponding with the editor of this paper.

Will the pastors call the attention of teachers to this notice? REV. E. W. S. HAMMOND,  
 Editor of Southwestern.  
 631 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

—The office of the Southwestern was highly honored with a visit last week from Bishop J. C. Keener, D. D., senior bishop of the M. E. Church South. The distinguished chief pastor of the Southern church looks hale and hearty, and, notwithstanding his abundant and excessive labors, he bears his honors and his years with that ease and self-pose characteristic of the man. His reminiscences of earlier days, while in charge of the congregation of St. Paul's, in this city, were interesting and instructive. We shall not soon forget the brief but very interesting visit of the good bishop, whose cheering words give us a new inspiration to the work in hand.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

—The Pentecostal Age is pentecostal in every respect. From first to last its utterances savor of the heart of flame and the tongue of fire.

—The Southwestern Presbyterian looks better and better in its octave form. Its improvement, however, in all departments makes it one of the best religious journals of the age.

—Rev. D. M. Sims, of Houma, La., was "pounded" recently, and, as a result, there will be many good things for the family, the result of the good will of the people of his church.

—Rev. Charles Crockett, pastor of our church at Morgan City, La., with his family, was made the recipient of a splendid pound party surprise quite recently. The parsonage was invaded by a generous coterie of members and accompanied by the celebrated Silver Cornet Band. Good cheer reigned. The house and larder were generously supplied with the things necessary to make pastor and family happy.

—Our profound sympathies go out for our beloved brother, Rev. D. E. Skelton, pastor of Gunn's Chapel, Lexington, Ky. His beloved mother passed to the great beyond on the 19th. She was a great, good woman, faithful, diligent, fervent in spirit and served the Lord with great zeal. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but during the last ten years of her life she was a member of the Baptist Church. Her end was peaceful and full of hope.

—Rev. Alexander McDade, pastor of Donaldson Street M. E. Church, in Columbus, O., has wrought faithfully this year. A note from Brother Thomas Curtis, a prominent official, says that the work for this year will surpass any in the history of the church. The church has been improved, over a thousand dollars collected, many souls saved and the congregations greatly increased. Our church now occupies a commanding position and the return of Brother McDade would be hailed with joy.

—Brothers G. H. Johnson and B. H. Garrett, members of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Paris, Ky., write in the highest terms concerning the work of Rev. G. W. Thomas, their pastor, who is now closing up his fourth year there with signal success. Seventeen hundred dollars have been collected for various purposes, while the whole church in every department is quickened. The Paris True Kentuckian has a splendid tribute to the zeal and consecrated ability of Brother Thomas, and characterizes him as one of the finest pulpit orators in the State. Of course, the people want him for another year.

Do not say that you "are thankful to God" when you never show gratitude to men around you; for you speak not the truth. Gratitude to God can not dwell in the breast void of that spirit to fellow men. You are only deceiving yourself by trying to deceive others. You think no one can see your heart toward God, and so you can testify of that; be assured it is the spirit that is in you, and it will show in one direction as well as in another. If the light of it does not shine out toward man, it is only because it has expired toward God. A hypocritical religion will not be sufficient to hide the facts.—Selected.



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## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

There was quite a large gathering of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth at the beautiful First Street Methodist Church on Sunday night last. The spacious auditorium, with the extension, was filled with a delighted audience to witness the anniversary exercises. The programme was nicely rendered. The able address by Brother I. C. Price and the splendid recitation by Miss Stella Brazeley were pleasant features. The editor of the Southwestern preached the annual sermon.

Mount Zion Church held its fourth quarterly conference and meeting according to previous appointment. Rev. S. Duncan, the new presiding elder, was received with great cordiality and presided with acceptability. His salary was generously increased. The love feast was a good season to come forward for prayers. Revival services are being held with very hopeful prospects. The Sunday school improves grandly. Rev. T. G. Montgomery, the pastor, is happy.

Rev. D. J. Price reports a hopeful outlook at Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church. Last Sunday's meeting was pleasant and profitable. Pride of Jefferson Lodge of Odd Fellows held their annual service in the afternoon. Rev. J. C. Clarke, M. D., preached a strong sermon. The attendance was large. The communion service was held at night. The congregation was large and attentive. Two hundred and fifty partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

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President Andrews' great history serial in Scribner's Magazine, draws to a conclusion in the March number. The March instalment contains a pictorial record also that is unique in magazine illustration, giving thirty-five pictures. The Homestead riots and the Tennessee convict troubles are also fully illustrated. A feature of the number is an article on "Carnations," by J. H. Connolly, the abundant illustrations of which are printed in color. Artistically, the number is of unusual interest. In short fiction there is a touching story by H. C. Bunner. The three departments are full of timely matter.

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## OBITUARY.

Rev. Peter McCray.—In memory of work and worth some words ought to be written. He was born in South Carolina in 1847; was happily converted to God and joined our conference in his native State in 1871, which then embraced the State of Florida. He was stationed at Lone Star, near Jacksonville. His last year's work was at Key West. He brought his report to the conference at its last session in Gainesville, Fla., and before the bishop's appointment was read out he was called to minister with angels in the court of heaven. The Sabbath services were enjoyed by him in the morning and before the evening sermon the Lord suddenly called him to join the blood-washed throng above. "Servant of God, well done." We bid adieu, dear brother, to your straight manly form and admire your ardent zeal, your fiery utterances of Gospel lore and vigorous calls to follow the Lord; and also congratulate you that amid the happy associations of conference fellowships you went up to answer the roll in the skies.

In 1872, among the first to attend a night school in Jacksonville out of which grew Cookman Institute, came our brother. The labor of the day for honorable support of wife and young children did not exhaust his energies, but, learning to read God's word, study of Christian doctrines soon led the way to his better equipment. Good results followed his efforts and his labors at his appointment at Lake City in 1876-77-78, more fully developed the type of the future characteristic Methodist preacher. In 1879 he was sent to Cotton Plant, in Marion county, and there years of successful labor were added to his record. In 1882 he was sent to the best appointment in all that section of our conference—Owens and Hemington. This charge was a favored field of labor and large accessories during his three years of labor fully vindicated the fidelity of this servant of God.

Gainesville, the chief appointment in that district and in some respects the equal of the best in our conference, claimed his spiritual labors for the next three years of 1885-87. The same period of pastoral service was rendered at Mikesville and then Starke for the year 1891. Cedar Keys was his next appointment, for 1892 and 1893, and Key West received the last two years' labors, 1894 and 1895.

His home life was such as the itinerant minister knows full well—subject to changes and trials—but these were borne with submission and he sought to give his children the best education possible. If the father's footstep crosses no more the threshold to cheer the companion of his toil or to counsel his children, we may rejoice that one son emulates his example as a preacher of the Word, and with the advantages of his son's training in our conference school, will be able to do even more efficient service for God and man. We tender our sympathies to his family in this brief tribute to his memory and counsel them to seek and to serve the God of their devoted father.

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The district steward's meeting will be held at Gainesville March 4th. Let each brother be present without fail. Yours faithfully,  
J. C. HUNT, P. E.

### PALESTINE DIVISION.

Dear Brethren:—Send for your East-

ter programmes at once and raise as much of your benevolent money as possible and send the same to the department to which it belongs. Circulate our Sunday school and church literature among our people. Don't forget the Southwestern. Raise the amount for general conference expenses at once and forward. Yours in Christ,  
W. A. FORTSON, P. E.

## HUMOROUS.

Aunt Dorothy—"How many commandments are there, Johnny?"  
Johnny (glibly)—"Ten."  
Aunt Dorothy—"And now, suppose you were to break one of them?"  
Johnny (tentatively)—"Then there'd be nine. —Exchange."

Wife (to unhappy husband)—"I would not worry, John! It doesn't do any good to borrow trouble."

Husband—"Borrow trouble? My dear, I ain't borrowing trouble; I've got it to lend."—Colorado Sun.

Master—"Pat, I thought I engaged you to carry bricks up that ladder by the day."

Pat—"Ye did, sor."

Master—"Well, I've been watching you, and you've only done it half a day to-day. The other half you spent coming down the ladder."

Pat—"I'll thry to be doin' better to-morry, sor."

Newspaper Clerk—"Your advertisement reads, 'Wanted, a little girl to mind a baby.' Don't you think it would sound better if it read like this: 'Wanted, a little girl to care for a baby?'"

Advertiser—"No. Mind is the correct word. You don't know that baby."

An Irish undertaker and an employee got into a dispute about wages.

Lawyer (to undertaker)—"Now, sir, didn't you promise to pay this young man so much a week?"

Undertaker—"No, sir; it was so much a wake."

Mr. Keller—"An' how are ye this mornin', Mistriss Flynn? Is yer rheumatiz any better?"

Mrs. Flynn—"Well, yis, I think it is, I thank ye kindly. The new doctor's treatment is doin' me a worl' av good. I believe. He advises me to take Queen Ann eternally and to rub anarchy on me jints. So I'm doin' it, an' I think it's 'elpin' me wonderfully."

## Use It in Time.

Catarrh starts in the nasal passages, affecting eyes, ears and throat, and is in fact, the great enemy of the human system. Neglected catarrh in the head almost invariably precedes catarrh, causing an excessive flow of mucus, and if the mucus discharge becomes interrupted the disagreeable results of catarrh will follow, such as head ache, severe pain across forehead and about the eyes, a roaring and buzzing sound in the ears and oftentimes a very offensive discharge. Ely's Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for these troubles.

## Episcopal Visitations for 1896.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Kansas, Atchison, Kan.	March 11	Andrews
Baltimore, Baltimore	March 11	Warren
Philadelphia, Philadelphia	March 11	Hunt
Lexington, Louisville, Ky.	March 18	Bowman
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.	March 18	Andrews
Wilmington, Dover, Del.	March 18	Warren
Central Pennsylvania, W.		
Hampport, Pa.	March 18	Vincent
St. Louis, Sedalia, Mo.	March 18	Goodell
North Indiana, Richmond	March 25	Bowman
E. German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 25	Foster
S. W. Kansas, Wichita	March 25	Andrews
Newark, Newark, N. J.	March 25	Foss
New Jersey, Bridgeton	March 25	Joyce
Cent'l Missouri, Springfield	March 25	Goodell
New England, Southon, Fall		
River, Mass.	April 1	Foster
New York E., New Haven, Conn.	April 1	Merrill
N. W. Kansas, Salina	April 1	Andrews
New York, New York city	April 1	Ningo
New Hampshire, Lawrence	April 1	Fowler
Wyoming, Bingle, Idaho	April 1	Vincent
Delaware, Chester, Pa.	April 1	Joyce
Missouri, Trenton, Mo.	April 1	Goodell
Maine, Auburn, Me.	April 8	Merrill
New England, Springfield, Mass.	April 8	Foss
Vermont, Barre, Vt.	April 8	Fowler
Northern N. Y., Oswego	April 8	Joyce
East Maine, Orono	April 15	Merrill
Troy, Glensville, N. Y.	April 15	Foss
North Dakota, Jamestown	April 15	Vincent
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.		
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.		



## OUR WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE.

BY OLIA.

In my lifetime I have met people who thought it a disgrace to labor. How very silly this seems. The laboring man or woman is by far the happiest. The laborer is too busy to be in trouble with his neighbors. Instill upon the minds of your boys and girls that we all cannot be doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc.; some one must do the other part of the work. I heard of a mother whose son had been employed by the government for several years and some one had offered him a position as delivery man in a clothing store, say: "It would be very hard for John to have to come to this. He is so unaccustomed to hard work." The idea! I have no sympathy for that woman whatsoever. Very possibly, had Lincoln never been a rail-splitter he would never have been President. Ruth Ashmore says, in the Ladies' Home Journal, in her talk to girls: "Honest work is never disreputable and a gentleman is always a gentleman, no matter what he may do to earn a living, providing the method is honest. Society may not recognize him; but certainly those who know him and know what and who he is will not permit themselves to turn the cold shoulder toward him because through misfortune he has been forced to take the work he could get and not what he could do."

"The young women of to-day who dread matrimony because of the economy necessarily practiced by the newly-married, should listen to some of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's reminiscences and be shamed into less extravagant views. She tells the time in her early married life when she made, washed, ironed and sold shirts to a neighbor's stableman in order that she might have money to entertain certain 'delegates' in a manner befitting the dignity of the rising young clergyman."

## THE KIND OF LITERATURE.

"Some one has said 'good books are better friends than good men.' Boys and girls should never read a book that they would not want any one to know they read. Parents should accumulate a library. Not a set of books so beautifully bound that you are afraid your children will soil them, but common sense bindings, and allow them the privilege of reading whatever book they want whenever they desire it. The flooding of the land with dime novels is a curse to humanity. Let them know something of the words of Cowper, Scott, Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress,' Moore, Bryant, etc. All of us may not be able to travel very extensively, therefore, for the benefit of those who are not, books on travels will prove very interesting."

## SOMETHING GIRLS SHOULD CULTIVATE.

If there is anything girls should cultivate it is repose, says a writer in Harper's Round Table. Simply do not allow your feet to swing and your brows to pucker, but compel face and feet to mind your will, and will to be calm and tranquil on the outside if not beneath the surface. A result of this will be that the looking quiet and moving gently and holding yourself in control will bring about a restful condition of mind. You will feel better and less nervous if you put down the expression of nervousness.

Indigestion is at the bottom of half of our maladies. School girls should eat plenty of food at the right times and should avoid too many sweets. Many a headache and fit of the blues can be traced back to a pound of candy, delicious candy, but too much for the stomach to manage. Bonbons and caramels and all such tempting confections should be eaten after a meal as dessert, not munched all day between times.

## POINTS OF ETIQUETTE.

All invitations, particularly those to a dinner, should be properly acknowledged in order to allow the hostess to fill the places of any who are obliged to decline.

To be greatly disconcerted about trifles and magnify them in conversation is a common breach of good manners. Indeed, all forms of lack of self-control show ill-breeding.

When attending an afternoon tea each guest should leave a card in the hall or with the servant in attendance. Those who cannot be present are expected to send their cards on that afternoon.

"Good-by" is considered a more ele-

gant form of leave-taking than to say good-day, good afternoon or good evening, which are a trifle provincial. But good-night is well enough after some evening entertainment.

If there is a stranger at your table, be careful not to let the conversation dwell upon local or personal topics of which he knows nothing. There is no more refined torture to a sensitive person than the sense of isolation created by being ignored in this thoughtless fashion.—Exchange.

## For Alcoholism

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## THE FARM.

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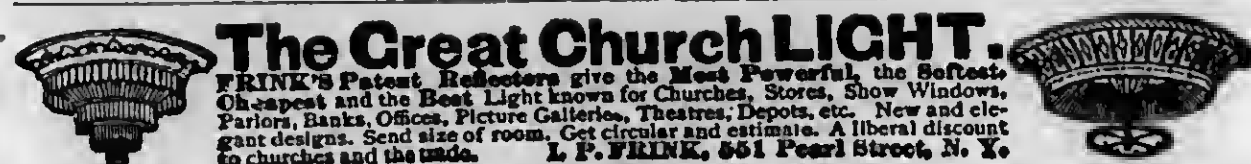
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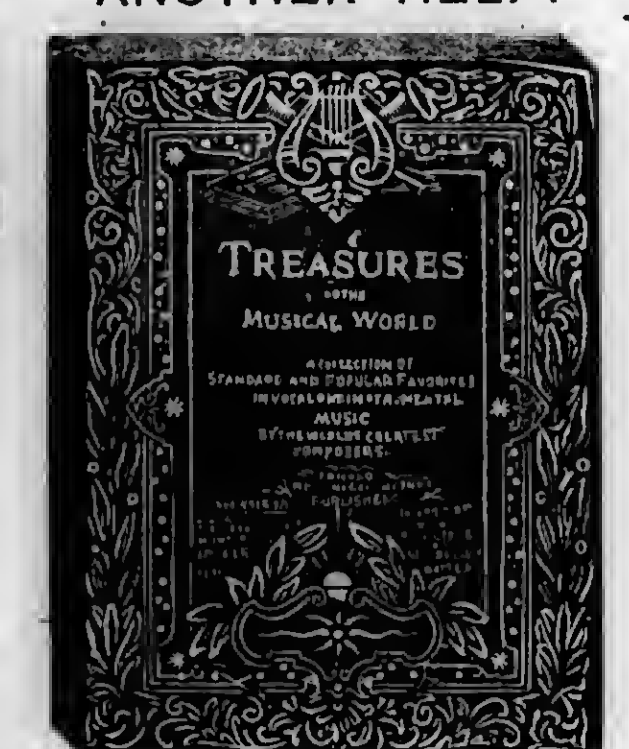


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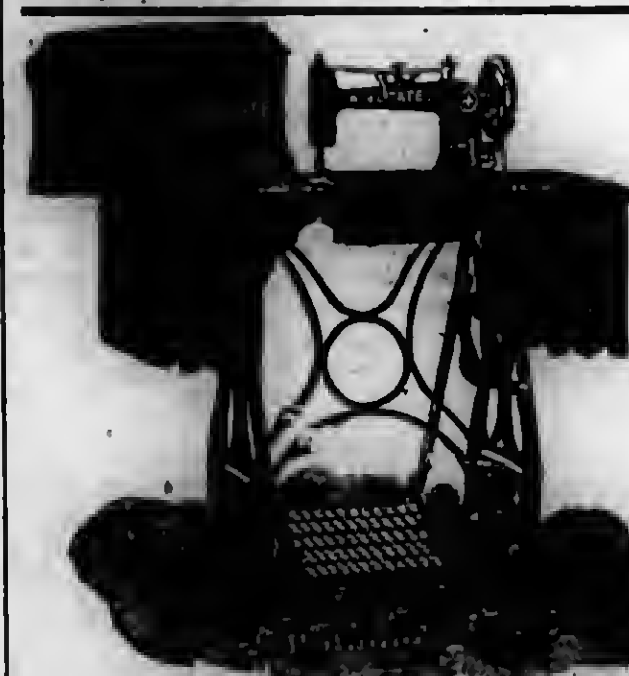
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TEACHING ABOUT PRAYER.  
Luke 11:1-3.

Golden Text—"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." (Luke 11:9.)

My teachers' Bible puts but one incident between this and our last lesson. It is likely the event we studied last Sabbath occurred in Jerusalem. Soon after it transpired Jesus departed for Bethany. In the home of His friends the conversation between Martha, Mary and Himself took place. After this, and in or near this same village, occurred the issues of this lesson. Jesus has here taught us how to pray, urged us to continue in prayer and promised to answer our petitions.

I. The model prayer (1-4). 1. The devotion of Jesus—"He was praying in a certain place." The Savior has taught us by precept and example that we should pray in secret. He has said: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." He lived in the habit of secret devotion. He was praying when He went up from the place of baptism. After He had spent a busy Sabbath day in Capernaum He arose the next morning "a great while before day" and went into a solitary place and prayed. The entire night before choosing the twelve apostles was spent in prayer. After He had fed the multitude and sent them away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray. He was alone praying just before He delivered that memorable discourse near Caesarea Philippi. If He who knew no sin needed and used this means of grace, how much more do we, who are prone to evil, need it. May the Father help us to "pray without ceasing."

2. The request of the disciples "when He ceased." No doubt their eyes were upon Him while He prayed. They probably saw His soul aflame with the glory of God and realized the power of prayer. They were too reverent to interrupt Him in worship. When He paused they spoke. Let perfect silence and deep devotion reign while the minister leads us up to the throne of God in prayer. "One of His disciples," likely Peter, addressed Him. He did not have more mind or soul than the other apostles, but more tongue. He was a ready spokesman. Every organized company has its leader, who does the talking for it. "Teach us to pray." Prayer, like preaching, is both an art and a gift. As an art it may be taught and learned, written and committed. As a gift, it is the work of the Holy Spirit—"For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us." (Rom. 8:26.) "As John also taught his disciples." That greatest of all the prophets told the people how to live and how to worship. I would love much to see the prayer he gave them. But some privileges are denied us in this life. We have on record only a few things the prophets, Saviour and apostles said and did. But they are enough for faith and practice.

3. The form of prayer. This is commonly known as the Lord's prayer. It has been given as a model for us. It is not a prayer or form to be invariably used, yet it is suitable at all times and under all circumstances. It is composed of seven petitions: 1. "Our Father which art in heaven." The word our shows that we belong to God by creation, preservation and redemption. The vocable Father teaches the filial relation between God and man. As our Father, He protects us and provides for us. Heaven is the home of Deity. It is revealed to us in Scripture as a place and a state. We know not where it is, but surely it is located somewhere in space. It may be the center of God's universe. As a state, love, joy, peace, truth and faith rule there. 2. "Hallowed be Thy name." God's names are a clear revelation of Himself. By them we know, in part what He is. The word hallowed means to render or pronounce holy. No profane person keeps the name of God sacred. Every appellation God has given to Himself should be held in high reverence by man. 3. "Thy kingdom come." With a kingdom we associate a King, a code of laws and many subjects. God's kingdom is His spiritual reign in heaven above, in His church on earth and in the heart of man. His laws are all the doctrines of the Bible. His subjects are those who possess His Spirit, believe

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and obey the teachings of His word. When we pray for His kingdom to come we ask that the truths of His Gospel may be received and lived by. 4. "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." Thy precepts be observed and Thy commandments obeyed. The will of God should be done by us with perfect conformity to His law and gospel. And in by having Christ enthroned in the heart and His Spirit reigning over every emotion and desire. The angels do the will of God perfectly and gladly in heaven. May His saints do the same on earth. 5. "Give us day by day our daily bread." Bread here means every kind of wholesome food for the body. It also refers to spiritual nourishment for the soul. Jesus is the "bread of life." The word give shows God's abundance and charity and our poverty and dependence. Day by day teaches our constant reliance on Him. The petition is a strong implied command for daily family prayer. 6. "Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us." Sin is the transgression of the law; it is the omission of duty, and it is the harboring of evil thoughts. God forgives sin by covering it, by blotting it out, by casting it behind His back. He puts it out of sight and deals with us as though we never broke His law. Sin, when forgiven, is not destroyed. The Lord pardons us on the condition that we forgive others. If we retain malice against our neighbor we need not hope for pardon from God. 7. "And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." The word temptation has more than one signification. Its primary meaning is solicitation to evil; invitation to do wrong. In this sense God never tempts anyone, for He "cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man." Its secondary meaning is to prove, test, try. In this sense the Lord sometimes weighs His children. This is not the prayer of a coward, but of one who knows the weakness of the human heart. We should not only ask God to deliver us from the Evil One, but from all sin.

II. We should continue to pray (5-8). This though is illustrated by a parable. A friend is one who is attached to another by affection or one who holds another in very high esteem. All have friends and when they call we wish to treat them well. 1. We do no violence to the word of God when we let the man "in his journey" represent an unsaved person who feels his need of Christ and is seeking for Him. 2. The one to whom he went may represent the child of God or the minister of the Gospel. He has no salvation for his poor awakened friend. He can only go in his prayers to the throne of grace and beg that the "bread of life" be given him. 3. The man who is within may represent God. His selfishness is not given to show the Spirit of the Lord, but to teach impurity in prayer. God often seems indifferent to our cries. This man continued to ask till He from within arose and granted his request. We may continue to pray till God gives the desire of our heart. Perseverance is everything. Nine out of ten who fail would have succeeded if they had continued.

III. God will answer prayer (9-13). Ask is the primary thought here, seek and knock are secondary. We ask for spiritual and temporal blessings, seek the kingdom of God and knock at the straight gate. If an earthly father, who is evil, will give good gifts to his child, how much more will the heavenly Father, who is good, give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

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press.....5:50 p.m.		press.....7:30 a.m.	
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No. 7, coast acc.....8:50 am		No. 4, fast ex.....9:45 am	
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But it is not right for the Missionary Society to support such ministry one day after the people themselves become able to take care of their own preachers. And we are not sufficiently aroused to the importance of self-help. We, as pastors and presiding elders, must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-help and we must beget this spirit into the heart of all the officials of our church and, as far as possible, every member of our church and congregation.

We can bring no greater boon to our

people than a manly and womanly spirit of self-help. I wish we were able to say to the Missionary Society that we don't want any more help for our old work, and certainly every presiding elder's district that has as many as 3,000 members ought support its presiding elder without one cent from the Missionary Society. We ought to be able to collect an average of 40 cents per member per year for the support of the presiding elder. Thus 3,000 members would pay \$1,200 per year for the support of the presiding elder. Now, this can be done if we will rightly set to work at the matter.

And if each district could be made self-supporting to-day we would need no less aid from the Missionary Society for yet awhile, for there are a great many half-starved preachers on poor fields that need better support, and there are many new fields opening up to us, and with a little aid from the Missionary Society a great and glorious good could be done for the kingdom of God.

I invite correspondence through the Southwestern upon this subject. Let me hear from you, brethren. Yours in the work,  
E. M. COLLETT.

## The Pace That Kills.

Fast Work and Fast Eating Make Three  
Score Years and Ten a Ripe  
Old Age These Days.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The American people live too fast, eat too fast and drink too fast. This has brought upon many of us a train of nervous and stomach disorders that are very difficult to manage. Investigation and chemical analysis to discover such compounds as will help those suffering from such ills has resulted in the discovery of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which has taken very high rank as a specific remedy.

H. P. Owens, a traveling man, thirty years of age, who is well known in this community and generally liked because he is a bright, energetic young fellow, resides with his mother at 335 Central avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been a victim of dyspepsia which took the form of continuous constipation, and, strangely enough, his mother suffered from the same trouble. Mr. Owens testified to the merits of Pink Pills in a most enthusiastic way, and said to the Enquirer reporter:

"I am glad to say anything I can for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, because they did me great good and other people ought to know of their virtues as a medicine in stomach troubles. It was some time ago when I felt a heavy feeling in my stomach and I grew very constipated. I did not consult a doctor, but having heard of the Pink Pills I bought a box of them. In two or three days the heavy feeling in my stomach disappeared and my bowels were regular. I did not have to use more than a box of them before I was well. Since that time I have only occasionally been troubled with constipation and I never get worried because I know just what to do. Mother was also troubled with indigestion and the Pink Pills did the same for her they did for me—cured her, didn't they, mother?"

When appealed to, Mrs. Owens answered:

"That is right. I found that it was a great medicine, so easy to take and so quick and lasting in its results."

Mr. Owens continued: "I believe that these pills are also good for nervousness. When I had my stomach trouble I was also quite nervous and that disappeared with the dyspepsia. The Pink Pills were all that is claimed for them. You can make any use of this testimonial that you see fit."

H. P. Owens has occupied several positions of trust in this city. He was for a time an employee of the Commercial-Gazette. He will go on the road in a few days for a prominent business house here. Mrs. Owens is quite as enthusiastic as her son about the Pink Pills and her host of lady friends can verify her good opinion of this wonderful remedy if they feel disposed to do so at any time. Where the testimony is so general and unanimous as to the excellencies of Pink Pills as the Enquirer has found it to be, there is certainly good reason to believe all the good things said about the safe and simple remedy.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., at 50c per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

—Nothing is falser than the doctrine that a man deserves no credit for doing his duty. God Himself puts the seal of his condemnation on it. To every one of His weary followers as they close their labors and enter into rest, He says: "Well done, good and faithful servant." If He can afford to bestow such praise, why should our lips be closed and dumb? The man who says, "I never praise anybody," confesses himself to be mean and little of soul. Duty is not always easy. Often it is difficult and dangerous. No commonplace character is equal to it. To meet it in the right spirit takes heroism of the highest quality.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

'BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES' are an effective remedy for all Bronchial Affections.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

New Orleans.—Mr. Isaac Bell to Miss Ada Simme on January 8. F. T. Chinu officiated.

Jeanerette, La.—Therence Nicholls to Odella Johnson, January 22. J. L. Augustus officiated.

Natchitoches, La.—Henry Harrison to Mile Garnor, January 6. G. W. Wells officiated.

Pineville, La.—William Jones to Adeline Green, January 26. G. W. Wells officiated.

Oxford, Miss.—R. Demby to Mittie Clark, January 22. N. H. Williams officiated.

Texarkana, Tex.—George Thomas to Meloe Cohbs. W. Hartley Jackson officiated.

Lexington, Miss.—Wade Cooper to Caroline Alexander, Feb. 2. W. H. Hundley officiated.

Lookeshurg, Ark.—Milton Neal to Etta Cheatham J. A. Hamilton officiated.

Enterprise, Miss.—Haywood Brown to Mrs. M. Brown's youngest daughter, January 29. N. Toole officiated.

Jeanerette, La.—George Watson to Mrs. Hannah Taylor, January 7. J. L. Augustus officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Vicksburg, Miss.—Miss Francis Cox, a faithful member of Wesley chapel, died January 14. Wm. McMorris, pastor.

Clinton, Ala.—Brother Bartley Fuller, a local preacher of the Old Town circuit, aged 62 years, died in full triumph. Wm. Perry, pastor.

Plank Road, La.—Brother Ezekiel Butler, aged 62 years, died in triumph of faith February 10. David Harrison, pastor.

Texarkana, Tex.—Little Bennie, aged 2 years daughter of Brother and H. L. Puffoy, died January 21. W. Hartley Jackson, pastor.

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Lu's Jackson, a faithful member of our church, passed away January 9. J. L. Augustus, pastor.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Gainesville District.

First Round. March  
Elberton..... 68 Elberton circuit... 78  
Lavonia..... 14 15 Centro Side..... 21 22  
Gillsville..... 28 29 Gainesville..... 29 30  
April.  
Harmony Grove... 45 Decatur..... 11 12  
Hoschton..... 18 19 Marietta..... 25 26  
J. C. Hunt, Presiding Elder.

### West Tennessee District.

Third Round. April.  
Gal oway..... 45 Ramsey..... 11 12  
Big Creek..... 11 12 Memphis Centen'y 18 19  
Memphis City mles. 19 Memphis circuit... 25 26  
May.  
Atoka..... 16 17 Pleasant Grove... 16 17  
Lexington and Mt Pleasant, by A. Porter... 23 24  
Foskes, H. Donlap, 30 31 Alamo, C. L. Fields 30 31  
Oak G's, S. T. Miller, 30 31 Kanton and Yorkville 30 31  
June.  
Martin..... 67 Gardner & Sharon 67  
Crookett's Mills... 13 14 Friendship..... 20 21  
Mason..... 27 28  
H. W. Koy, Presiding Elder.

### Huntsville District.

Second Round. April.  
Newton & Kirbyville 45 Bevilport..... 11 12  
Town Bluff..... 11 12 Colesmesnoil..... 18 19  
Woodville..... 18 19 Wills Danville 25 26  
May.  
Montgomery..... 23 Conro..... 23  
Spring and circuit... 9 10 New Canine..... 12 13  
Boggy..... 12 13 Prairie Plain cir... 16 17  
Huntsville cir... 23 24 Huntsville..... 22 24  
Dodge cir..... 30 31  
June.  
Corrigan, Joserand, 67 Lovelady & Trinity 13 14  
Crookett cir..... 13 14 Livingston..... 20 21  
Cold Springs..... 27 28  
Sunday school convention convenes at Lovelady June 11 to 14. Look out for program.  
A. C. Oulbreath, Presiding Elder.



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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.  
**SUCCESS CERTAIN.**

Lord, if at Thy command  
The word of life we sow,  
Watered by Thy Almighty hand,  
The seed shall surely grow;  
The virtue of Thy grace  
A large increase shall give,  
And multiply the faithful race  
Who to Thy glory live.

Now, then, the ceaseless shower  
Of Gospel blessings send,  
And let the soul-converting power  
Thy ministers attend:  
On multitudes confer  
The heart-renewing love,  
And by the joy of grace prepare  
For fuller joys above.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—The defeat of the Italian army at Adowa, South Africa, was unusually disastrous, and has been the occasion of intense excitement in Italy.

—The editor of the Chicago Dispatch was recently convicted of sending immoral matter through the mails and sentenced to a fine of \$2,000 and two years in the penitentiary.

—A bill to repeal the infamous separate coach law was introduced in the Kentucky Legislature last week. It is late in the session, but the friends of the measure are determined to press it to a passage if possible. God grant it.

—The House of Representatives considered the question of Cuban independence last week, and a resolution, practically recognizing the belligerent rights of the insurgents was passed. The President and several members of his Cabinet took a different view of the matter.

—News of the action of Congress having reached Barcelona, Spain, the populace became excited and attacked the residence of the United States Minister, tearing the American flag into shreds. The Spanish authorities deprecate the affair, however, and have offered ample apologies.

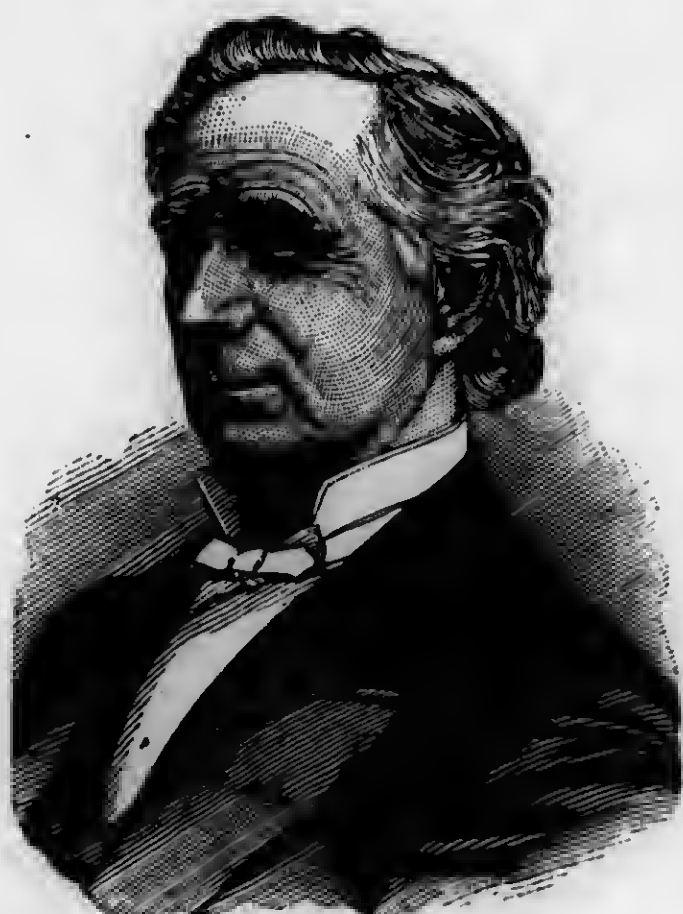
—In the death of Rev. W. H. Boole, D. D., the Methodist Episcopal Church loses one of its most conspicuous characters. He was of a strong personality, a champion of temperance and prohibition, an uncompromising advocate of holiness, a faithful preacher of the Word. He triumphed gloriously in his last great battle and ascended to wear the victor's crown.

—Some deluded Negroes in the vicinity of Atlanta, Ga., were made to believe that the world was coming to an end, and during last week quite a number of them assembled at a given place, a few miles from Atlanta, expecting to take their flight to a better country. Many of them sold or gave away their little possession in the belief that the end of time had come. They are yet waiting. Poor, deluded people.

—The great Salvation Army, which has been the means of untold good in this country, is probably rent in twain. Commander Ballington Booth, and his wife, who have been at the head of the American division for several years, were suddenly recalled to England. On their declining to obey the summons, they were immediately relieved of their command. There is much excitement among the officers and privates. Commander Ballington Booth and wife have been requested by hundreds of their followers to organize another great religious movement similar to the Salvation Army and they have accepted. The end is not yet. Divisions are to be deprecated, but in this case we hope it may turn out to the glory of God.

## OUR SENIOR BISHOP AND THE LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

The brethren of the Lexington Conference, which meets in Jackson Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, March 18th, will be thrice highly honored in the presidency of Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D. This is the third time he has been selected by his colleagues to preside over the Lexington Conference, which is an event of no little significance to our Lexington brethren, since the bishop will come amongst us somewhat familiar with the work and acquainted to a great extent with the individual members. This knowledge will be of great value to him in discharging the peculiar functions of his office. The conference hails his coming with great joy and anticipates



BISHOP THOMAS BOWMAN, D.D., LL.D.

one of the most profitable sessions in its history.

Reports from various parts of the conference indicate a year of unusual activity. Much ground has been gained in the march of our Methodism through its peculiar field. Our work in Chicago, with its splendid outlook, is one of the great movements of the year. In all the districts, the work of soul-saving, church-building and debt-paying has been carried forward earnestly, prayerfully and successfully. Our conference sessions have been heretofore seasons of great spiritual refreshment and it is hoped that the approaching session will surpass all former meetings in religious enthusiasm, in the prevalence of a Christian brotherly spirit and in the in-gathering of many precious souls.

We bespeak for our honored bishop a most hearty and cordial welcome, with the prayers of all the brethren for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon himself and those who shall be more directly engaged in planning the work for the ensuing year.

Again the Southwestern joins with the conference in extending a hearty, thrice hearty, welcome to our honored senior bishop.

—We had a streak of generosity the other day, and sent calendars to our six-months subscribers, same as the yearly, but here we must draw the line. No three-months subscribers can get one free, but will have to send 5 cents for mailing and postage. They are useful beauties—an ornament to any home. We hope such pastors as have received one will show it to their people. It will induce them to subscribe.

## OUR FIELD AGENTS.

Seldom has a better month's work been rendered to the Southwestern by our faithful pastors and presiding elders than is shown in the results of the past month. Two hundred and seventy-six subscribers is the result of the faithful and earnest work of our loyal right-hand supporters. Of course, there is joy in this office. Our rising barometer means something more than the passing of resolutions. It means that these brethren are going to make the Southwestern a success. We have received over 7,000 pledges, with the East Tennessee, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, Washington, Lexington, Delaware, West Texas, Florida and Central Missouri conferences yet to be heard from.

We are banking on these pledges and are fully confident that a big percentage of them will be fulfilled. If the canvass increases in interest according to the developments of the last thirty days, we will have 10,000 subscribers on our books by the close of the fiscal year, Oct. 31st. Brethren, push the canvass. Victory is in sight.

## OUR PLEDGE BRIGADE.

We are certainly gratified with the results thus far of the loyal and faithful brethren who saw fit to second our efforts to increase the subscription list of the Southwestern. We have the names of more than 500 brethren who are pastoring charges in the Methodist Episcopal Church. These have pledged themselves to do all they can to put the paper into every family within their respective charges. And they will do so. We are personally acquainted with many of them and know them to be thoroughly representative. Persons who are interested can study the names and they will find among them the men who give strength and character to our work in their respective conferences.

We are gratified to Almighty God for these testimonials of interest and sympathy and love. We publish this week the delayed list of pledged subscribers from the Central Alabama conference. This conference is not as strong numerically as some of the others, but it is not behind the chiefest in its progressive spirit. We will hear from the brethren of the East Tennessee, Texas, West Texas, Tennessee and North Carolina conferences within a few weeks and publish the names of all who join our brigade. Let the good work go on. Watch our barometer.

## DR. HARTZELL VISITS BENNETT COLLEGE.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, spent Feb. 25th at Bennett College. In the morning he addressed the faculty and a large body of students in the college chapel. There were also present the presiding elders and many of the ministers of the North Carolina Conference. The doctor's words were very forcible and impressive as he spoke of how many friends are interested, and above all, how God is interested in the work being done by the school. The presiding elders and preachers added a word, pledging themselves for renewed effort and new courage in raising money for the college. It was ordered that the new dormitory be covered with slate and the work will begin at once.

—Bro. George Johnson, appointed to Desiard, La., at the last session of the Louisiana Conference, is passing through great tribulation. He writes: "Father died on Thursday night, and mother died Friday night, so you can see just how I stand." We are in deep sympathy with our brother and pray that the Good Shepherd may provide for him in this great trial.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AN APPEAL.

## To The Pastors of Louisiana Annual Conference.

Brethren:—Most of you have pledged to secure a certain number of subscribers to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Let me call your attention to and urge upon you the importance of immediate action. The paper had its birth here among us and we can never afford to let it go elsewhere. It is pre-eminently ours and deserves and must have our support. Louisiana must lead in the great advance that is needed to secure it that recognition and support which it must have in the general conference next May.

If we but do our full duty, its future is assured.—Old-Time Friend and Subscriber.

## Our Memphis Letter.

The Temperance Society of Centenary M. E. Church held its monthly meeting on the 23d of February. The services were unusually interesting. Rev. C. E. Alexander, our efficient pastor, took an active part. Dr. Georgia E. L. Patton made an able address on the "Effects of Tobacco and Snuff." Select reading followed by Miss Carrie L. Fields. The exercises were interspersed by singing and the circulation of the pledges. The Sunday school is flourishing and preparing a splendid Easter programme.—Rochella M. Tollison, Corresponding Secretary.

## Our Gallatin Letter.

The second quarter was held in Key Chapel by Rev. L. M. Moores, our beloved elder. Fifteen class leaders made their reports, which show an increase of five new classes since the first quarter. Raised through the classes and by stewards and trustees, including benevolent collections, \$158.39. Our elder preached two interesting sermons on Sunday. We had two converts. Our church has had great success under the administration of Rev. J. P. Price. Every department of the church work has improved. Our Epworth Leagues are blooming. We are in a glorious revival. Everybody seems to love our pastor. R. B. Baker and Miss Georgie Ella Landerdale were elected secretaries of the quarterly conference. The latter was made reporter.—Georgie E. Landerdale.

## Our Huntsville (Ala.) Letter.

We are now about settled in our new field. Our first quarterly conference was held Saturday, Feb. 29th, and Sunday, March 1st. Presiding Elder Townsend was present. The quarter was a success. Friday night, while Rev. Townsend and the writer were in the study, about 8:30 p. m., quite a burst of song was heard. On opening the door, Bro. Wm. Tivis, followed by quite a number of sisters, rushed in and filled our table with good things.

Hope the paper success. We have been visiting and speaking to the students at the Central Alabama Academy, which resulted in quite a number of conversions. The school is making splendid headway this session. Hope each brother throughout this conference will send a student this fall. Prof. A. W. McKinley, A. M., and teachers are leading the Academy to success. Yours for the work, N. H. Speight, pastor at Huntsville.

## TIDINGS FROM THE FIELD.

Cold Springs, Tex.—The people received me gladly as pastor and after a few weeks we have decided to build a new church.—Wm. McKenzie.

Plaquemine, La.—On the evening of

Feb. 21st a grand surprise was given for the pastor, led by the band of stewards, followed by a number of friends.—E. C. Goins.

Sweet Home, Ark.—Our church is spiritually alive, our Sunday school grand and the young people are taking great delight in the Epworth League. Also I am working for the Advocate.—J. T. Hawkins.

Farmington, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held, with Elder H. W. White in the chair. The brethren had good reports, showing progress. On the Sabbath the elder preached with great acceptability.—W. R. Smith.

Pearlington, Miss.—The people gave me a cordial welcome and I am now at work with their co-operation. Quite a number of members and friends surprised us and left our table laden with good things. The Lord is with us.—W. H. Smith.

Marion, Tex.—Our church is progressing nicely along all lines. The pastor is rendering good service in building up the church and Sunday school. He was made the recipient of a nice little purse by the children of the church.—Zack Redden.

Abbeville Circuit, Miss.—My quarterly conference was held by W. McDonald, presiding elder. We had a good time Saturday and Sunday. The Spirit of the Lord was felt in the hearts of many. Collection for the day, \$33.27, and four subscribers for the Southwestern.—C. W. Butler.

Tazewell, Tenn.—Feb. 8th and 9th were glorious days with us in our second quarterly conference. Eighteen members communed and five additions to the church and the Sunday school was organized into the missionary. The Southwestern was ably represented by the elder.—E. E. Knight.

Daleville Circuit, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held with Rev. A. M. Trotter, the presiding elder, present, who preached on Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. Canon preached at 3 p. m. and Rev. S. McDavis at night. Fifty-two partook of the Lord's supper. Total collection, \$11.80.—S. McDavis.

Kendleton, Tex.—Our first quarterly conference was held by Rev. Wm. Bartley, presiding elder. The officers were present with written reports. The elder preached a good sermon on Sunday at 3 p. m. and administered the Lord's supper to sixty-five. Collection, \$17.50.—J. Jones, P. C.

Spring Hill, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held by Rev. S. B. Danley, who gave two lectures, on "Holy Living" and "The Progress of the World." The Sunday school is doing well, with Miss M. F. Sharber as superintendent. Collection raised this quarter for all purposes, \$38.25.—F. J. Yeargin.

Ackerman, Miss.—Rev. B. H. Ferguson, presiding elder, held our quarterly conference profitably. We had a grand time. The whole circuit is alive along all lines. The collection was \$27.85 during the quarterly meeting. The presiding elder preached three able sermons and administered the sacrament to seventy-nine.—G. Orange.

Houma, La.—Our quarterly conference convened, Rev. P. Landry in the chair. Reports showed increase on all lines. Our rally to liquidate debts on church realized \$55. Total for the quarter, \$75. Two subscribers for the Southwestern. Wesley Chapel is swinging clear of all debts.—D. M. Seals.

Abingdon, Va.—Charge is improving along all lines. I just closed a three weeks' meeting, with forty-five conversions; twenty-three joined the church. This is the seat of the last annual conference. The very earnest editor of the Southwestern pushing his paper in so any homes had made that paper a great blessing to this charge.—J. R. Hill, P. C.

West Point, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder H. N. Brown. All the members covenanted to start anew for the cause of Christ and his church. Sunday services were enjoyable; large congregations, good sermons by the presiding elder. Two joined and everybody seems to be enthused with new life.—A. N. Jackson.

Hiedelberg, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held on time by Rev. J. M. Shumpert, D. D. Report shows progress. Dr. Shumpert preached to the delight of all; thirty-four communed; collection good. Many arose for prayer. Three cash subscribers for the Southwestern. It was ably represented by elder and pastor.—R. W. Jones.

Centreville, La.—On a recent date the members and friends of Centreville M. E. Church gave their young and new pastor, J. W. Smith, a surprise which was largely attended by the young people of this place. R. H. Williams delivered the welcome address. The pastor responded with high appreciations. The outlook bids fair for success.—Charles Ballensaw.

Canton, Miss.—Our collection on Feb. 27th shows our church to be financially alive. The following persons collected the amounts opposite their names: Mr. Joe Wallace, \$5; Mrs. E. G. Dickerson, \$10.10; Mrs. B. M. Fields, \$17.25; Mrs. Ella Jackson, \$22; Mrs. Minnie Jackson, \$10.60, and Mrs. Mattie Kellie, \$20.70. Total collection, \$86.65.—R. P. Threlkeld, P. C.

Hubertville, La.—Our elder, Rev. S. E. Morrill, was with us and held our first quarterly conference. Reports from pastors, stewards, local preachers, exhorters and Epworth Leagues showed progress. Mrs. H. E. Wilson read a very interesting paper from our Home Mission School. Four additions, one convert and one baptized.—H. C. Wilson.

St. Mary's, Ga.—I have been here only three weeks, and in my protracted efforts twenty-three have joined the church, twelve converted and at the same time at a new point where no Methodist preacher has ever been, I have opened up a new mission and have taken in sixteen members there. Pray for me. I feel safe to say twenty cash subscribers for your paper this year and that Savannah will be the banner district of the State. Yours for Christ's Church, Thomas Thompson.

State Line, Miss.—I arrived upon my new field of labors at State Line, Miss., and the people received me very kindly, and we have begun the year's work with soliciting subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and upon this foundation we expect to do great things for Christ and Methodism, and while the people are shouting over the new pastors we expect to send in a goodly number of subscribers and build them a new church. Yours in the work, A. J. McNair, P. C.

Baldwin, La.—The presence of Presiding Elder Pierre Landry on the occasion of our first quarterly conference was a great blessing to our work here. The plan for proper support of the presiding elder, as recommended by the preachers' meeting, at New Orleans, Feb. 4th, was submitted and concurred

in by the quarterly conference. The elder's sermons were instructive and inspiring. We are going for a first class year's work. We are delighted with the Rev. J. H. Pierre, our pastor, and his excellent family.—John H. Wise.

Shady Grove, La.—Through the efforts of Rev. Colton, our surroundings have been greatly improved by an inclosure of beautiful shade trees. Presiding Elder James' first quarter here was a decided success. His sermon made a deep impression. Our school is well attended and ably conducted. The noble work in the Sunday school and church is being vigorously pushed forward and is now supplemented by an Epworth League. It is our aim to rank this year second to none on the district. Rev. Colton has commenced his canvass for the Southwestern.—C. D. Simon.

Texarkana, Tex.—A glorious day for the parsonage. At 3 p. m., Mmes. Carrie Frenchie, Sarah Bragg and Sallie Alexander, parsonage committee, put in a fine suite of furniture in the sitting room of the parsonage. At 1:30 p. m. the storm came. After myself and family had retired, we were awakened by the sound of sweet voices. Opening the door, there stood Rev. D. Butler Harston, pastor of Wheeler Chapel, with Bros. John Alexander and P. S. Strawn, followed by the good women of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church. After a fervent prayer they retired with our invitation to return again. We found our table filled with good things.—W. Hartley Jackson.

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being twisted up in knots. I was unable to dress myself, except with assistance, and could only hobble about by using a cane. I had no appetite, and was assured, by the doctors, that I could not live. The pains, at times, were so awful, that I could procure relief only by means of hypodermic injections of morphine. I had my limbs bandaged in clay, in sulphur in poultices; but these gave only temporary relief. After trying everything, and suffering the most awful tortures, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Inside of two months, I was able to walk without a cane. In three months my limbs began to strengthen, and in the course of a year, I was cured. My weight has increased to 165 pounds, and I am now able to do my full day's work as a railroad blacksmith."

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## OUR WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE. BY OLGA.

Mothers, teach your children how to be polite. I think, of all things, there is nothing that I dislike more than an ill-mannered child. Indeed, I must confess I am extremely fond of children (in their places). I have been to homes where, as soon as you enter, the children seem to think you have called to see them. Some one says this is the up-to-date way of raising children. If so, deliver me.

Some people seem to forget the old axiom, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." They seem to care so little about their appearance. They seem to find comfort in being careless. Disheveled hair, unwashed faces and soiled dresses partly torn are characteristic of some Southern women. Mothers, be tidy for your children's sake, as they will take you as a model. Therefore, if you desire your offspring to grow up into manhood neat, you must set the example.

Of all things hard to bear, I think the hardest is an affected young woman, one who tries to be so perfect in her speech and in every respect that she overdoes it, making herself subject to laughter and criticism. Yes, I believe in every young lady being refined, but it must be refinement mixed with good common sense, that will enable her to act at the proper time and in the proper manner.

Keep abreast with the times. Try to know something of the things that are happening around. It is the duty of every woman to know how to entertain. Study your guest or visitor and be able to discuss topics that will be interesting to them. If she is a Christian, she doesn't care to know how many parties you have attended and with whom you danced. Do not imagine everyone to be a butterfly because you are. Think twice before you speak once.

I sometimes feel as though I never want to grow up. Girls about my age have such free, happy times. It is not always so with "young ladies." They have to be very proper, and then they have to think so much about dressing, receptions, and so on. Such things are horrid, don't you think so? Some girls are always wishing their school days were over. I am sure I do not, for it is doubtful whether anyone is ever happier than a school girl. I would write you an editorial if I knew how. But I don't, so won't try.—E. W.

There seems to be one rule in the discipline which we Methodist girls have forgotten. It isn't dancing, nor theatre-going, nor card-playing; for we do a great deal of talking about these things, and I hope that very few of us indulge in them. But it is one that I think Mr. Wesley was very wise in making—at least with limitations. He forbids the wearing of gold and costly apparel; but we have broken that rule to atoms, and not only wear as much as other people, but wear them to church! Now, I do not object to beautiful and expensive clothes in appropriate places; but I do not think it is right to wear them in church. Such displays often hinder God's kingdom and keep from His house the very souls for whom Christ died. Why not enforce this restriction, so far, at least, as church-going is concerned? Sister Epworthians, will you help?—Gertrude Haws.

Only God and the good angels know how much the cause of our dear Lord owes to little girls; but it was not so very long ago we heard a useful minister of Christ's church say in the pulpit that it was the secret prayer of his little daughter, discovered by happy accident, which saved him from a life of devotion to worldly gain, and transformed him into a messenger of the Word. One of the most eloquent preachers that the great city of New York knows to-day owes more to his dead child than to any

living instructor. So does the simple piety of childhood "sweetly creep" into the hearts and lives of the "grown-ups."—The Interior.

As soon as her little one can speak, the mother should teach it to bid "good morning" to every member of the family as it meets them for the first time in the day. It is the habit of home courtesies of this kind, insisted upon until they are natural as breathing, that make the well-bred women, always polite and courteous as a matter of course, with that true politeness that comes from the heart. "Company manners" are usually no manners at all, and the mother that brings her children up to regard the social amenities in the home will need have no fear of their behavior when they are away from home. So begin with the "good morning," which should be the introduction to all good things to follow.

In home life, a sunny disposition is everything. The happiness of the household depends far more on the ability of its members to look upon the bright side of things and to cultivate a hopeful and cheerful disposition than it does upon the strength of their understandings or their general culture. Most of our schemes of education are principally devoted to the cultivation of the mind. That finer training of the heart, upon which the real happiness of life depends, receives scant attention. What profits it if one is a prodigy of intellectual acumen, but is so irascible in disposition, so inconsiderate of rights of others and so gloomy in his general outlook that to live with him is to dwell in an atmosphere of irritation, unrest and complaint? We say with "him." But it is a fair question whether, in the training of our girls, we are developing them in those fine and noble qualities of the heart, without which they cannot be happy women themselves, or make others happy.

### Women's Home Mission Work.

Concerning Women's Home Missions and the women of to-day, the advancement of our work depends largely upon the spreading among our people of home missionary facts and information. What we need most is Christianized women from birth to help evangelize the people. We need those kind of women that can help elevate others, lift up those that are down, go into the highways and alleys, get the children from the streets into the Sunday school and the older ones from the streets into the church, and this, I think, is true missionary work.

We do not want women for fame and a name. We want Christian workers: those who have the Women's Home Mission Society at heart. The way for us to do is to put our hearts, hands and shoulders together and work together, for in unity there is strength. Another year of missionary labor has come and gone and we are called upon to give an account of our work. We do so readily, but we cannot say, however, that what has been accomplished is sufficient to fulfill our expectations. Yet much has been gained to encourage and cause us to feel hopeful. Every home should be as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. The home is the fountain of civilization. Our laws are made at home. The things said there give bias to character far more than do sermons and lectures, newspapers and books. Let each woman that is interested in the Women's Home Mission Society say I will do more work for the uplifting of God's kingdom.

A true woman has a power something peculiarly her own. It is cultivated woman that wields the scepter of authority among men. Wherever cultivated woman dwells, there is refinement, intellect, moral power, life in its highest form. To be a cultivated woman she must commence early and make it the grand aim of her life. Every young

woman should also determine to do something for the honor and elevation of her sex. Let her call to her aid all the forces of character she can command to enable her to persist in being a woman of the true stamp. In every class of society the young women should awaken to their duty. They have a great work to do. Woman is the conservator of morality and religion. She is a pillar of the external kingdom of right. She is a star shining in the moral firmament. She is a priestess administering at the fountain of life. Her heart is an altar-fire, where religion acquires strength to go out on its mission of mercy. When we look at a good woman we never think of her age. On the 14th of June, 1703, Mrs. Susanna Wesley brought forth a wonderful son, John Wesley. Mrs. Wesley was a most excellent woman. She can be seen by her thousands of Methodists lifting up fallen humanity all over the world. Mrs. Wesley also helped her husband, and was much loved by the people at Epworth. The Women's Home Mission Society is a help to every minister, and we want them to feel so. We hope that they will throw open their doors and receive us. We believe the women of our church and preachers wives are able and willing to meet the demands of this work if it be properly placed before them. If we will do our duty and give the needed information there can be no doubt that our sisters will respond and do their share of the work.

Let us buckle the girdle tighter that we may run faster, work better, enlist more of the women of our church in the work of Home Missions. Then we will have prosperous auxiliaries alive to the work, where we now see them in their feebleness.—Mrs. D. Walker, New Orleans.

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## RACE DISTINCTION AND CASTE.

Under the above caption, Dr. E. E. Hoss, of the Christian Advocate (South), writes, as usual, forcibly and instructively. Here is a specimen:

"We need not say that caste is wholly alien to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As all men are redeemed by His precious blood, so all men stand on a footing of absolute religious equality before Him. In Him there is neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free. All social, national, racial lines fade out in the clear shining of the sun of righteousness."

The cold truth. We believe that the truly redeemed are those who stand for the absolute equality of all who have like precious faith, black white, red, yellow or any other color. This statement, "all social, national, racial lines fade out in the clear shining sun of righteousness," ought to have a golden setting. They are the jewels in the coronet of Christian common sense. While there are those who seek to dim their luster by worshipping at the shrine of caste, the right will ultimately prevail.

It is possibly true, as the doctor says, "that in the whole compass of the United States there is not a single congregation of white Christians with a colored pastor—not one."

We agree with the doctor, also, that this peculiar condition exists, "not because there are no colored ministers who possess the requisite intellectual and moral qualifications for serving their white brethren," but because there are those who insist on practicing discriminations, which are out of harmony with the spirit of Christian unity. It will not always be thus.

The genial doctor also facetiously reminds our Methodist Episcopal brethren that "once in four years there is a sort of superficial agitation in the Methodist Episcopal Church in favor of electing a Negro bishop," and that "up to date this agitation has been a mere matter of froth." He wishes, also, to know "if any sane man believes that it will ever be anything else."

Yes, the writer of these lines believes that the agitation spoken of will result in something more tangible than froth. He believes that, under the circumstances, the agitation of the Negro bishop question is the most natural thing in the world. What are the circumstances? First, the declaration, oft repeated, that "color is no bar to the highest offices within the gift of the church." Second, colored men in the Methodist Episcopal Church, with fair qualifications and honorable ambitions, to fill these offices should the church deem it wise and expedient to call them thereto. Third, not a few of our white fellow-ministers, who have repeatedly asserted, both publicly and privately, before our annual conferences, through the press, elsewhere and otherwise, that they see no reason why such an act should not be performed by the church. And we might add, fourthly, that in not a few instances the serious interference with the work of our colored brethren by the suggestions of their colored competitors in other denominations that our stay in the Methodist Episcopal Church is conditioned upon the sacrifice of our hopes and aspirations in this respect. These are among the influences which inspire the quadrennial agitation and cause the colored brother to expect that some general conference will do the thing which, in his judgment and that of a large number of his white brethren, seems to be both necessary and right.

Hitherto, the colored man has guarded his aspirations to this high and holy office by a dignified and manly plea. He has proven his capacity for the largest development, socially, morally and intellectually, and the church and the world have already acknowledged his character and ability. In keeping with this, he thinks that this desired recognition would not only be wonderfully helpful in the enlargement and development of the colored work itself, but an act in perfect accord with the spirit and sentiment and genius of our Methodism. But the real merits of the question

have been repeatedly and methodically obscured by the ingenious putting of the "no color line" arguments during the quadrennial "agitations," to which Dr. Hoss calls attention. The colored brother, with these laudable ambitions and aspirations, fostered, cultivated and encouraged by the Methodist Episcopal Church for a century, is sorely beset. "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him." The moment he undertakes to steer his barque toward the coveted episcopal goal he is reminded by one class of friends that he must not draw the color line, and by the other class that the question is premature. Thus he is between Scylla and Charybdis. Moreover, he is often sorely perplexed by yet another class, who, too ready to concede the utter hopelessness of his case, suggest compromises which would purden him with restrictions or leave him when the smoke of battle has cleared away in the possession of his aspirations only.

Our genial and good friend, Dr. Hoss, is aware of the fact that the colored brother in the Methodist Episcopal Church does not now possess the requisite voting power either to make himself felt to any appreciable extent or to bring the things desired to pass. Perhaps it were better that it is so. Our white brethren certainly have a splendid opportunity of giving to the world a demonstration of their ability to rise superior to "race distinctions and caste." If the colored brethren expect that, it is because, thanks be unto God and American Methodism, they have large patience and faith. And since great bodies move slowly, they will cheerfully, yet hopefully, await results. Meanwhile, we shall expect the good doctor and others of like temper and spirit, to thunder against "race distinctions and caste."

## OUR BAROMETER.

This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within fourteen out of eighteen conferences composing our patronizing territory. We would like to give credit to each conference rather than to the States included in the conference boundary.

Brethren in the Atlanta or Savannah, in Georgia; the Mississippi or Upper Mississippi, in Mississippi; the Texas or West Texas, in Texas; the Tennessee or East Tennessee, in Tennessee, in sending in subscribers, will please give the name of their conferences (not their districts), so that we can give the proper credits to the conferences in the barometer column.

The status of the conferences for the week ending March 9th is as follows:

Mississippi and Upper Mississippi (two conferences).....	20
Louisiana.....	11
South Carolina.....	8
Atlanta and Savannah (two conferences)....	7
Texas and West Texas (two conferences)....	6
Florida.....	1
Central Alabama.....	1
Little Rock.....	1
Lexington.....	1
Delaware.....	1
Central Missouri.....	1
Total.....	58

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A letter from Rev. M. S. Gair, of Compti, La., announces the death of Joseph, son of Rev. Daniel Kamps, Feb. 27th. He was a good young man and died in the faith.

## BOOKS FOR THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Nearly all our Southern Conferences have now been held and the pastors fairly at work on their charges. It may be that some who will have to go before an examining committee are allowing time to pass thinking there will be plenty later on. This is a mistake. Get the books as soon as possible and then spare moments can be utilized to best advantage. If they cannot all be purchased at one time, get one at a time, as they can be paid for. They will cost no more, and the satisfaction of keeping out of debt adds not a little to one's ability to study and learn. They can be ordered from this office.

—The day of prayer for colleges was a notable day for George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., in that it marked the beginning of a gracious revival of religion among the students. Within a week following, all but three of the 100 students were gloriously converted to God. On Monday, Feb. 3d, the convicting power of the Holy Ghost was so manifest in the chapel service that the usual exercises of the day were suspended and nearly the entire day was devoted to soul-winning. Such earnest entreaties on the part of the Christian young men and women for their classmates, such pleading for mercy upon the part of penitent seekers, such spirited singing, such clear conversions, such positive testimonies to the saving power of Christ, such weeping and rejoicing, the writer has never seen before. There was not the least excitement, but the Pentecostal Power came upon all hearts. President Robertson writes that he now has 100 "new" students, all within a week, too. He says that discipline is the easiest feature of the school work, for the harmony of Christian fellowship pervades all hearts. So contagious is the revival fire that the church which the students attend has become ablaze with the same spirit, and the greatest religious awakening known in the history of the church has come to the large membership, which has had no revival for ten years. Souls are being saved at every service. Thanks be to God for Methodist Colleges with devoted Christian faculties!

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—Any one knowing the whereabouts of Rev. Charles Thomas Richardson will confer a great favor upon his mother, Mrs. Rachel Ann Richardson, at Coatesville, Penn.

—Rev. H. J. Wright, presiding elder Natchitoches district, Louisiana Conference, sends news of the death of Rev. Jacob Stephens, a faithful local preacher at Grant parish, La.

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—We want these two remaining months before General Conference meets to be "boomers" for subscriptions. Remember the pledges. If they can be filled now they will have especial value and influence in the Conference. Make them yearly, if possible.

—Rev. Jesse P. Price, of Gallatin, Tenn., is doing heroic service under many embarrassments. Only a few weeks ago he buried a beloved brother, while his loving wife has been sorely afflicted for several weeks. Rev. Price is not discouraged, but, like a true hero, he is at his post of duty and leading on the cause of his blessed Master. The church and Sunday school are doing nicely.

—Dr. Jehu Holliday, general publishing agent of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has been in the city for several weeks, looking after the interests of the church established by that organization several years ago. The doctor has not been idle during his stay here, but has visited from house to house, and has enlisted the services of many substantial people in aid of his enterprise. He is a strong, prominent figure in his denomination and is prominently mentioned for the episcopacy at their next general conference. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ladoux, of Carrollton.



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Rev. Eugene Baptiste reports affairs at La Harpe Methodist Episcopal Church as progressing. Preston Hill, a promising young man, died in great peace Feb. 21st, aged 23 years. He was popular and greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. His last hours were full of joy. Bidding his mother and sister an affectionate farewell, he rejoiced in the confidence of faith and quietly fell asleep in Jesus. Rev. Baptiste, the pastor, conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. H. Taylor.

—My Dear Dr. Hammond:—Please say for me to the young ladies who called at our home on the 9th and brought many things in the line of groceries, they have our many thanks. The party was headed by the Misses Rebecca and Miss Annie Duncan.—C. Monroe.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Rev. P. O. Jamison, P. E. Tupelo district, Upper Mississippi Conference, left his home in Yazoo City Jan. 28th to begin the work of his district, but on reaching Okolona he took very ill and returned immediately to Starkville, and by the time he got there had grown considerably worse and it was thought that the end was near. But his friends called in Dr. Barr, an able physician of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, near Starkville, who, together with all his friends and his dear wife, who was called to his bedside by telegram, could do by medical skill, labor and prayer was done, and in two weeks his recovery was such that his wife brought him home, where he is now convalescent, and I think in a short time will be able to resume his work. The men of his district have been very sympathetic and are carrying on the work for him.—A. D. Payne.

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## Choosing Sunday School Teachers and Officers.

### The Pastors' Relation to the School.

1. The question may be asked, ought the classes be permitted to choose their teachers by saying that the class has some rights which should be respected? Suppose each class in the public schools should select its own teacher, or say we will leave the school if our demands are not respected. Could they maintain their case on a social foundation? There may be good reasons for consulting a class with regard to one who is proposed for the teacher, but as a custom, I don't think it would be wise to do so. The superintendent should know his school so well that he could judge almost without a mistake what person would meet the needs of any class. The questions, as I understand it, is, who shall manage the school, the superintendent or the pupils? And there is but one right answer to the question.

2. School officers and should they be chosen by the scholars? My answer is no, because evil feelings and contempt would be the result. The school, if ruled by the pupils, would cause confusion. The teachers are the school's advisors and they usually choose the teachers, and the scholars are brought in to receive instruction and not to rule.

3. What is the pastor's relation to the school? I think he is the pastor of the school. If a wise man, he will not try to lord over the school, but he will use the material of the school for the advancement of the church of the Son of God. He will remember the school in his prayer. He will do all in his power to make the school effective. Sometimes things seem to be going wrong with our school; the superintendent takes up too much time in talking during the session; the school is very noisy and disorderly; the teachers are not doing as good work as they might do, because they come before the class unprepared and hurry the lesson, and sometimes the senior scholars raise a question and debate it so long that those who do not take a part in the discussion become disgusted. How is it with yourself, dear fault-finder? Is it not possible that everything seems wrong because we are wrong? Let us look to yourself a little more. By making yourself right, you will have less time to complain of others. Find our own faults before we find our brother's, and look to the end of life for yourself, knowing that we must first learn to prevail with God and then we can successfully prevail with men.—G. W. Patton, Montgomery City, Mo.

### "With Christ in White."

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the African Methodist Church, and editor of the Voice of Missions, replying to a brother who wished that he "might be accounted worthy to walk with Christ in white," has the following characteristic reply: "Rev. Andrew J. Chambers, than whom we have no able and more eloquent pulpiteer, writes us a most flowery, yet pious letter, and very Christianly criticizes our remarks in regard to not wishing to be paraded as Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, for that is about what we meant, for we have sense enough to know that God elects the senior, whatever our wishes may be in the premises. But to the point. At the close of his letter, he says:

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are a Negro, and do not covet the privilege of walking with Christ in white. It is that misleading sentiment and the use of those misleading terms that is imparting to the Negro race of this country a contempt for themselves. Everything must be white to be pure, godly and heavenly, and all the other people of creation must be shed of their black, brown, yellow, swarthy, red and olive skin or color to enter the gates of heaven, and all turn white. The robes must be long and white, faces white, hands lily white, all the angels white, cherubs white, seraphs white, the hills and mountains of heaven white, the trees of paradise white and everything white. Gracious! Gracious! What a monotonous place heaven must be. No hues, no tints, no shadows, no variation, no interblending of colors, no azure blue, no semi-pellucid grandeur, no ruby, carnelian, seagreen, violet or amethystian modification—all white. Then earth beats heaven for beauty. But it is useless to continue remarks upon this subject, as it would take a book to hold all we could say. Suffice it to say, the Negro will never respect himself as long as he uses these terms, and makes white God and black the devil."

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Nearly 800 colored people listened to the opening address of Prof. Booker T. Washington. One of the most interesting features of these annual gatherings is the workers' conference. It is composed of delegates representing the different religious organizations or institutions in the South devoted to the interests of the colored people. The attendance this year is composed of delegates representing nearly forty institutions, scattered all over the South.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1896.

## FAITHFUL AND UNFAITHFUL SERVANTS.

Luke 12:37-48.

Golden Text: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be ye filled with the Spirit." (Eph. 5:18.)

Jesus had dined with a Pharisee and had surprised him by eating with unwashed hands. He then gave one of the plainest after-dinner speeches ever delivered. It was spoken against the deceit and hypocrisy of the Pharisees, scribes and lawyers. When He came from the house He found an "innumerable multitude" waiting for Him. He exhorted them to decide for Christ before His second coming. Some things here said had been spoken before in His sermon on Mount Hatten; others were afterwards presented in His discourse on Mount Olivet. It does not cast reflection on Jesus to say He used the same plan more than once. He here spoke against the leaven of the Pharisees, in opposition to covetousness in the parable of the rich fool; warns against overcarefulness about earthly things, and exhorts them to seek the kingdom of God and give alms to the poor. The lesson is a string of parables.

I.—The parable of the return of the Son of Man (24:38).

1. Jesus will return. There is no doctrine of Scripture taught with more clearness than the second coming of Christ. "The Son of Man cometh." "I will come again and receive you to Myself." The time of His coming again is not known. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, nor the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son of Man (as man), but the Father." His second coming will be a great surprise to many. He will come "in such an hour as ye think not." The manner of His return will be very forcible. "They shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." "He shall come in His glory and all the holy angels with Him; then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God."

2. Get ready for His return. "Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning." Throw off every weight and the sin which doeth so easily beset. We prepare to meet Christ by repenting of sin and seeking salvation, by being born of His Spirit and adopted into His family. We will tremble at the judgment if we make not this preparation.

3. Watch for His return. We should not watch by folding our hands and sitting idly by, but by doing His will. A servant waits on his master by going at his beck and coming at his call. We should watch for the coming of Jesus in the regular routine of Christian duties.

3. Some results of His return: Blessing—Those who thus watch will be given a robe, palm, harp and crown when He returns. Jesus will bless with eternal life and all the joys of heaven those who put their trust in Him. Service—it seems too much to say that at the banquet of heaven the Saviour of men will have His saints sit down to the feast while He will gird Himself and serve them. Yet this seems to be the thought of this passage.

II.—The parable of the house and robber (39-40). The house represents the human body. It is called a house because of its mechanism. "I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." The godly man of the house is the soul. It dwells in the body as a family resides in a building. It warms, clothes and feeds it, protects it when in danger and nurses it when sick. The thief is Satan. He is ever seeking in his own way to gain possession of our soul. Many and subtle are his temptations. Then let us watch over ourselves, that we be not overtaken in a fault, and over the duties that rest upon us, that nothing be left undone.

III.—The parable of the faithful and wise servant (41-44).

1. His character. Two noble traits are named. He is faithful, that is, full of faith. He is willing to go where the Master leads, do what He enjoins and endure all that may come upon him for His sake. He is wise. He knows that heaven is the best result of life, desires to possess it and takes the proper steps to secure it.

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3. His work. "Give them their portion of meat in due season." Meat is here used to express every kind of food. In the Bible, meat, bread, wine, milk, honey and water are all used to express the result of the Gospel. This meat is given to the household. The Gospel is free. It is "without money and without price." Yet a salvation that costs not a sigh, tear or sleepless night, or a sacrifice, or a dollar, is not worth much. This meat is given in due season. At the opportune time. This life is the due season. In youth and in early manhood and womanhood is the due season. The time of the protracted meeting is the due season. Just now, while you read, is the opportune time. Will you not improve it?

4. His reward. He is blessed, is made happy. He is given much honor, knowledge, wealth and godliness. He is exalted—"made ruler over all his goods." "Well done, good and faithful servant. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." The bliss of heaven cannot be expressed in words.

IV.—The parable of the evil servant (45-46).

1. His meditation. "He said in his heart." He thought: "As a man thinketh, so is he." Sow thoughts and reap words, sow words and reap deeds, sow deeds and reap character, sow character and reap destiny. "My Lord delayeth His coming." Unbelief in the second coming of Christ causes many to apostatize. Delay does not mean never. This is clear from the destruction of the antediluvianists, the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the annihilation of the wicked tribes who dwelt in Canaan.

2. His conduct. "He began to smite his fellow-servants." A Christless heart is ever selfish and overbearing, and a Christless church is no better. The history of the church during the dark ages proves this fact. Many mediaeval bishops lorded it over God's heritage. They abused, persecuted and put to death multitudes of the saints. He also began "to eat and drink and to be drunken." He no doubt ate to gluttony and drank to drunkenness. Oppression and self-indulgence are the two sins most common to those in high places. Drunkenness is no doubt ate to gluttony and drank to a disease, and as such it may be cured.

3. His surprise. "The Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for Him." Jesus will come again. We must meet Him in life, in death, or at the judgment. Then let us act the part of the wise servant. Set our house in order, balance our accounts and prepare to meet Him.

4. His destruction. His death: "Cut him asunder." Division produces death. Isaiah, tradition says, was sawed asunder. When his Lord came he so shaped the course of nature that he soon

brought about his decease. "Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days." His punishment. "Appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." Matthew says, with the hypocrite. He pretended to be a true servant of the Master, but in his heart he was a deceiver. Assign him a place with his companions. Are the wicked classed in Gehenna? Surely there are degrees in punishment. The fearfulness of this suffering: "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew). These are expressions of extreme agony. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. "For our God (out of Christ) is a consuming fire." May we receive the blessed Christ, keep Him and live forever.

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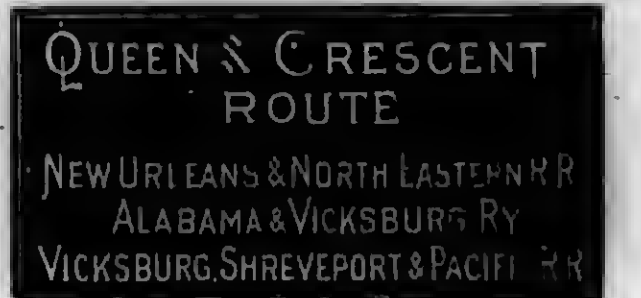
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### MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Make the most of Easter Sunday. Try to collect your entire benevolent apportionment. Fraternally yours, W. H. Logan.

### HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

To the ministers and members of the Huntsville district: The district conference is hereby changed from Colmesneil to Crockett, Houston county, Tex. Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.—A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

### WACO DISTRICT.

The district conference for Waco district, West Texas conference, will convene in Bremond, Tex., July 23d, at 9 o'clock a. m. Each pastor will please collect and bring to the conference \$2 to pay for printing the minutes; also do your best to raise all, if possible, of your benevolent apportionment and get as many cash subscribers to the Southwestern as you can. It is our paper and let us stand by it. The programme will appear later. Your fellow-laborer, H. Swann, P. E.

### OHIO DISTRICT.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space to say a few things relative to my district. I have labored earnestly to keep the work in touch with others, and feel that the Divine hand has continuously guided us in efforts that have proven helpful in our district. We have organized six new missions, bought two lots with suitable houses thereon for worship; also organized two Sabbath schools, one with sixty and the other seventy scholars. The superintendent of each is quite energetic. I am glad to say all the pastors are at their best, except two, though some have held on with tears. Rev. W. W. Heston, at Martin's Ferry, was greatly affected in his church work for six weeks. The smallpox was raging and it was found necessary to dispense with church services until it subsided, and during this seige his daughter was very ill with fever, but he remained at his post. Peace—the greatest blessing—prevails throughout the district. The conference is closing quite pleasantly. Unto God be all the praise.

We hail with delight the coming conference session, which will convene at Louisville, Ky., March 18, 1896, and trust to receive from our presiding bishop, the Rev. Thomas Bowman, D. D., that fatherly admonition he so well knows how to impart. We pray the blessing of God upon us. Yours for the cause of the Master, M. S. Johnson, P. E.

### NOTICE.

To the brethren of the Mississippi annual conference: The minutes of the last session have been sent by mail to all who have paid me \$1.25. Those who have not paid in full may go to express office for them. Now, my dear brethren, please send the money at once and oblige, yours, etc., A. D. Payne, secretary.

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## MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Elliott, Miss.—On January 19, Scott Rings to Mary Davis, and Beane Berryhill to Della Hoskin. On February 19, James Brooks to Ida E. Hardiman. G. J. Dobson officiated.

Huntsville, Tex.—Rev. C. M. Singleton to Mary Jane Neal, on February 20. Teno, a Edwards officiated.

Baldwin, La.—Henry Foster to Sarah Fields, on February 6; Charles Rulevett to Mary Johnson, on February 12; Look Johnson to Bettie Kinchen, February 27. F. D. Bowers officiated.

Alexandria, La.—John T. Meadows to Lilly Craft, on February 20. W. J. M. Price officiated.

Victoria, Texas.—Rev. Dr. Charles P. Westbrook to Mamie Williams, on February 19. N. J. Johnson officiated.

Navasota, Texas.—Rev. Abner Thomas to Mrs. Candace Campbell, February 27. W. L. Duncan officiated.

Baldwin, La.—Leon Burgers to Francis Colgore, on February 13, at Godman church. J. H. Pierce officiated, assisted by Valoure Chapman A. B., of Franklin.

Hubertville, La.—Charles McDade to Jane Hensley. H. C. Wilson officiated.

Lodi, Tex.—John Tyler to Mary J. Green. J. S. Ferguson officiated.

Houma, La.—Florida Mickens to Rosa Lewis, February 12. D. M. Seale officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Houma, La.—Sister Rachel Mitchell, aged 95 years died in full triumph of faith. D. M. Seale, pastor.

Alexandria, La.—Emily Barrett, a faithful member of our church, died January 31, aged 56 years; also, Eli Johnson died in the faith on February 2, aged 37 years. W. J. M. Price, pastor.

Kendleton, Texas.—Lucy Low, a faithful member of our church, fell asleep in Christ February 23; also, Sister Mitchell Robinson died in great peace February 14. J. J. Jones, pastor.

Liberty Hill Circuit, Miss.—Sister Maria Harris departed this life January 31; Sister Alice Davis, wife of Brother Wade Davis, died February 16. D. L. Tubbs, pastor.

Cold Spring, Texas.—Eddie McGovern, a member of our church, died January 13. W. McKenzie, pastor.

Lodi, Texas.—Sister Ritta Bray, aged 130 years, after a protracted illness departed this life February 12, in triumph of faith. Also, Mary Bell Doulass, a faithful member of our church, died January 27; and infant daughter of Alexander and Anna Emory died February 17. J. S. Ferguson, pastor.

Willis, Texas.—Allen Smith departed this life February 28 in triumph of faith. M. Q. A. Fuller, pastor.

Hubertville, La.—Tom Steya, aged 60 years, died February 2; and Sterling Owen, aged 22 years, and just converted, died February 25. H. C. Wilson, pastor.

Triana, Ala.—Rev. Lewis Hyter fell asleep in death February 18. He was one of the oldest members of the Central Alabama Conference. G. W. Reeves, pastor.

Hickory, Miss.—Bessie Morgan, aged 17 years, died February 6. She was a great sufferer, but kept the faith and died happy. P. K. Crump, pastor.

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearning subscribers. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Dear Editor—I wish to enquire for one Simon Clark, who used to belong to a man named Sapp. Simon Clark has two sons—Rev. A. Ford Clark and Dennis Clark. Simon Clark left Willis, Texas in 1879 to go to Kansas. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received.

Address, Rev. ALFORD CLARK,  
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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Marshall District.

Second Round. March.  
Hawkins.....20 22 Mincola.....21 22  
Ebenezer.....25 29 Wiley Chapel.....26 29  
Marshall cir.....28 29

April.  
Harle on.....4 5 Mallalieu.....11 12  
Lodi.....18 19 Jefferson.....24 26  
Lester.....25 26

June.  
Queen City.....6 7 Dangerfield.....13 14  
Pittsburg.....20 21 Coffeeville.....27 28  
W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder.

### Waco District.

Second Round. March.  
Mexico.....14 15 Groesbeck.....21 22  
Bremoud.....28 29

April.  
Maysfield.....4 5 Calvert.....11 12  
Samsaba.....16 19 Marlin.....25 26

May.  
Mooreville.....2 3 New Zion.....9 10  
Waco, Mt. Zion.....16 17 Aquilla.....21 24  
Springhill.....30 31

June.  
Waco, St. James.....4 7  
H. Swann, Presiding Elder.

### "There is danger in delay."

Since 1861 I have been a great sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Ely's Cream Balm has completely cured me of catarrh when everything else failed. Many acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Alfred W. Storey, Caldwell, Ohio.

## PARALYSIS.

(From the Press, New York City.)

Morris Preslaner of No. 1 Pitt street, New York, who is a real estate agent and collector of rents, caught a severe cold early last spring, which settled upon his kidneys. Soon he began to suffer severe pain in his backbone, sides and chest. His symptoms grew rapidly more alarming, until at last he was as helpless as a child and could scarcely move as he lay on his bed. As Mr. Preslaner is well-known in the part of town where he resides, he had many sympathizers, who did all they could to help him.

Though a native of Berlin, Mr. Preslaner has lived in this country for forty years, having served the country of his adoption by three years' hard service in the civil war. He enlisted with the Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, taking part in many battles and marching with Gen. Sherman to the sea. While in Georgia, Mr. Preslaner was promoted to first sergeant for bravery on the field of action. He is now a member of Koltes Post, G. A. R., and is one of the most popular men in the Post.

Mr. Preslaner told a reporter the story of his dreadful illness and wonderful recovery. The reporter met him as he was returning from a long walk, and, saying that he had heard of his wonderful cure, asked him to tell the story. When Mr. Preslaner was comfortably seated in his pleasant parlor, he told the following story, which, he said, he hoped everyone who was suffering as he had suffered would read. His words were as follows: "To begin with, I was taken sick just a year and a month ago, having taken a severe cold which settled on my kidneys. At first I thought the pain I suffered would soon pass away, but, instead of doing this, it grew more intense every day, so that in a week I could walk only with considerable difficulty.

"I called in a doctor, who said I had locomotor ataxia and began treating me for that disease. He did me no good, and all summer long I could scarcely attend to my business at all. Then I called another doctor and took his medicine for several weeks, but experienced no relief. Dr. Truman Nichols, of No. 287 East Broadway, who I at last called in, helped me more than any of the other doctors, but along toward fall I grew worse, despite his treatment. I think Dr. Nichols is a good doctor and understood my case, but despite this fact his medicines did me no lasting good.

"Early in November the little strength I had in my legs left me and I was unable to stand. The pain in my back and sides became almost unbearable, and my limbs grew cold. An electric battery I bought failed to help me, and for weeks I felt myself gradually growing weaker until all hope left me.

"Some time before this I had read of a wonderful cure a man had received from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but was so prejudiced against what I thought was a patent medicine of the usual worthless character that I could not make up my mind to try them. As my pains increased and death seemed coming near, I thought of what I had read and of the symptoms of the man who had been cured. They were precisely the same as mine, and at last, with my wife's earnest entreaty, I consented to try the Pink Pills.

"I am now convinced that these pills saved my life. Gradually my strength began to return, the desire to live grew stronger within me. After having taken three boxes I left my bed. This was early in March. All pain had left me, and that terrible dead feeling in my legs had gone away. I was still very weak, but before I had taken the fourth box I was able to get down stairs for a short walk in the open air. Now I feel as if I had been born again and am as happy as a child. Every pleasant day I take a walk, and am sure that in a month I will be as well as ever."

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(From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.)  
**THE CHURCH'S CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY.**

Who in the Lord confide,  
And feel His sprinkled blood,  
In storms and hurricanes abide  
Firm as the mount of God:  
Steadfast, and fixed, and sure,  
His Zion cannot move;  
His faithful people stand secure  
In Jesus' guardian love.

As round Jerusalem  
The milly bulwarks rise,  
So God protects and covers them  
From all their enemies.  
On every side He stands,  
And for His Israel cares:  
And safe in His Almighty hands  
Their souls forever bears.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—When Prof. Booker T. Washington, the well-known colored educator, was in Milwaukee recently, he was introduced to members of the Pabst and Schlitz Brewing Companies, and those gentlemen became interested in his projects for Negro education. As a result, they have determined to erect in Tallahatchie county, Mississippi, where they own 60,000 acres of land, several industrial colleges, where Negroes can learn trades and receive an education so that they may become good mechanics.—The American Citizen.

The above, if true, is certainly a splendid movement. But if the Pabst and Schlitz Brewing Company should include the brewing of the beverage that intoxicates among their proposed industries for the benefit of the colored people, it would not be a helpful benevolence, but quite to the contrary.

## "NEW BISHOPS NEEDED."

Under the above caption, the California Christian Advocate has an instructive and entertaining editorial. The argument is logical and conclusive, looking at it from every possible standpoint.

The following closing words have the right ring: "The coming General Conference should choose four of the purest, wisest, most unselfish ministers within our communion and ordain them to the high and holy office and work of the episcopacy." We would amend by inserting five instead of four, with the prayer that every possible phase of the work of our growing Methodism should be considered in their selection.

## AN UNCROWNED QUEEN.

Mother Dudley, whose obituary notice occurs in another column, was one of earth's greatest and best women. Fifty years of her life was spent in slavery, yet she was free. Her service and daily toil were rendered under the direction of those who from time to time claimed the right to own her body. But she was a child of the King, and enjoyed the freedom of which only the true children can enjoy. She was for more than half a century a happy, cheerful, joyous Christian. She loved the church and often boasted that the church was society enough for her. Her faith led her to the church of her choice uniting with it, and she gave a generous tribute to her moral and spiritual life. Her heart was full of the songs of Zion, and she sang the songs of Zion with the power as we have rarely seen. She stepped into the river with her faithful pastor and for the approach of the song mingled with the song of the better Bethel. And will meet her "some day."

## THE BREAKING OF GROUND FOR THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

The breaking of ground for the College of History occurred on March 9, 1896. It was a splendid day of bright sunshine and bracing air. About 500 people assembled on the hill where the building is to be located. Many of these were from distant parts of the country, though more were from the city of Washington. Rev. Dr. Hamlin read the hymn written for the occasion by President Rankin, of Howard University. Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith led in the responsive reading of psalm XIX, and Chaplain Milburn offered prayer.

Bishop John F. Hurst, chancellor, presided and made the introductory address. He gave an account of the selection of the site and a brief history of it, as once owned by a relative of Joseph Addison, of the Spectator, and as used by the Union Army during the Civil War. The breastworks of the first fort built north of the Potomac are yet standing. He then stated that the subscriptions, real estate, securities and money belonging to the University amount to about \$1,000,000. Six denominations are represented in the gifts making up this amount, as also in the Board of Trustees. Contributions have come from all over the world. Distant mission fields have sent their gifts. The last notable gift is a bequest in the will of the late Hon. Hart A. Massey, of Toronto, of \$50,000 toward a building to represent Canadian Methodism.

Bishop Hurst then introduced the Hon. W. S. Wilson, Postmaster General, as representing the government. Mr. Wilson delivered an interesting and eloquent address, referring to the probable future of the University and what it will do for progress, man's elevation, freedom and Christianity. He said: "I have felt it a great honor to be invited by the chancellor to be one of those who are to take part in this notable service. The American university passes to-day out of the era of prospectus into the era of active life. What this life is to be, none of us can wisely forecast, yet it would not repress the enthusiasms that are kindled by such ceremony as this or clip the wings of hope and of faith which are assumed in such a presence. As a rule, the great schools of the world have been extremely slow in their growth. Time, and time alone, can bring to the great institutions that stability of growth, that power of inspiration and those traditions that come from its history and from the luster of the names by which that history has been illustrated. It is upon this career that the authorities of this school entered to-day—a great, noble and inspiring career—when we reflect that it is to build here at the capital of the country an institution that shall be at once worthy of the ambitious name which it has assumed and of that great and intelligent church which to-day plants its standard at the Federal capital."

President Whitman, of Columbia University, spoke of the need of such an institution to unify and complete the system of education in this country.

Bishop Hurst introduced Mr. Gurney, of Toronto, a friend of Mr. Massey, who in a delightful way brought greeting and god will from Canada.

After a few words from Vice Chancellor Beiler, the company proceeded to the spot where the Hall of History is to be erected, and a shovelful of earth was removed by Bishop Hurst, the speakers of the day, representatives of the Board of Trustees, the Epworth League, the Board of Trade, the Smithsonian, the Naval Observatory, quite a number of States, colleges and churches, and also by almost every individual present.

The Hall of History is to be 176 feet long, 70 feet wide, two and a half stories high and will be of marble in Doric style. The work of building will proceed as rapidly as possible during the spring and summer.

## INCONSISTENT WORD AND WORKS.

A religious (?) paper published at St. Louis, Mo., has this motto: "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." Yet that same paper admits to its columns some of the meanest and most uncharitable statements that it is possible to imagine concerning the luckless Negro.

Not long since a correspondent from "South Carolina Sop," writing concerning "The Negro in Southern Cities," has this to say:

"The Negro is unlike any race on the face of the globe. Ignorance is his dominating feature, acquired by who can tell how many centuries of blissful passivity beneath a tropical sun? We cannot say ignorance has no charms; we can not refrain from envying his happy lot. See how he adorns it; he is one huge, black mass of it. Well primed with that, we may say, essential quality, for where could we find our true nigger without it."

The writer is evidently not a fair witness as to what the Negro is or is not. Unfortunately, his point of observation has been with a class of Negroes who represented the worst phases of the life of that peculiar class mentioned. Such critics spend far too much time in carefully studying the habits, faults, shortcomings and other unfavorable features of Negro life, and, what is still more unfortunate, people who are professedly friendly to the Negro are too often willing to accept statements from these one-sided critics as true. Now, if this South Carolina gentleman will take the time to study the statistics of comparative illiteracy in the Southern cities—we mean illiteracy with its concomitant evils—he will learn some things which will make him ashamed of his proud "Caucasian blood." We hazard nothing when we say that, in proportion to numbers and the advantages offered for the improvement of his social, moral and intellectual condition, the Negro does in any Southern city compare very favorably with his white fellow-citizens subject to the same environments. If that gentleman, and others who say such naughty things, wished to do so, they could form the acquaintance of a more fortunate class of Negroes in all our Southern cities, who could give them a point or two worth remembering.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE WASHINGTON.

The pledge brigade is growing. Rev. Jos. Wheeler received the following note March 13th from our collector at the Washington conference, held recently at Charleston, Va.:

"Some of the brethren promised to get four and five subscribers. The pledge cards were distributed to a large degree.—Rev. Jos. Wheeler, 141 Hill street, Baltimore, Md."

We will give the list and number of new subscribers for this conference in another number.

—The death of Henry C. Bowen removes one of the greatest journalists of the century from the scene of earthly activities. Mr. Bowen came of sturdy New England stock, and early in life he impressed his great personality upon his business and social relationship. He was an earnest Christian, a faithful and loyal citizen, the friend of the oppressed. He early espoused the cause of the Negro, and his great paper, the Independent, has been for years known far and wide as a staunch and uncompromising advocate of the rights of the black man. We mourn with the tens of thousands over the passing away of this great and good man.

—The residence of Rev. C. W. Butler, of Abbeville, Miss., was totally destroyed by fire on the night of March 12th. The loss is especially hard on our beloved brother and he appeals to the friends of humanity and to the brethren of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Conferences for help at once.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

**A Dr. Sandford Hunt Memorial Fund.**

It is well known throughout the church that the late Rev. Dr. Sandford Hunt, during the seven years that he served as treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was constant and untiring in his devotion to the interests of the Missionary Society and ever watchful of the funds committed to his care. In the annual meetings of the General Missionary Committee and in the monthly meetings of the Board of Managers, he was ever watchful, considering carefully every proposed appropriation and seeking to protect the Society against assuming obligations or undertaking work that the condition of the treasury would not fully warrant. After the appropriations were made, however, he endeavored to so administer the funds of the treasury as to bring the least embarrassment to the Society and the Church.

During the last two years of great financial stringency throughout the country, he saw by reason of the growth of the work, particularly in foreign fields, a debt accumulating upon the society, which gave him great concern. How to reduce the debt of nearly \$240,000 without curtailing the work, was to him a source of great anxiety and a subject of diligent study.

A few weeks before his death, he conceived the plan of sending out an appeal to the men and women of the Church who were able to come to the relief of the Missionary Society and ask them to send him \$100 each toward the payment of the debt. He hoped to find 1,000 persons in the broad field of Methodism who would respond to his appeal and thus put in the Treasury \$100,000 to apply at once upon the debt and so relieve the pressure upon the treasury. For two weeks before he left for his visit to a few of the Southern conferences, never to return alive, he was in his office from 8:30 in the morning until 5 at night, constantly busy in sending out his appeal in behalf of the Missionary Society. When warned by his associate in the Publishing Agency against overwork and the danger of breaking down under the strain, he invariably replied: "It is the Lord's work and it must be done. My anxiety for the Missionary Society is so great that I cannot rest until relief to the treasury is in sight." Such were the feelings and such was the work of this great and good man in the days just approaching his sudden exit to the unseen world, to hear his Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

This faithful and untiring worker has now entered upon his reward in heaven, before the work which was so near his heart was accomplished, and the stirring appeal sent out by him just before he went away is still in the hands of many who have not responded to it. About \$10,000 has been received in special gifts of \$100 each, as the result of the late treasurer's work. May we not ask and expect that our people will respond promptly, liberally and gladly, and in large numbers to his last and most urgent appeal, and send relief to our Missionary treasury? Let at least 1,000 persons send to the treasury \$100 each, and all others who can, even through severe personal sacrifice, send \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5 and \$1 each, the aggregate sum to constitute a Dr. Sandford Hunt Memorial Missionary Fund, and by so doing prevent the recall of missionaries from their important and rapidly growing work in our widely-extended mission fields at home and abroad. Let the response to this appeal be made within the next thirty days, if possible, thus removing at once the entire debt, and building at the same time a monument to one of the most faithful and devoted treasurers who has ever been called to the responsible

duty of administering the funds of our great Missionary Society.

Let this appeal be read to every congregation, Epworth League and Sunday school in Methodism and a special collection be taken in each for this Memorial Fund. The sums received will be announced from week to week through the press and receipts will be sent to donors. All drafts and money orders should be made payable to Homer Eaton, treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.—C. C. McCabe, A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretaries; Homer Eaton, Treasurer.

**Sanctification or Fanaticism—Which?**

On account of the receptive natures of some people, fanaticism enters easily into their religion. For instance, we find that in certain portions of the country, and particularly in this State, there are two views taken of the doctrine of sanctification, viz., emotional sanctification, or that which admits of all manner of bodily contortions and popularly called shouting, and yet, at the same time, is not expected to very materially effect the moral and spiritual character, and Bible sanctification, or that which takes hold of the inner life and cause it to grow into positive godliness. The adherents of the first view are many, those of the second few. The first view is the outcome of gross ignorance and demoralizing in its tendency; the second is characteristic of better information.

It is to be regretted that this first view ever found its way among our already too credulous people. Strange enough, the idea has had its origin with a certain class of our ministry, who have not been diligent Bible students, and, willing to adopt any craze that promised a livelihood and for a while hold the attention of the people, they have willfully remained ignorant of the meaning and intent of the doctrine of sanctification, and, in its place, have substituted the wildest theories. Some of them have preached that sanctification is instantaneous, and, not being able to distinguish between the meaning of a difference in kind and a difference in degree, have gone on and preached that sanctification is something different in kind from justification and regeneration, and have thus formed schisms in the same congregations, consisting of the justified and the sanctified. These two classes have, in many cases, so vilified and maligned each other that the outside world have wondered which was worse, the sanctified, justified or the unpretending sinner.

In some parts movements have been on foot among the so-called sanctified to withdraw from the local church and organize a church for themselves and appoint a sanctified pastor to preach for them. Cases have occurred where for years, successive pastors have been powerless to allay the disloyal spirit among the people, where this strange fire has been used on God's altar. Why the church does not inquire into these abuses is a mystery. Nothing but the most vitiated teaching could lead to such grave results. Bible sanctification should not only be preached, but lived. From the true idea of this exalted doctrine the church as nothing to fear, but it had better not be preached at all than preached wrong. The people can get along better with no preaching than they can with false doctrine.

Sanctification not only cleanses from all sin, but it fills the soul with the life which was in Christ Jesus. It not only takes from, but adds to the soul. It does not create strife in the church and prolong discord there, but it makes peace and carries it out to its legitimate results. It does not form schisms in the church or anywhere else, but it makes men love each other, and, most of all, brings them on a common level. It

separates Christians from sinners in deeds and works, but not in locality.

If sanctification is instantaneous, it is only so after it has had its complete growth into that fullness of Christ of which the Bible everywhere speaks. Let it be a slow or a quick growth, it must be a growth. The quickness of the growth must depend on the nature of the soil and the frequency of the showers of divine grace.

Justification and regeneration are to sanctification what the rivers are to the ocean, the channels through which we enter in to the full triumph of God's love. Justification is the stream begun and regeneration is the stream broadened and deepened. Sanctification is the shoreless, boundless and bottomless stream, the incomprehensible and wondrous stream, the ocean of God's love. These are not three different kinds of streams, but three different stages of development in the one stream.

Sanctification is not a new doctrine, but is as old as the Bible itself, and whoever preaches the full Christ preaches sanctification. What we need at the present day is more of this full and gracious Christ in our lives and less clamor about the mere outlines of a doctrine.—J. D. Jenkins, P. C., Sylvania, Ga.

**Durant (Miss.) Letter.**

Dear Editor:—On my arrival at this charge, Jan. 25th, I found that a new parsonage was needed and we immediately called the trustees and leaders together to consider the matter. We found a church extension debt of \$60 was on the church, and how to remove it was the question. But the solution soon came and that was for each member to take a part of the debt as his or her share. The following will show what each person pays, viz.:

J. D. Heatherby and R. B. Hundley, \$5 each; Prof. E. M. Porter, \$3; Levi Walton, S. W. M. Drane and R. M. Ford, \$2.50 each; R. M. Morgan and W. H. Scott, \$2 each; Ella Weatherby and Charlotte Gregory, \$1.25 each; Rev. S. J. Hatcher, A. Hatcher, Manah Allen, Ellen Lockhart, Jas. Lockhart, Moses Lockhart, Mrs. T. W. Davis, L. B. Brown, Wm. Derrick, M. J. Harmon, Mary M. Scott, Mary A. Wells, Henry Harris, Leroy Roan, B. G. Lashley,

Laura Morgan, A. C. Cox, Levi Edwards, Willie Slaughter, Caleb Harmon, Jas. Heslep, Thos. Nix, D. L. Jones, Jas. Stewart, Sophronia Harris, Mrs. E. M. Porter, Roan Coleman, Wm. Weatherby, Silvia Derrick, \$1 each; Reuben Lockhart, B. L. Scott, Ioma Morgan, M. L. Scott, Lucy Weatherby, M. L. Harper, 50 cents each; Henry D. Scott, 25 cents.

Monday lumber and bricks were on the ground and the workmen began work, and everybody sings "new parsonage." Two rooms are finished and the whole building will soon be completed.

Our first quarter was held by our much beloved presiding elder, Will E. Mask. The brethren were at their post. Sunday night the church was filled with anxious listeners and the visiting elder preached grandly, to the edification of all who heard him. We have collected up to date since Jan. 26th, for all purposes, \$180.80.

On Feb. 20th and March 5th the L. and Y. and the F. and W. entertainments were given to raise money on the parsonage, and \$77.75 as made.—T. W. Davis.

**WAIT ON THE LORD.**

We must allow God to take the initiative, and while we give Him thanks for the past, trust Him for the future, and wait, wait, wait on our God to take His place, to reveal Himself, and to do the greater things He has to show us. No word is of greater importance than the word "wait." There is only one place where blessing can be obtained—waiting at the throne of grace. Let us open our hearts heavenward, sacrificing everything, with the one object of seeing what God can do for them that wait on Him. If God gives us grace to say, "This one thing I do! I wait on the Lord," we may depend upon it that He will arm and lead His people on to blessing and power such as they have not known.—Rev. Andrew Murray.

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### To Superannuated Ministers.

The petition below was submitted to meetings held at the Fall Conferences by the superannuated ministers. In many conferences the petition was adopted and signed by the superannuates. A large number of signatures have already been obtained. It is hoped that the names of every one of the two thousand superannuates of Methodism may be secured before the session of the next General Conference. To save labor and expense, each superannuate who reads this is requested to cut this petition out, sign it and secure the signature of all other superannuates whom he may be able to reach. To avoid duplicates it is desired that the name of the conference should be affixed to each signature. Return the petition thus signed to Jay Benson Hamilton, 700 Irving St., Syracuse, N. Y., at the earliest possible date.

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—In all the legislation of your honorable body relating to ministerial support, the superannuated ministers received equal recognition with their brethren until 1852. Before that date the allowance made for the support of superannuated ministers was equal in amount to that provided for Bishops and other effective ministers. In 1852 Annual Conferences were authorized to determine by a two-thirds vote who should be claimants on the funds of the Conference and the amount each claimant should receive. Bishop Scott interpreted this law to mean that the claims of all superannuated ministers should be allowed, and that to disallow any claim, in whole or in part, required a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. This ruling was approved by the General Conference of 1860.

In 1860 the present plan was adopted. Under its provisions no superannuate has a claim unless it is granted by his Conference; it is a gratuity which can be held by vote of the Conference and there is no redress for the claimant; it is based upon necessity and is bestowed upon proof of great need. The plan requires the church to provide a comfortable support for Bishops, whether effective or non-effective, Presiding Elders and Pastors. It only suggests that Conferences may, if they deem best, assist the superannuate in obtaining a comfortable support.

We earnestly petition your honorable body to remove the discrimination made against the superannuate in the law of the church. We urge the adoption of some plan for ministerial support which shall restore us to our true place in the itinerant brotherhood, as equals with our brethren; we suggest that the support of conference claimants be based upon the term of effective service, while competent provision be made for those who have been able to render only a brief ministry; we plead that no provision of the plan shall needlessly humiliate or afflict the claimants it proposes to relieve; we entreat that relief shall be so far connective, at least, as to supplement the provisions of Annual Conferences with sufficient aid from the denomination to furnish to the superannuates in the poorer field, equally with those in more favored fields a support adequate for their needs.

### A New Thing at Wiley University.

To the Ministers of Texas, Northern Louisiana and Southern Arkansas:

Dear Brethren:—I am pleased to announce to you the completion of all arrangements for holding our Ministerial Institute at Wiley University. Keep in mind these facts: First.—It is to be conducted by Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary. Second.—It is to be held March 31st and April 1st and 2nd. Third.—It is for your special benefit, but is to cost you nothing for the conductor's services. Fourth.—Wiley University will welcome you and desires to have you present, both because of the real benefit you are to receive and to show proper appreciation for those who are trying to help you. Fifth.—Let those who expect to be present write me at once. Yours truly,

J. B. Scott.

### The South New Orleans District.

We are happy to report progress in the New Orleans South district, especially at Goodman Chapel, where Brother Pierre and his wife have taken hold with a degree of will which assures victory for the Redeemer's kingdom and Methodism.

At Centreville and Verdenville our little John W. Smith is the man in the right place. Pastor and people are happy and their reward is success in all the departments of church work.

Rev. Sanders Carroll at Napolconville is leading the host into sweet fields of plenty; and the waste places are being built. The pastor and his people are happy.

At Houma, the Rev. D. M. Seals is master of the situation. Our veteran, Peter Smith, and the invincible Pemerton are nobly holding up his arms. Right, brethren—push the battle on all lines.

Rev. Charles Crockett, his good wife and people have things entirely their way at Morgan City. The church is alive.

Rev. R. C. Barrow, pastor, and the people at Woodman are well pleased with each other. The occasion of the P. E.'s visit was of universal spiritual interest. The lodge of Odd Fellows celebrated their anniversary in full regalia and grand style, adding much to the occasion.

At Donaldsonville the Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne is in his glory and full of hope, and is planning for the best year's work of his ministry. He is highly respected by all classes of the people and on account of his manly and Christian bearing he is deservedly popular. The first quarterly visit of the P. E. and session of the conference March 7th and 8th was one of the best in the history of our church. Our people, white and colored, are rightly proud of the new church, and show their appreciation by promptly responding to every call of the pastor for its material and spiritual advancement.

### The Bible Committee.

The friends of the Bible cause on the Baton Rouge District, met in the city of Baton Rouge Feb. 26, 1896. After a few preliminary remarks by Prof. F. C. Blundon, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

M. P. Franklin, president; H. Daniels, first vice president; F. C. Blundon, secretary and treasurer. Executive committee: Addison Moore, J. D. Pool, H. A. Sorrell, A. G. Davis, E. C. Goings, J. O. Richards, Geo. A. Payne, H. A. McClelland, B. J. Reddix.

The election of additional vice presidents was laid over until the next regular meeting. On motion, an extract from the minutes was ordered sent to the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Much interest is being awakened on the subject of more Scripture reading in the churches.—M. P. Franklin, president; F. C. Blundon, secretary-treasurer.

### Condolence.

Memphis, Tenn.—Whereas: it has pleased Almighty God to take from our community one of our brightest jewels, Sister Woody Graham; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the officers and teachers of Centenary M. E. Church and Sunday school, offer to her bereaved husband, parents and relatives our heartfelt sympathy. Be it further

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Missionary Society, of which she was president, also extend our sympathy.

Offered in behalf of the members of Centenary M. E. Church Sunday School and Missionary Society, A. D. Ivy, superintendent; S. L. Mithern, secretary.

### Obituary—Maria Dudley.

"A mighty woman in Israel has fallen." Maria Dudley, a faithful member of First Street Church, fell asleep in Christ March 9, 1896, at the ripe age of 83 years. She joined the above named church fifty-three years ago, when it was under the auspices of the Southern M. E. Church. Bishop Keener, the Senior Bishop of the Southern M. E. Church, was once her pastor. Sister Dudley was a true and tried Christian and earnest worker in the church. The first Sunday in March she led the Sunrise prayer meeting. At 11 a. m. she filled her place in the church, but was not able to remain until the end of the

services, owing to illness. This was the last time her voice was heard in the church. Just before the end came the pastor was at her bed-side to administer for the last time the Lord's supper. She partook of the emblems which represent the body and blood of her blessed Savior with rejoicing. We sang "I am almost Home and soon shall be there; I am climbing up Zion's Hill." She joined in the chorus; after this she passed from labor to reward. Sister Dudley did not belong to any society other than the church, but for faithfulness the church buried her with grand honors. The church will miss her, for her place cannot be filled. May her mantle fall upon some of the members of First Church.

Rest in peace, Sister Dudley; we will meet you in the kingdom of our God. Of the old members who joined when Sister Dudley did only two of them remain—Maria Johnson and Rev. Charles Washington, a local deacon. W. R. Butler, P. C. First M. E. Church, New Orleans.

### Through Fullman Service to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Texas and Pacific Railway, in connection with the Iron Mountain Route, are now running through Pullman sleeping cars between New Orleans and Hot Springs, Ark. This is the only sanitarium or resort in the world owned by the United States government and under its direct supervision. All the principal hotels are now open, and the season is at its height. Amusements of every kind are being offered visitors. For descriptive pamphlets and further information see A. S. Graham, passenger and ticket agent, New Orleans, La.

—This, from the Elevator, hits the nail squarely:

Some one will please tell us how we will ever rise as a race when we are fighting each other 365 days in the year and looking for another day in which to fight in the same year? Some of our people think it a heaven bound duty to try to clip their neighbor's wings, so to speak, if they think he is trying to rise in the world. What do you think of a man like this? Is he honest? Will he do to trust? Is he loyal to his race? Is he patriotic? Can he be bought for a few dollars? Will he sell out his race? Well, will such a man or set of men do to depend on for anything? We will answer for all, no! a thousand times no!

### NOTICE.

The Atlanta Annual Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in Loyd Street Church, Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, April 7, 1896, at 10 o'clock, a. m.—G. W. Arnold, President.

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## **"A DR. SANDFORD HUNT MEMORIAL FUND."**

Secretaries McCabe and Leonard and Treasurer Eaton have expressed our thought exactly in the circulated letter which is published in another column of this paper.

The proposition to reduce the debt upon our Mission Society is both timely and imperative. Surely, "it is the Lord's work, and it must be done."

We believe these brave, helpful words of our lamented fellow-laborer will thrill and inspire the whole church to put forth a mighty effort to bring that relief to the treasury of the Missionary Society which was the occasion of so much solicitude on the part of this great and good man. We believe the whole church ought to join in a movement to perpetuate his memory. The "Dr. Sandford Hunt Memorial Fund" is a splendid watchword with which to rally our Methodist hosts. Let individual Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools and congregations join in the testimonial and thus erect a monument to Dr. Hunt's memory more enduring than granite or bronze. The order to our missionaries to "hold the fort," with assurance that re-enforcements are marching forward with shout and song and a boundless generosity to second the stirring appeal of our late treasurer, will be a jubilee day among our militant Methodist hosts. We appeal to all the people within our patronizing territory to respond and at once to this urgent call.

Dr. Hunt performed his last public service among our colored brethren, going almost from that service into the presence of the great King. We claim a share in this testimonial and hope every lover of the cause of missions will subscribe at once to the proposed Memorial Fund.

## **DR. SCHELL ABROAD.**

We cheerfully give space to an extract or two from the "Secretary's Corner." Dr. Schell is a close observer, wields a brush and pen, and has the very happy faculty of intensely interesting his hearers or readers. His observations during the Epworth League Conference at Gammon Theological Seminary, which we give below, are unusually interesting:

"We met Bishop FitzGerald, fresh from four weeks of unremitting labor at New Orleans, in the railway station at Atlanta. Under the escort of Dr. Thirkield, president of Gammon Biblical Institute, we proceeded to the Gammon-Clark University Chapel and participated in a three-days' Epworth League conference. The prime objects of the conference were: 1. To secure the extension and organization of the Epworth League among the eighteen conferences which comprise our colored work. 2. By training the young ministers in its practical workings to secure its efficiency when once organized.

"Dr. Bowen, of the Board of Control, acted as secretary. Bishop FitzGerald spoke at least eight times during the three days. On Saturday night at the Clark University Chapel he gave to a splendid audience his justly famous lecture on 'Across the Meridians.'

"The four members of the Gammon faculty and Dr. John and Prof. Crogman, of Clark University, are all young men. Dr. Thirkield became a theological president at 29. He is destined to fill a large place in the future of Methodism. Prof. Murray, the second to go to Gammon, an authority on the English Bible, and who has written two books of distinct originality and value on the subject, is Dr. Thirkield's senior by only two or three years. Prof. Parks is an ideal instructor in systematic theology, has under way a Biblical theology, and though junior to Prof. Murray, is the peer in age of Dr. Thirkield. Dr. Bowen, of the Chair of Church History, is young enough to be in the Board of Control of the Epworth League. Dr. John, president of Clark, is about the same age, and Prof. Crogman has lived more in deeds than years. Had Methodism done

nothing but plant those two schools and given those six noble souls to the work of instruction in them, it would have deserved the undying gratitude of the colored race. All the distinctly African branches of the church together have not done so much for them, in our opinion.

"Having heard Booker T. Washington represent his work, and knowing its popularity, by keeping our eyes open at Atlanta we learned why Southerners almost to a man approve of him, and are all too eager to discount the work of our own heroes, like Thirkield, Bowen and others. Mr. Washington stands for exclusive manual training; he would educate the Negro to trades work and for skilled manual labor. Even in this regard he is but following in the path blazed out at Claflin and Clark Universities under the care of our Freedmen's Aid Society. Dr. Bowen stands for giving his race a larger mental and spiritual life. Manual training is a long step toward it, but must be followed and supplemented in due time by all the principles and processes of the higher education. We shall not soon be called to choose between the two men, for Mr. Washington will need a lifetime in which to even begin his task. But in the last analysis, Washington is wrong and Bowen right. Intelligent colored people already begin to appreciate it."

## **OUR BAROMETER.**

This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within fourteen out of eighteen conferences composing our patronizing territory. We would like to give credit to each conference rather than to the States included in the conference boundary.

Brethren in the Atlanta or Savannah, in Georgia; the Mississippi or Upper Mississippi, in Mississippi; the Texas or West Texas, in Texas; the Tennessee or East Tennessee, in Tennessee, in sending in subscribers, will please give the name of their conferences (not their districts), so that we can give the proper credits to the conferences in the barometer column.

Pledges are coming in grandly. Eighty last week shows a big increase. We are shouting happy down here. Look at the list.

The status of the conferences for the week ending March 16th is as follows:

Mississippi (two conferences) .....	31
Savannah and Atlanta .....	12
Louisiana .....	10
Florida .....	7
Texas (two conferences) .....	10
Little Rock .....	3
South Carolina .....	3
Central Alabama .....	1
North Carolina .....	1
Tennessee .....	1
Lexington .....	1
Total .....	80

## **WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT**

### **THE SOUTHWESTERN.**

D. D. Goodwin, Fayette, Miss.: "I will be sure to send you ten subscribers this year."

Rev. J. P. Price, Gallatin, Tenn.: "I am doing a grand work here in the interest of our paper."

Rev. H. C. Wilson, of Hubertville, La.: "I explained my pledge to the people and we are in the fight for the paper."

Rev. Zack Bedden, a local preacher of Marion, Tex.: "The paper is a great help to me. It is also a great blessing to our Sunday school and church."

Rev. R. N. Jones, Heidelberg, Miss.: "Dr. Shumpert, the presiding elder, made a strong speech here in favor of the Southwestern. I am also striving to bring up my pledges."

Rev. A. J. McNair, State Line, Miss.: "We have begun the year's work by soliciting subscribers for the Southwestern, and upon this foundation we expect to do great things for Christ and Methodism."

Rev. J. M. Sheppard, Wedowee, Ala.: "Enclosed find \$1 for my subscription. Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church cannot keep in line without taking the Southwestern. I learn so much about what the church is doing that I cannot do without it."

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was tempted in all points like unto us, yet without sin."—Paul.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

Dear Editor: Will you be so kind as to answer the following questions for the benefit of many inquirers?—Rev. Abraham Booker, Louisville, Ky.

Question.—Is it in keeping with the laws of our (M. E.) church to allow a woman to occupy our pulpits, take a text from the Bible and preach?

Answer.—The Methodist Episcopal Church does not authorize a woman to preach. We do not doubt woman's ability to preach, and to preach well, but there is nothing in the fundamental law of the church which gives them this authority.

Question.—Does the General, Annual, District or Quarterly Conference recognize this class of female preachers?

Answer.—If by recognizing them is meant any ecclesiastical authority to perform the functions of ministers of the gospel—no.

Question.—If the women within the bounds of our church can preach without being legally licensed by the authorities of the church, why is it that men are not allowed to do the same way?

Answer.—Women are not preachers according to the usages of our church, although they are often permitted out of courtesy, sympathy and sentiment to exercise the functions of a preacher. But it is not so with a man who professes to be called to preach. He must obtain a license from the authorities of the church of which he is a member. In that case, he is a local preacher and is amenable to the Quarterly and District Conferences, which are authorized to arrange a systematic plan by which he can exercise his gifts, grace and usefulness. There is no analogy between a man who is licensed to preach and a woman who preaches without being licensed. The one is legally authorized to preach, while the other preaches without legal authority.

Question.—What is meant by license dying and license being renewed?

Answer.—Every local preacher shall be enrolled in a class and meet with it. He shall pursue a prescribed course of study and the renewal of his license is conditioned upon a faithful performance of his duties as laid down in the discipline (see paragraphs 192-193, and especially 196). Failure to comply with these requirements invalidates his license and it is called "dead."

Question.—In what light do we who allow these so-called female preachers in our pulpits place ourselves before our churches and conference?

Answer.—The last sentence of paragraph 193, section I, reads: "And no member of the church shall be at liberty to preach without such a license." Read between the lines for the answer.

Question.—Does it show loyalty to the church?

Answer.—Loyalty to the church is doing what the church requires and graciously submitting to all its laws, customs and usages. We should not mend our laws; but keep them for conscience sake. Our sisters who feel that they are called to the work of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church should not insist on violating the laws of the church. Many of them are quite effective speakers and have been found very helpful in revival services, but for conscience sake and for the law's sake, they should refrain from those services for which, according to the law of the church, they are not legally qualified. We are not speaking of their ability or acceptability, their pre-eminent gifts, grace or their manifest spiritual powers, but let the law of the church be faithfully and lovingly executed. A mighty revolution of sentiment is going on in the church in favor of women and the barriers in her way may be removed. Let her sing, pray, shout and speak with the tongue of fire, but to fulfil the law, let it be done when and where and in such a way that it will help rather than hinder. Wise, judicious pastors can easily regulate this matter.

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Rev. J. W. Hilton reports a splendid outlook of Camp Parapet. Five have joined the church recently and the membership is united. The pastor was the recipient of a grand surprise, which brought many pounds of good things to cheer the heart and supply the home. Bro. Hilton's oldest son is quite ill at present.

At First M. E. Church the revival has resulted up to date in fourteen converts and the good work is still going on. Rev. Smith, of Cotton Port, is doing excellent work in the meeting. In my opinion, the Lord has called him to do that kind of work. Anna Wesley Montgomery, infant daughter of Mrs. and Rev. T. G. Montgomery, was baptized at First M. E. Church by Rev. W. R. Butler. We have all of our plans laid to liquidate the indebtedness of the church. First quarterly conference was held March 11th, Rev. Pierre Landry, P. E., in the chair. In every respect the conference was a grand success. Two subscribers for the Southwestern were taken.

Sunday of last week was a high day at Petty's Chapel, A. M. E. Zion's Church. It was the occasion of a grand rally for the purpose of purchasing a lot upon which to build a new church. The services were held in Mount Zion's Hall and were of a very interesting character and were largely attended. Revs. Burrell, of the First Baptist, and Monroe, of William's Chapel, M. E. Church, assisted Dr. Jehu Holliday, who is rendering invaluable aid to his denomination in his self-sacrificing work. The collection amounted to \$58, which, considering the stringency of the times, is a good collection. A grand fair will be held in connection with the church, beginning March 24th. A splendid programme has been prepared. Dr. Holliday, with his estimable wife, will superintend, and a good time is anticipated.

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The other day I asked a successful housekeeper, whose husband is not the kind of a man to ignite the planet, unless it should catch from his everlasting cigar, how she managed to keep her table so plenteously and wholesomely supplied; to keep the boys in school and neatly clothed; to keep herself happy and well and her husband content; to keep her house tastefully furnished and still have enough left from her husband's not large salary to buy an occasional book and keep on the sitting-room table several of the best magazines; to pay her pew rent and her club dues—in short to live the life of a middle-class American and not get in debt. And she told me her secret—a very simple one, but one that the average woman may ponder with profit. She said: "I study advertisements, and I know where and when and how to purchase the household supplies. My husband used to laugh at me for reading advertisements carefully, but he has long since learned that I save many dollars every month. I know of no better way to practice economy, and do you know that it is a wonder how soon you learn to detect the real from the false, intuitively almost? I do not think that I have ever been 'taken in' by an advertisement; there is always something about the false ones that repels me. You hear a great deal nowadays about the 'practical pages' of magazines and newspapers; but for me the practical pages are those containing the business announcements of reputable business houses. The housekeeper who takes advantage of the practical hints in those pages shows a great deal more common sense than does the one who tries to furnish a seven-room cottage with a lot of soap-boxes covered with denim worked in fancy stitch, and to feed her growing family with never-ending reminiscences of the meal that went before. To the economical housekeeper the advertisements are the most important part of any publication."—Woman-kind.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1896.

## "REVIEW."

Golden Text: "Whosoever shall confess me before man, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God (Luke 12:8).

Lesson I.—John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. He was born during the reign of that wicked King, Herod the Great. The names of his parents were Zacharias and Elizabeth. They were strict observers of the Mosaic law. So pure was their heart and life that God found no fault in them. If they were not sinless, they were blameless. They were grieved because they were childless. Children are in many ways a blessing to the home. Our heart should be an altar from which the holy incense of prayer, praise and thanksgiving should continually ascend. While the minister conducts the services of God's house the whole congregation should pray for the consolation of Israel. It is proper that the Christian dispensation should be introduced by angels.

Lesson II.—This lesson is the only inspired passage we have in the childhood of Jesus. We know but little about His life between the years of 2 and 30. He lived in a very humble home in Nazareth. He no doubt dressed, played, slept and did chores, like other children. He was not a little old man, but was in childhood a real child. He could love and rejoice like other children. The women and children often attended the feasts of the Jews with the men. When Jesus was 12 He went with His parents up to Jerusalem to attend the Passover. There is nothing very strange in the fact that He was left in the city. His parents sought Him diligently, inquiringly, prayerfully and perseveringly. They found Him in the house of God and surrounded with good company. His first recorded words were those spoken in answer to His mother's question. He taught by example that children should obey their parents.

Lesson III.—John the Baptist was a child of prophecy. Isaiah and Malachi had spoken of his advent and work. The people were looking for him, and when he came they mused in their hearts whether or not he was the Christ. The mission of John was to prepare the way of the Lord by preaching the gospel, and baptizing with water. He did not remit sins, neither did he baptize in order that sins might be remitted. It was the baptism of repentance, and not the baptism with water, that secured forgiveness. He was put to death for condemning the incest and adultery of Herodias. Jesus was baptised to "fulfill all righteousness." His prayer, as He went up from the place of baptism, opened the heavens and brought down the Holy Spirit.

Lesson IV.—The early ministry of His subject was the gospel of the kingdom of God. Nazareth, the place of this lesson, was located among the hills of Northern Palestine. Jesus kept the Sabbath by rest and devotion. It is likely when He entered the synagogue a roll was placed in His hands, and He was invited to read. In the text selected for the occasion He, Himself, is shown to be a prophet to teach the people, a priest to heal the broken hearted, and a king to liberate the captive. Not one word of the sermon is given. The results of the discourse were:

1. Enthusiasm.—They wondered at the words of grace which He spoke. 2. Inquiry.—Is not this Joseph's son? 3. Demand.—Do for us here what you have been doing down at Capernaum. 4. Anger.—"When they heard these things they were filled with wrath." The human heart is very fickle.

Lesson V.—The power of Jesus may be seen in His teaching and miracles. The place of this lesson is Capernaum. When He returned to His own city He likely entered the home of Simon. Soon an immense crowd gathered about Him. He preached the word unto them. No part of His discourse has been given to us. He healed a man sick of the palsy, and also forgave his sins. The Scribes murmured, and accused Him of speaking blasphemy. Jesus reasoned with them, and convinced them that He had the right to forgive sin. The sick man took up his couch and went to his home, and the people said, "we have seen strange things to-day."

Lesson VI.—Our Savior's Sermon on the Mount is one of the most profound productions on record. He spent the whole night in prayer before He de-

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livered it. Vice has degrees, with some it is as a beam, and with others as a mote. We see clearly the fault of others, but behold as "through a glass darkly" our own failings: The fruit is only one of many ways of knowing the tree. As the corruption of the tree is back of the fruit, so the corruption of morals is back of the deed. The heart is the center from which the affections, emotions and desires spring. We should take heed how we hear the word of God. Jesus will receive all who come to Him aright. He is the "chief corner stone." We build our hopes of heaven upon Him. Temptations test the strength of Christian character.

Lesson VII.—Jesus is a great helper. In this lesson He healed the sick and raised the dead. A centurion had a servant that "was dear unto him." This slave was very sick with paralysis. Jesus was asked to come and heal him. He set out on this journey, but was stopped and asked to speak the word only. This He did and the servant lived. He was healed on the faith of his master. The heart of this Roman officer was humble, and his belief great. At Nain Jesus raised a young man, and the only son of a widow, to life. The people who saw it were filled with fear, and glorified God. Jesus can raise us from the death of sin.

Lesson VIII.—The Savior has many ways to encourage our faith. Jairus and Nicodemus were two rulers among the Jews that believed on Him. Jairus showed faith, humility and love when he came to Jesus. He requested that the Savior would come and heal his daughter. This Jesus consented to do. On His journey to the house a poor afflicted woman came up and touched the border of His garment that she might be healed. Jesus perceived that virtue had gone out to Him. The plan of salvation is automatic. The blessings of God cannot be concealed. Jesus can raise the dead just as easily as He can heal the sick. The dead in Christ are only asleep. God has favorites among His followers.

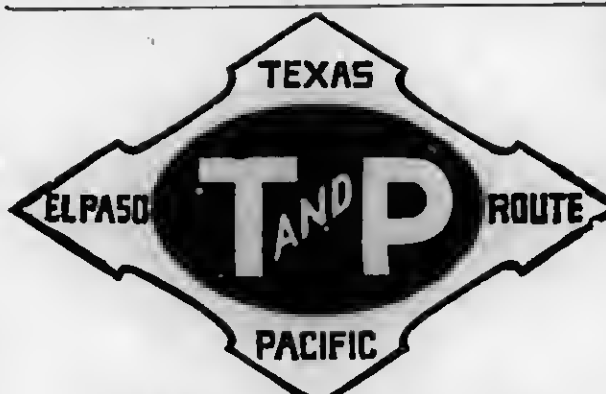
Lesson IX.—Jesus and His disciples had gone into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi. On one occasion when He ceased praying He said to them: "Whom say the people that I am?" Their answers show that Jesus was a subject of conversation; that the people did not know who He was; that they believed Him to be more than man; and that they looked upon Him as some departed saint. The world has never had the right opinion of Jesus. The church knows Him as the "Christ of God." In this lesson the "gospel of sorrow" begins. Jesus suffered many things, was slain, and arose from the dead. Salvation is full and voluntary; it is the way of self-denial and cross-bearing.

Lesson X.—Eternal life is the most important of all things. This lawyer did not possess it; he desired to obtain it but did not know how to do so. All who kept the letter and spirit of the commandments will be saved. Love is the essence of heaven, and the center of happiness on earth. Our neighbor is any one to whom we may do an act of kindness. The parable of the Good Samaritan shows that we should help all, regardless of race or color. There are many dangerous ways. People are constantly falling among thieves. We should lift up the fallen, and comfort the sorrowing by telling them of Jesus who died to save.

Lesson XI.—Jesus was a man of prayer, and He taught His disciples to pray. The Lord's Prayer is a good

model, yet it need not be invariably used. God is our Father, and His home is in heaven. We should hold the names by which He has been pleased to reveal Himself in high esteem. His kingdom is His spiritual region, and His will should be done perfectly. All our earthly supplies are results of His goodness. We need not hope for pardon if we do not forgive others. God tempts no one to do wrong. We should continue to pray till God give the desire of our hearts. We ask for blessings, seek the kingdom of God, and knock at the straight gate.

Lesson XII.—In this lesson we have the faithful and unfaithful servants. The second coming of Christ is clearly taught throughout the New Testament. The time of His return is not given, but the manner has been made plain to us. We are exhorted to get ready and watch for His return. In the parable of the robber the house is the body, the good man is the soul, and the thief is Satan. In the parable of the faithful and wise servant we see his character, his appointment, his work, and his reward. In the parable of the evil servant we behold his meditation, his conduct, his surprise, and his punishment.



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Moses Smith, P. E.

### HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren. Remember that this round means half of the conference year, and I hope that every brother will do his best to make a good and full report at the District Conference which will convene in the time of the third round. Let us keep always before us our indispensable friend, "The Southwestern Christian Advocate." Yours faithfully, Wm. Bartley, P. E.

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### DALLAS DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren.—The second quarter of the year is now upon us, and with it we hope that each charge upon the district will have a grand revival. Also remember Easter Sunday, April 4, is general missionary day. Do your best. We must take time to present the claims of the Southwestern and put it in every home.—D. C. Lacy, P. E.

### HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

To the members of the Huntsville District—Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren.—Please collect your General Conference assessments and send them in to the treasurer at once. Set the craft to work on the benevolences. Have a big roll on Easter day. Let us put the district up to the front in all good work.—A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

### CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT

Dear Brother.—Please look after your benevolent collection—preach a sermon on them and do all you can to secure a good list of new subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. This is our paper and we must stand by it. If our pastors do not take the paper how can they expect their local preachers and members to take it? "Like priest, like people."

Please let me know how many conversions and sessions; subscribers for the Southwestern; students for the college and money collected on the benevolences this year. If you have not done anything please go to work at once and do something, for the year is going fast. Excuses will not do. Go work for Christ's sake and do something. Remember Easter comes on the fifth of April, (the first Sunday), and raise your missionary money on that day. Visit among your flock—spend much time in this very important work. Preach to them, sing, pray, and comfort the people committed to your care. I get to some of your charges before you do. This should not be. Make it a point not to stay away from your field of labor, but to cultivate it for God. Please pastor the flock so that we can bring the district up. Let's live, work and pray for success. Yours for Christ, L. M. Moore, P. E.

### NOTICE.

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### NOTICE.

To Presidents of Epworth Leagues Chapters, Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference.

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### Tennessee River District.

Third Round. March. Adamsville.....21 22 Clifton.....28 29 April. Lawrenceburg.....4 5 Louisville.....6 7 Peterburg.....11 12 Springhill.....13 14 Beach Grove.....14 15 Beetwood.....23 24 Clark chapel.....18 19 Perryville.....25 26 Wayneboro.....25 26 May. Dover.....2 3 Paris & Springville, 9 10 Cumberland.....16 17 Charlotte.....16 17 Dickson.....23 24 Franklin.....30 31 S. B. Danley, P. E.

### Columbus District.

Second Round. March. Columbus.....21 22 Columbus circuit.....28 29 April. Eagle Lake.....4 5 La Grange.....10 11 La Grange circuit.....11 12 Fayetteville circuit.....18 19 Weimar.....2 26 May. Schuylburg.....2 3 Independent.....9 10 Sublime.....0 10 Hallettsville.....16 17 Wharton.....23 24 Edna.....30 31 June. Victoria.....6 7 Yoakum.....13 14 B. F. Smith, Presiding Elder.

### Dallas District.

Second Round. March. Mi ford and Italy.....21 22 Booming Grove.....23 24 April. Cois'cara, Dawson and Hubbard.....4 5 Gutesville.....11 12 Valley Mills.....11 12 Meridian and Lebanon, 16 19 Fort Worth.....26 26 Whis chapel.....25 26 May. Denison & Plot Pk. 23 Sherman.....9 10 McKinney.....16 17 Lancaster.....23 24 Knolls.....30 31 June. Dallas.....13 14 D. C. Lacy, Presiding Elder.

### Austin District.

April. Austin circuit.....4 5 Wesley Chapel.....11 12 Simpson Cir.....18 19 Georgetown.....26 26 May. Burnett.....2 3 Temp'e.....9 10 Duval.....16 17 Belton.....23 24 Manor.....30 31 June. Cedar Creek.....6 7 Look Hart.....13 14 San Marcos.....20 21 Luling.....27 28 July. West Pol t.....4 5 Winchester.....11 12 Moses Smith, Presiding Elder.

### Cumberland River District.

Third Round. April. Alexandria.....4 5 Temperance Hall, 11 12 Liberty.....11 12 West End mission, 18 19 Union Hill mission, 23 Hartsville circuit.....24 25 May. Mount Zion and Tucker's cross roads, circuit.....9 10 Gallatin.....9 10 Seay's mission.....9 10 Cherry Valley and Richmond circuit.....23 24 Lebanon.....16 17 Gordonsville circuit.....23 24 North Lebanon circuit, 21 24 Rock Springs circuit.....23 24 Bryans mission 31 Braden chapel.....30 31 June. Mitebeville.....7 8 Union Hall mission.....6 Greubier.....11 12 Springfield circuit.....13 14 James Town.....2 3 Cookville circuit.....2 21 Livingston.....27 28 Gainsboro.....27 28 L. M. Moores, Presiding Elder.

### Houston District.

Second Round. April. Beaumont.....10 12 Orange.....11 12 Trinity.....17 19 Mount Vernon.....19 20 Sloan St church.....24 26 Boynton Chapel.....26 27 St James.....28 29 Mid allen.....29 30 May. Liberty.....2 3 Kendleton.....9 10 Richmond.....9 10 Richmond circuit.....16 17 Richmond.....23 24 Rowerville circuit.....26 24 Oyster creek.....30 31 June. Wallisville circuit.....6 7 St Paul.....12 14 Tabernacle.....14 15 Harrisburg circuit.....20 21 Wm. Bartley, Presiding Elder.

### Navasota District.

Second Round. April. Navasota.....0 12 Navasota circuit.....11 12 Yarbrough.....18 9 Anderson.....25 26 May. Brenham.....1 3 Brenham circuit.....2 3 Beville.....2 3 He pasteau.....8 10 Courtney.....9 10 Caldwell circuit.....16 17 Caldwell & Lyons 16 17 Bryan.....24 24 Bryan circuit.....23 24 Houston.....30 31 Millican.....30 1 June. San Felipe circuit.....6 7 Seal.....6 7 W. L. Durcan, P. E.

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(From the Methodist Hymnal—John Logan.)

## HERALDS OF THE CROSS.

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Freely from Me ye have received,  
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Thus shall your doctrines be believed,  
And by your labors, sinners live.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—The Board of Church Extension of the Savannah Annual Conference will convene in Macon, Ga., April 21st, in Warren Chapel, at 10 o'clock a. m.

—We learn with sorrow that the St. Mark Methodist Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, was blown down by a cyclone on the 18th inst. Pastor H. Daniels needs the sympathy and help of all the brethren.

—Rev. Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph. D., D. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, has been invited to deliver an address next summer at far-famed Chautauqua. We congratulate the managers on their wise selection.

—Revs. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., W. H. Brooks, A. B., and J. L. Thomas, A. B., were elected ministerial delegates; E. W. S. Peck, D. D., and John A. Holmes, reserves; J. Garland Penn and Chas. Bodery, lay delegates from the Washington Conference. The delegation is an unusually strong one.

—Dr. C. S. Smith, secretary Sunday School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, has just returned from a visit to the West Indies, thus completing the tour of the three black republics of the world—Liberia, Hayti and San Domingo. The doctor is an entertaining writer and will give his observations in the same attractive way that characterizes his "Glimpses of Africa."

—Prof. B. M. Hubbard is again in Louisiana, after a stay of nearly two years at Gammon Theological Seminary. Bad health caused him to return, but his work at the Seminary is regarded complete, and the able faculty of said Seminary has granted him his diploma and degree (B. D.). His friends and acquaintances will rejoice to learn that he is rapidly improving as to his health.

## "A METHODIST OPPORTUNITY."

The able article under the above caption, which we publish in another column, is from the trenchant pen of Rev. William Hannibal Thomas, of Boston, Mass. It occurs to us that the premises assumed by our good brother do not altogether justify the conclusions reached. No thoughtful person will doubt that "internal dissensions, etc., sadly handicap the usefulness of Protestant Christianity," yet the same class of persons will admit that the "trend of current events" indicates the speedy healing of these dissensions and the removal of the obstacles which have hitherto retarded progress.

We do not know to what extent progress is being made toward an actual consolidation of the Protestant denominations of this land. Such a consolidation may, or may not, be desirable for all practical purposes.

That organic union among them all is not sought needs no argument. It will hardly be

doubted, however, that there is more and more of a disposition to foster and encourage that Christian unity and co-operation which gives such excellent promise of the establishment of Christ's kingdom on the earth.

We admit that the present obstacles have arisen largely from diversities of religious beliefs. Points of doctrine have frequently marked the lines of divergence between professors of religion who have become more or less denominational parties in proportion to their intelligent faith in and knowledge of these differentiating doctrines or otherwise.

While there is no disposition on the part of the great Protestant denominations to relax their efforts in the establishment of their peculiar creeds or to lower their denominational standards, there is, nevertheless, on the part of many of these denominations a manifest desire to co-operate; in the common work, of offering Christianity to all men, regardless of "race or color or previous condition of servitude."

Taking a backward look into the history of the American Churches, one is painfully impressed with the presence of a great disturbing element, the source of untold evil; casting even now its dark and hideous shadow over the very altars consecrated to the service of God and humanity.

It is peculiarly unfortunate that the American churches could not see their way clear to outlaw the institution of slavery while, with characteristic zeal and energy, they sought to give to the young republic the cast of their denominational predilections. Had these churches taken the broad scriptural stand which gave inspiration to their own heroic struggle for liberty, the foul curse of slavery had not remained to haunt us to this day.

It is an intensely interesting bit of American history that the Methodist Episcopal Church not only espoused the cause of the slave in the United States, but made provisions for the redemption of his fatherland from error and superstition. This whole work was carried forward with the firm conviction that the slaves who had been brought to this country from Africa and their descendants were members of one common family, the redeemed children of one common Lord; that the system which made them slaves was cruel, unjust, sinful, and to the glory of American Methodism be it said that, among the first acts of its first law-making Assembly were resolutions pledging its moral, social and even political influence in favor of the overthrow of slavery.

On this subject, the great Church was rent in twain in 1844, the Southern members supporting the institution of slavery, while those of the North took the opposite view. But for that "separation," the whole question might have been settled righteously and without war and bloodshed. But war came, and the sons of the Methodist Episcopal Church marched as valiantly to uphold the Union and the Constitution as their sires did to conquer the hosts of sin. With the overthrow of slavery came responsibilities which even the most sanguine friend of the slave never dreamed of.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this crisis is without a single parallel. Neither figures nor words can adequately tell the story. For thirty years it has been teaching the freedman that he was a man and a brother. It has poured out its vast wealth like water; it has given its best sons and daughters, who have willingly borne reproach, faced social ostracism and even death. It has offered up its most fervent prayers; it has established an educational system with hardly an equal of its kind in the civilized world to bring these freedmen and their children into a great educated Christian brotherhood. Not a separate and distinct confraternity, which at best could only be a continual reminder of their past and present inferiority, but the Methodist Episcopal Church has sought from the beginning and continues the work of the elevation of the black man

with confidence in the establishment of his perfect and complete equality before God, and before the law.

To ask the Church to recede from her time-honored position and to sanction the separation of its colored membership with more or less autonomy, on the hypothesis that it is a "menace to the welfare of the white membership and a hindrance to general usefulness" or even an "obstacle" in the way of "organic union," is a proposal that cannot be accepted by the Church without obliterating the most brilliant page in its history.

It ought to be understood that the Negro membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church is neither a problem nor an experiment. It is not in the Church by mere sufferance, but stands in every essential feature like unto any other class of its membership.

Suggestions looking toward a separation of the colored membership to make room for the exercise of enlarged Christian usefulness and unity; also that "the Church will maintain a corrective and praiseworthy supervision (?) over the colored Methodist brotherhood," after the so-called "practical separation," are a mere "barren idealism."

For the same reason, the question of a separate colored bishop inevitably commits its advocates to a course which, in the very nature of things, would lead to a final separation of the colored membership.

Of course, we favor the election of a colored man to the highest offices within the gift of the Church; and we believe that every self-respecting colored member indulges in the same sentiment. We would have these honors to come in a perfectly legitimate way.

Certainly, we have capable brethren who are inspired with the purest motives and with the most honorable ambitions and aspirations. But to elevate them to the highest office, only on condition that they be laden with restrictions suggested by the mere accident of race or color, or previous condition of servitude, stands not so much as a cruel embarrassment to those who are the victims of an unholy prejudice as it does to those who foster, encourage and practice it.

## THE SANDFORD HUNT MEMORIAL.

We beg our pastors, Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents not to fail to give all our people a chance to contribute something to the "Sandford Hunt Memorial Fund, for the payment of the debt of our Missionary Society. Read the appeal already published in the Church papers to your congregation, Sunday school and Epworth League and take the offering, if you have not already done so.

Only a few can give large sums, but everybody can give something. The preachers of the New Jersey conference, at its recent session, resolved by unanimous vote, to take an offering for the debt immediately after their return to their respective charges. At the anniversary of the Philadelphia Conference Missionary Society, held March 16th, a subscription for the debt, to be paid previous to May 1st, was taken, amounting to over \$5,500.

By united effort the debt can be wiped out before the General Conference meets. Our people will not fail to respond if their attention is called to the importance of this movement and to the great interests that are at stake in our vast Mission fields at home and abroad.

Easter Sunday would be an appropriate time to take collections for this fund. We have already sent out about 200,000 Easter offering envelopes, and would gladly supply all who may send in orders. Receipts will be forwarded for all remittances made to us. Address Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

E. C. McCabe.  
A. B. Leonard.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A Reply to a Circular Received.

While writing, I have before me a circular letter sent by Rev. C. L. Johnson, our pastor at Marion. His document is signed by several ministers of the Central Alabama Conference, of which I am a member. It is also signed by one local preacher and three other laymen. It is strange to see how pastors and presiding elders can get up such strange documents and scatter them among the people, bearing such little consistency in its statements. I want to call the attention of the members of our church in the bounds of the Central Alabama Conference, both ministerial and lay, to some of the strange things set forth in the circular.

First, the circular is headed "An appeal to the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church and ministry of the Central Alabama Conference." The appeal is for aid to locate a school at Marion, Ala., which place they style the Athens. To locate the school at Marion, they undertake to cripple our Academy at Huntsville. They say because "Georgia has its Clark and Gammon, Tennessee its Central and Morristown, South Carolina its Claflin and Louisiana its New Orleans, we should have one at Marion. And if we can not build one there, move the Academy from Huntsville there." Now, I think these brethren forgot that the members of the conferences in which the above-named schools are located work to support them, and, supporting and keeping alive one great school, they are able now to have smaller ones as feeders to their great schools.

Second, to move the Academy from Huntsville, would only give one school just the same. "We have nothing to boast but the Academy at Huntsville, and it is so poorly located till it takes the spirit of boasting from us." If the Academy is poorly located at Huntsville, what inducements are held out to us at Marion? If we should try to locate a school there, where is the land? Where is the money for building? We only have the old church lot and the old church there. Both land and house together are not worth over \$50. It was not a desirable place for a church. They know quite well it is down under a hill, among the ditches, etc. A layman told the writer at the last Conference, held at Marion, had he known that he was giving money to such a thing he would not have given it. And a local preacher said that the presiding elder then of the Marion district failed even to renew his license until he paid a dollar to the Marion Institute. It is a burning shame on pastors and presiding elders to lead our poor people into such places. The presiding elders and pastors that signed this circular and caused them to be scattered about among our people know it is not in the mind of our Freedmen's Aid Board to build any new schools, but to complete those they have in course of erection. They have been told this by Bishops and officers of the board. They have urged us to unite in supporting the Academy. In view of these facts, it must be an unchristian spirit that leads them to poison the minds of our people and thus cripple our educational work in the State. If it be ignorance or malice, it disqualifies them for leaders in our great church. We are, therefore, forced to say that it must be one of the two. It is a known fact that our Conference has not grown any for nearly ten years because of a spirit to devour, tear and slay, rather than that to build.

"The school is hardly known beyond Huntsville and North Alabama, within the Huntsville district." That statement is untrue. But if the school is not known, who should bear the blame? Certainly presiding elders and pastors

are to inform the people. But when men are unloyal and will fight against the progress of anything, we can not expect them to give the people the right information. Let me turn a little light on the above statement. Birmingham district is well represented in the school. One of our senior students is from Newberne, only sixteen miles from Marion. One teaching at Greensboro, eighteen or twenty miles from Marion, one teaching in Green county, near Eutaw; two ladies married living at Tuscaloosa, and the daughters of Mr. Carr by marriage, one of the laymen whose name is signed to this circular. The above are all in the bounds of the Marion district, where this circular originated. We have at present two students from Lowndes county (Whitehall, Ala.), a mailing clerk running on the L. and N. R. R. from Nashville to Montgomery, and one on another railroad, all graduates from the school. We have also Revs. B. G. Smith, J. C. Sammon and S. J. Jordan, members of the Central Alabama Conference, who were students here, and J. A. Callie, at Anniston, and J. W. Landrum, local preachers, who were students. Yet the school is not known out of the Huntsville district. They say "to reach Huntsville from Marion, one must travel 240 miles, and from Mobile about 400 miles." Would it not be the same distance from Huntsville to Marion, if the school is moved there? Strange a presiding elder will put in a plea of distance and at the same time will take his daughter and send her 160 miles above Huntsville, the nearest route to Nashville, to receive the same instruction that she could receive at Huntsville. If the people are like him, they don't care for the distance. The brother should preach what he practices, or practice what he preaches.

Brother Johnson says in his letter to the writer that if the Academy was down there in the "Black belt" it would soon become self-supporting. If that be true, why not the Marion Institute be self-supporting? Why do they ask aid for it? The Marion Institute is in the heart of the black belt and the ancient Athens, the glory of Alabama. Still they cry help. Now, let me say that the laymen signed this document because of the poor information received concerning our work, being, of course, led by their leaders. Some of the pastors didn't think much about it, perhaps. But, let me say, brethren, you are in rebellion. Stop now. While you are riding around on your districts and setting about in your charges telling the people that Huntsville is too far, other denominations are sending their children out of Alabama into other States to get them into their schools. Presbyterian agents are taking our own children and sending them out of the State to their schools. When they once get them they are lost to us. When Bishop Hurst made his address on education at our last conference, urging each of us to send one student to the Academy this year, you cheered the Bishop, stamped your feet, shouted amen and clapped your hands. Before the Bishop could fairly get to Washington, here comes your circular telling that you are in rebellion. Stop, and give support to the school until we make it a mighty power. Yours for the cause,

N. H. Speight, D. D.  
Huntsville, Ala.

## McMinnville (Tenn.) Letter.

Mr. Editor:—My having been connected with the city school since January, finding the town to be one of the leading towns of the South, with its thorough-going citizens, and through the instrumentality of the patrons, pupils and the most pleasant teacher, Mrs. R. O. Speers, it has been a pleasure to me.

Mrs. Speers deserves unexpressible

credit for the devout way in which she labors in church, Sunday school and day school to make the work pleasant as well as beneficial.

Amid the adverse circumstances with which we have had to deal, we are making a steady increase in our enrollment, as well as otherwise. We have learned that the true way to deal with adverse circumstances is to be a still greater circumstance yourself than that with which you have to deal.

Nine out of every ten of the men who have made a success of tedious work fought the battle up-hill. When we look around ourselves and think of the little tender minds that are from time to time entrusted in our care, and think that we are to mold the character and shape the destiny of unborn generations, the whisper comes to us, "It is good to be here." I am, yours for success, Robert T. Burt, Principal McMinnville City School.

## Warrensburg (Mo.) Letter.

Our Fourth quarterly meeting, held Feb. 15-16th, was very successful. The presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Hughes, was with us and in connection with his other ministerial duties, baptised two children on the Sabbath. A leap year supper, on Saturday night, and the Sunday's collection cleared \$35. The presiding elder expressed himself as not having seen such a well-arranged and orderly entertainment in twenty-five years.

Our Sunday school is excellent. Bro. Bartly Blackburn is proving himself quite an efficient Sunday school superintendent. He is preparing the school to observe Easter Sunday as Missionary Day.

Our people here are just beginning to read our church literature. Nine annual subscribers to the Southwestern have been secured and sent in during the past quarter. Others will be sent in a few days. Our number of subscribers at conference will show our position for putting the Southwestern to the 10,000 line. Our improvements for the year amount to more than \$125, all of which is paid but \$25. Prof. C. W. Jones, our representative in the public school here, is our lay delegate to the annual conference.—B. F. Abbott, Pastor.

## Claflin University.

Forward movement meetings have been held at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., during the past week. One hundred and thirteen students professed conversion.

This Institution is under the control of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and during the past thirteen years over 1,200 students have found the Saviour, and have consecrated their lives to His service. Most of these have gone out as ministers, physicians, Christian teachers and skilled laborers, and have done much for the elevation of their unfortunate people. Such results speak volumes for the usefulness and friendly support of the important work of this Society.

There is no department of Home Missionary work where consecrated labor and benevolence are so richly rewarded as among the colored people of the South.—L. M. Dunton, President.

When Wilkes Booth was shot to death by Sergeant Boston Corbett, he was in a burning barn attached to the Garrett farm-house, near Bowling Green, Va. The last person who talked to him before the shot was fired was Jack Garrett, a young son of the owner of the place. Mr. Garrett is now living near his old home, and he has given his account of the last days of Booth. The story was taken down from his lips by Victor Louis Mason, who contributes an article on "The Four Lincoln Conspiracies" to the April Century.

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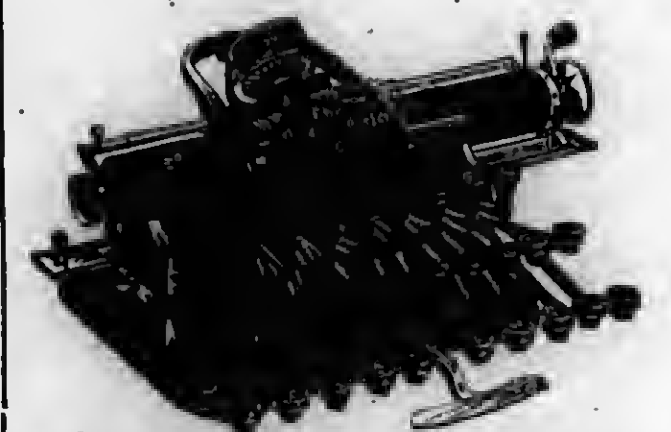
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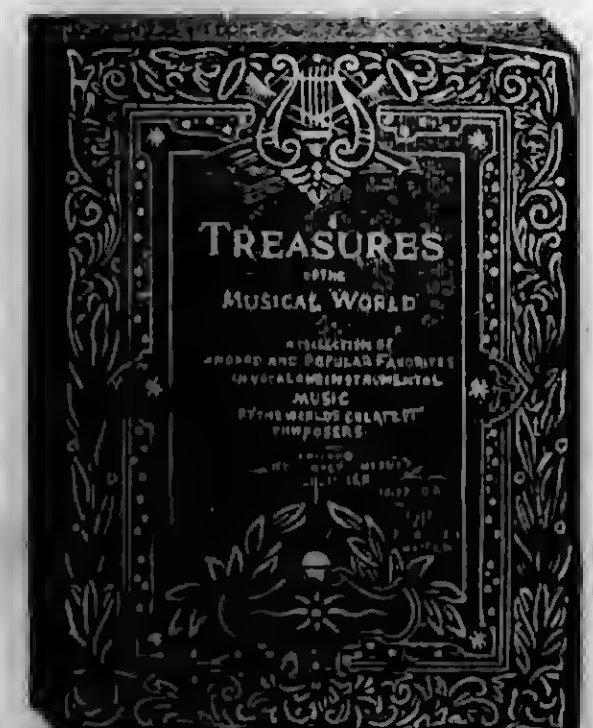
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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Mt. Vernon, Ga.—Mrs. Sarah Bell, a faithful and devoted Christian, died in the triumph of faith Feb. 9th.—S. P. Bryant.

Shady Grove Circuit.—We are spiritually and financially alive to every interest of our church. Our Sunday schools are recruiting with increased interest.—A. A. Lacey.

Howell, Ark.—We have just completed a nice church at this place, with four members. All correspondents may address me at Howell, Ark., box. No. 9.—D. H. E. Harris.

Morgan City, La.—We are glad to say that our rally Sunday was one long to be remembered. The Holy Ghost was upon us. Collection, \$17.70. Pray for our success.—C. D. Crockett.

Clow, Ark.—The trustees of our school requested me to say through your paper that we want a man to take charge of our school at once. For particulars apply to H. M. Clow.

Warrensburg, Mo.—Carl Belmont, the infant son of Rev. B. F. and Mrs. Abbott, was dedicated to the Lord by baptism by Rev. J. W. Hughes, presiding elder, at our fourth quarterly meeting, Feb. 16th.

Webb Circuit, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held March 7th and 8th, with Rev. J. W. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. We had a full attendance. Reports showed progress along all lines of church work. Collection, \$25.—J. B. Starky.

Mansfield, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 15th. The presiding elder, H. James, was on time. The reports were encouraging. The presiding elder preached acceptably Sunday and Sunday night. Quarterly collection, \$12.30.—J. O. Brown.

Columbus, Miss.—I reached my work Jan. 18th and was cordially received. My first quarterly conference was held Feb. 25th, which was a spirit of great joy. H. R. Revels, D. D., presiding elder, was present and preached one of his able sermons.—J. W. Terrell, P. C.

Lake Providence, La.—Our first quarterly conference convened and was the best that we ever had in this place. Reports showed improvement on all lines of church work. Nineteen persons converted, nineteen received on probation. Collection this quarter, \$222.45.—F. M. Lashington.

College Hill, Miss.—My first quarterly conference convened March 7th and 8th, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair. The new church being completed at Elijah, gives new life to the people. His words will live long with the people at this place. One hundred communion; collection, \$25.—S. D. Troupe.

Green Hill.—Our first quarterly conference convened on the 22d of February. Rev. J. C. Houston, presiding elder, was on time. The reports of pastor and leaders shows the work to be in a good condition. I am determined to carry out my pledge for the Southwestern and over, by the help of God.—R. H. Patton.

Martin, Tenn.—We are pushing things to the front. We have an Epworth League Chapter with a membership of fifty-five, who are doing a grand work. I will send in a club of ten cash subscribers. Our second quarterly meeting was held Feb. 29th and March 1st. H. M. Key, presiding elder, was on time.—B. F. Anderson.

Huntsville, Tex.—The first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28th and 29th. We raised \$52.50, making a total raised for all purposes during the first quarter of \$110. The church is moving on nicely. The members and friends of the church stormed the pastor and his wife on the 25th ult. by calling at 12 o'clock at night. They left the floor loaded with groceries, dry goods and cash.—B. M. Taylor.

Washington, La.—Last Sunday was a high day with us. The Lord's Supper was administered to a good number and one infant was baptised, and several came forward to be prayed for. The Sunday school and church are in a progressive way, our God leading the army. We shall try as soon as possible to send in a few cash subscribers for the paper.—A. J. Pickett.

Newbern and Jackson Chapel, Ala.—Our churches are now in the front rank. The members are working heroically, spiritually and temporally. At Jackson we have erected a nicely-framed church, in which we will hold our first service shortly. We are working to bring all departments forward and in line with the progressive spirit of the age.—O. Nelson.

Meridian, Miss.—My reception here was warm. The people received us gladly and have shown many acts of kindness to us. They have stormed us twice. First, Haven's members came and loaded us with good things, and then Rose

Hill heard of what had been done and they in turn came a few nights after and loaded us with eatables. We are happy and are saying, come again.—L. J. S. Bell, P. C.

Jennerette, La.—Preachers' meeting was organized on Tuesday, March 3d, at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. H. C. Wilson, president; Rev. J. S. Augustus, vice president; Rev. A. H. Bank, second vice president; Rev. M. H. Hunter, secretary; Rev. J. H. Augustus, assistant secretary; Rev. C. W. Kershaw, treasurer; Rev. R. Anderson, assistant treasurer; Rev. Stephen Tillman, librarian.

Greenwood, Miss.—We have begun the third year's work under very favorable circumstances. Our first quarterly conference was held by Rev. W. E. Mask, presiding elder. The reports showed the work to be in good condition. We have raised this quarter \$170.50 for indebtedness, \$83 for the ministry, \$73.50 for benevolent purposes, \$14 and three cash subscribers for the Southwestern. The church and Sunday school are in a good condition.—B. F. Woolfolk.

Starkville Circuit, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference convened at Zion Franklin, Feb. 29, 1896, with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, presiding elder, in the chair. A goodly number of brethren were present and presented very encouraging reports. The presiding elder spoke of the good Southwestern Christian Advocate, persuading all to take the paper. Thirty-three dollars and ninety cents was raised during the conference. The Southwestern shall be our watchword.—J. M. Thompson, P. C.

Gallatin, Tex.—A revival service was held at Key Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, which resulted in the conversion of thirty-five souls. The Epworth League held its prayer meetings each evening. Twenty-one joined the church. Revs. T. White, of the A. M. E. Church; W. H. Wilkins, of the C. M. E. Church, and Rev. R. A. Dowell, of the M. E. Church, Hartsville, were with us and rendered good help. Our Junior League is growing fast.—ours for the Master, F. L. Harrison, Reporter.

Hartsville, Tenn.—Everything is moving along nicely. Our pastor, Rev. R. A. Dowell, is a great worker in the church and Sunday school. Rev. J. L. Price, of Gallatin, was present, the president of the district leagues. Also Rev. J. M. Lyle, of Nashville, one of the vice presidents, and J. H. Pursley, of Hartsville. Pastor of the A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. P. Price, gave a wonderful address, which was received and accepted by all present. He is a wonderful man and we gladly welcome him in our town. Some remarks were also made by Rev. J. M. Lyle and J. H. Pursley. May God speed our progress.—Mattie Carley.

## A Methodist Opportunity.

By William Hannibal Thomas.

The trend of current events in every channel of secular human activity is toward concentration of effort by organic union of like aims and interests, and in this respect the children of the world evince a subtle wisdom that the children of light might with advantage strive to attain. It is well known that internal dissensions and sectarian strife sadly handicap the usefulness of Protestant Christianity in many of its commendable ventures. To be specific, even American Methodism, identical in doctrine and usage, is split into a half score of separate organizations, though none of them are grounded on such a solid Christian basis as to justify distinctive existence, and all of them appear to be deaf to those valid and cogent reasons which common sense urges for the fraternal and actual consolidation of like religious bodies.

Among those Methodist religious societies that maintain separate organizations on what I conceive to be purely sentimental grounds, are the Methodist Episcopal Church, the parent of Methodism on the Western Hemisphere, and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, notwithstanding their union is vitally important to the moral and spiritual welfare of both sects, and for which reason its speedy consummation ought to be effected. The slave issue rent Methodism in twain in 1844; the presence of Negro membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church deters reconciliation and denominational unity in 1896, but such an experience, if it teaches anything, shows that sectarian strife is not Christianity, that identical interests should coalesce, that fraternal recognition of like aims and aspirations is human brotherhood. Moreover, the dawning century, the incoming age of applied Christianity, emphasizes to a luminous degree the imperative need of concentration and consolidation along every line

of finite effort; hence the need of looking this issue fairly in the face.

I undertake to say that no insuperable obstacles to union exist, and that when mutual mistakes are recognized and prudent forbearance holds sway, the union of these two Methodist bodies will inevitably follow.

It is generally understood that the chief obstacle to the organic union of Methodism, North and South, is the problem of Negro membership in the former denomination. If this be true, it may be fairly questioned whether so insignificant a factor should stand in the way of a movement that involves such tremendous possibilities of service to God and man.

I am profoundly interested in sound Negro development and have substantial reasons for believing myself to be thoroughly familiar with that question in all its phases, therefore I feel justified in saying that the mental ignorance and moral depravity of the Negro will neither be overcome nor eradicated until the Christian white South joins hands with the Christian North in a determined movement for his mental and moral regeneration; hence, if Negro membership in white Christian organizations is a menace to their sectarian welfare or a hindrance to genuine usefulness, I should deem it the very essence of Christian wisdom to eliminate such a disturbing factor both as a considerate service to the Negro race and as a profound duty that American Methodism owes to the welfare of mankind, and in keeping with this sentiment, I suggest a process alike easy and honorable to all concerned.

To begin with, let the ensuing General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church elect two or more capable colored Bishops and set apart its colored members into a separate organization under their supervision. This the Methodist Episcopal Church South did with its colored members in 1871, and they now constitute that large body of Christians known as the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. With the Negro out of the way, I take it that overtures for organic union would be forthcoming and that the Methodist Church North and South would speedily become harmoniously united in sound Christian fellowship. Grant that such a union takes place with the agreed understanding that this united Methodist influence will be exerted to effect a union of the newly-created Negro Methodist organization with the present Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, which, in the face of such insistence, would follow as a matter of course, a consummation that of itself would prove of inestimable value to the cause of Christianity. But suppose this united white Methodist body goes further in this matter, and, in keeping with its characteristic evangelical spirit, perpetuates its Freedmen's Aid Society, with both North and South contributing alike to its aims and purposes; that it retains control of all educational institutions now devoted to the training of Negroes, and by educating their ministry, maintains a corrective and praiseworthy supervision over the colored Methodist brotherhood. Would not the practical benefits certain to accrue to Christianity and to both races abundantly justify the wisdom of such a movement.

So far as it relates to the Freedmen, this proposition is worthy of candid and dispassionate consideration. The gravity of the Negro question is daily becoming more serious and complex, but I undertake to say that the possibilities of this suggestion points out a way for the betterment of Negro life and morals unreached by any other means; besides, a union of these two great white Methodist bodies made on these lines will do more to eliminate sectionalism and unite the people of the North and South in sound Christian brotherhood than any event that has taken place since the war. Christian patriotism lies at the core of this matter, and sentiment, partisan or sectional, should not thwart its consummation. Finally, such a union would pave the way for the creation of the most powerful Protestant religious organization on the Western continent, and to that extent render it capable of incalculable service to the world of humanity.

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**THE LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.**

This progressive Conference met in Jackson Street Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, March 18, 1896. Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D., consecrated the elements, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the preachers and others present. Elam A. White was elected secretary, with R. L. Dickerson and T. R. Fletcher assistants. H. W. Tate was elected reporter. W. H. Riley was elected statistical secretary, with F. D. Breckinridge, T. L. Wilson, E. R. Lewis and J. W. Robinson assistants. W. C. Echols was elected treasurer, with R. T. W. James and W. W. Heston assistants.

Mayor Todd, of the city of Louisville, delivered an address of welcome, which was well received. Rev. J. W. M. Luckett, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, on behalf of the city Ministerial Association, delivered a thrilling address, which created great enthusiasm. Dr. W. A. Spenser, corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced, as were Revs. Dr. J. W. Turner, of the Kentucky Conference; J. H. McMullen, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; E. G. Harris, of Congregational Church; G. W. Kincaid and J. W. M. Luckett, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Hamilton, of African Methodist Episcopal Church; E. P. Marrs and D. C. Carter, of city Baptist churches; Rev. Drs. J. E. Steele, presiding elder; H. C. Cleppinger and W. B. Collins, of the Indiana Conference; H. W. White, Tennessee Conference; W. H. Nelson, Central Alabama Conference; Dr. J. D. Walsh, presiding elder, and W. B. Sneed, of the Kentucky Conference; A. Mason and P. R. Anderson, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Springfield, O., was chosen as the place for holding the next session of the conference. The sessions are largely attended and the brethren of the conference are making a very favorable impression upon the citizens and others. A detailed account of the business and appointments will be given in another number.

We are glad to publish the splendid address of welcome by Rev. J. W. M. Luckett, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America, as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference and Brethren: I need not say to you that it gives me great pleasure to meet you and to be privileged to stand before you to-day, for it has been one of the strongest desires of my life to see and meet this conference, for, within its radius, I was born and reared, and the first serious religious impressions I ever felt was through the ministry of a member of this Conference, long since gathered to his heavenly home.

As I look into your faces to-day, I am again reminded of the solemn fact that the work of the gospel minister is a great work; the variable and onerous duties and responsibilities of the itinerant come vividly before me as I gaze upon your expressions, but, Mr. Chairman, I cannot speak to you of these reflections; at this time suffer me to say, as the authorized representative of the Falls City Ministerial Association, I am here to heartily and most earnestly welcome you in the name of our common Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to our homes, our beds, our tables, our cities and all our resources of domestic and public comfort.

New Albany, the home of the lamented Gresham, our recent Secretary of State, and the habitation of many loyal Methodists; Jeffersonville, famous everywhere as being the seat of the Indiana State Prison; Louisville, the Queen of Southern cities and the metropolis of our great State—each of these all join in a hearty, earnest and unqualified welcome to you, Mr. Chairman, and the members of this Conference, feeling, as we do, that your gentlemanly bearing, your pious and concentrated demeanor will serve to stimulate our

lethargic Louisville Methodism to a livelier, more aggressive and healthier State.

In this city, men and brethren, you will find a veritable mausoleum of iniquity and vice of every form. We are struggling, thank God, prayerfully and loyally to override the kingdom of Satan. We shall look to you, sirs, for a new impetus in our work. Mr. Chairman, we do not venture this welcome, cordial and earnest as it is, without ourselves reflecting upon the fact that you represent in your Assembly to-day the greatest distinctive branch of Evangelical Christianity in the world. Pardon me, Mr. Chairman, should I insist that this is true as respects the vast magnitude of the work accomplished by your Church. The aggregation of her numbers, her material possessions, the indefatigable and ceaseless toil of her chieftains, the erudition of her leaders and exponents. Sirs, your Methodism is great in the variable and flexible genius of her system; yea, in the fundamental constitutional peculiarities of her organic structure. This, we think, is amply verified when we consider the fact that, like the Man of Galilee, she has fostered no Gospel for the poor, the rich, the low, the bond, the free, the white nor the black as a class. But, in the language of the Great Commission, she has said, "Preach the Gospel of peace to every creature."

Again, we are reminded also, Mr. Chairman, in extending this welcome, that your Methodism has been and is now holding on to the cardinal doctrine of the Gospel applying itself with all its energy to the propagation of the same far and near. Embracing every opportunity of Divine Providence, taking advantage of every new development in the administration of the world and utilizing all instrumentalities within its grasp to advance the kingdom of the world's Redeemer. The mind and heart, Mr. Chairman, inspired by the catholic genius of such a system, will be placed far beyond the influence of those narrow and exclusive notions which annihilate from the soul the ennobling and comprehensive views and purposes of true Christianity. It is your great Church which has been foremost from the very foundation of this government in championing the course of morality, truth, justice, civil and religious liberty, the peace of the home, the community and the nation. She set the torch to the heaven-cursed and God-hated institution of human slavery, whose fires ne'er ceased to burn until the victorious shout went up from Appomattox, the rebellion is over and slavery is no more.

The American negro, despised and rejected, handicapped and proscribed, finds now and has ever found in the great Methodist Episcopal Church a friend indeed and a friend in need. For him she has dotted the Southland with schools. Within these halls of learning may be found hundreds of good men and women who have consecrated their lives to the work of developing the native capacity and possibilities of the Negro. And may I give one other reason yet for calling your church great? It was your church that gave to the world the Paul-like Bishop Taylor, whose untiring labor in behalf of Africa, the sun-kissed land of our forefathers, has awakened for him the admiration of the civilized world; the immortal Simpson, the greatest Gospel preacher of the age; the lamented Marshal W. Taylor, whose life, gifts and accomplishments were a living illustration of the possibilities of the race. God and nature gave the world Taylor, but it was your church that developed him into the splendid specimen of Christian manhood which he was.

It is your church, Mr. Chairman, that has developed the classic Bowen into the polished, dignified gentleman that he is; the inimitable, the unique and the only E. W. S. Hammond, who, by his native eloquence and versatile pen, has touched the masses from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico, and a host of others I cannot mention now. Let me repeat once more, we welcome you, brethren, because in so doing, we perceive of truth that you know no North, no South, no black, no white, but of one blood God has made all nations to dwell upon the earth.

And now, Mr. Chairman, a parting word—the mission of Methodism is not finished.

Brethren, we live in the midst of the most eventful revolution and rapid advance the world has ever known. The system of Methodism, unless incumbered with superstitious deference to obsolete customs, is eminently adapted to the emergency which is upon us. Literature, art, morality and religion seem to have aroused all their energies, to improve the social state and redeem the

human race from ignorance, oppression and sin. Never could it be said more appropriately than now that our field is the world; progress is written in conspicuous capitals on the brow of the present age; the very earth shakes with the giant enterprise; ocean, earth and air constantly resound with the mighty and multitudinous results of science and art. Christianity is the mighty spring that has started these innumerable and wonderful agencies and kept them all in motion. Shall she fail in carrying on her legitimate line of operations or in keeping up the spirit she has so bountifully inspired into all the departments of life? We pray not. If not in advance, at least in the wake of all the enterprises her genius has begotten and fostered.

We trust she will be found bearing the messages of mercy and salvation to all lands. Though that network of nerves so soon destined to bring all parts of the world into intellectual connection, may she pour the streams of living truth, and on those paths of iron running in all directions, crossing and recrossing each other, binding all together as mighty muscles, may nations be brought together in closer contact, and the whole family of man partaking of the spirit of Christianity become one common brotherhood.

In the great work of fraternal evangelism, Mr. Chairman, Methodism has her very important part to perform ere her mission is accomplished.

God from heaven, help me to emphasize, when the last vestige of Confucianism shall have been rooted from China, when the long Knight Brahmin or Buddhism shall have been by the Gospel sun driven from India, yea, when the proud heart of the Mussulman shall have been freed from the delusive yoke of Mohammedanism in Arabia, when thronged and eager Japan, last when all nations, all tongues and people shall have been touched by the sublimated influence of the Gospel of the Son of Mary, then will Methodism have finished the mission assigned her as a distinctive child of Providence raised up for a special purpose, then will she be gathered with the mighty multitude which no man can know, when all names are dropped and all classes unknown save the redeemed of our Lord. Then, Mr. Chairman, upon the shining fields of the celestial clime will gather the moving millions, and, as they surge from the throne to the river of life that flows clear as a crystal, thence to the shady boughs and green foliage of life's tree in the midst of the city, this mighty throng will march, tuning their harps to the jubilant strains of redemption's song, while Charles Wesley himself will be appointed, perhaps, by Christ Himself, to lead the course, assisted by Dodridge, Cooper or Watts; then we will begin an everlasting study of science of heaven and metaphysics of the angels.

**OUR BAROMETER.**

This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within fourteen out of eighteen conferences composing our patronizing territory. We would like to give credit to each conference rather than to the States included in the conference boundary.

Brethren in the Atlanta or Savannah, in Georgia; the Mississippi or Upper Mississippi, in Mississippi; the Texas or West Texas, in Texas; the Tennessee or East Tennessee, in Tennessee, in sending in subscribers, will please give the name of their conferences (not their districts), so that we can give the proper credits to the conferences in the barometer column.

The status of the conferences for the week ending March 23d is as follows:

Mississippi (two conferences) .....	24
Louisiana .....	15
Savannah and Atlanta .....	8
Little Rock .....	5
South Carolina .....	4
Alabama (two conferences) .....	3
Texas (two conferences) .....	2
Tennessee .....	1
Central Missouri .....	1
North Carolina .....	1
Florida .....	1
Total .....	65

—In Natchitoches, La., March 4th, Mr. J. P. Slaughter was married to Miss Cornelia E. Hason. Mr. Slaughter is steward and trustee of the Natchitoches Church. Miss Hason is superintendent of the Sunday school and one of the city's estimable young ladies. The marriage was at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. H. Williams, in the presence of a large number of friends. Prof. George W. Wells officiated.



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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Presiding Elder Landry, who is now in the midst of his city church work, reports a bright prospect for a good year's work in New Orleans.

The people of Ross Chapel, Camp Parapet, are highly pleased with their new and faithful pastor, the Rev. J. W. Hilton, who speaks in highest terms of his "good and faithful people."

At Mallalieu, Rev. S. Priestly has matters well in hand. The official presence of the presiding elder on the 13th and 15th was helpful and his sermon highly appreciated by that intelligent congregation.

The session of the first quarterly conference at First Street Church, on the 11th inst., was held in the presence of a large congregation, who manifested throughout great interest in the proceedings. The love feast, on the 12th, was

conducted by the presiding elder, the pastor and Rev. Smith, of Cottonport, La. Four backsliders were reclaimed and nine persons were happily converted. A wonderful revival is now in progress.

Rev. Charles Monroe and his faithful officers are planning at Williams' Chapel to remove the last dollar of indebtedness on that beautiful church. The best wishes of the Southwestern are with you, brethren.

Rev. F. Walker, at Haven Chapel, is a perfect fit. He has taken hold there with a determination which gives every one the assurance of success. On Sunday, the 15th, the church could not hold the people, the occasion being the unveiling and dedication of a new Bible and a rally to raise money to pay for needed repairs on the church.

The good people of Simpson Chapel seem to never tire in heaping honors upon their new and able pastor, Rev. D. J. Price. Shortly after his appointment, the committee on parsonage and furniture, assisted by the lady members of the church, overhauled and refitted the parsonage throughout, to the great delight and comfort of the occupants. The reports at quarterly conference, on the 19th inst., showed a healthy condition of things and the prospect of an excellent year's work. On the night of the 22d the presiding elder preached to a large and appreciative audience.

### A Card of Thanks.

We wish by this to express our sincere thanks to the pastor, officers, members, and friends representing Simpson chapel. Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Price, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. John Jules, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sloan, Mrs. E. A. Hall, Misses Burtha and Emily Warfield, Messrs A. Oubes, Jackson Davis, J. H. Turner and others who, on the night of the 17th inst., aroused us from our sweet repose at 11:30 with songs of praise. Once admitted, the party took charge of our home for the time being. After a fervent prayer by Bro. Oubes, Bros. Turner Davis and Sloan in their order spoke feelingly of the high esteem in which the presiding elder and his family are held by the people of Simpson Chapel, and, in token of their love, a heap of pounds, consisting of everything necessary in a well-regulated home, was placed on the dining table. The party took their leave, bearing the benediction of the family. Our gate stands open day and night, dear friends, and a hearty welcome you will always find.—Pierre Landry and Wife.

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—The Hand Book and Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church is received, and is packed full of information of the most interesting and valuable character. It makes clear the fact that the Board is doing its work most efficiently and successfully and that that work has greatly enlarged within the last few years. A young army of students, 1,540 strong, were aided during the year in 134 different schools. The army included men and women of twenty-four different nationalities. The total receipts of the Board for the year were \$89,061, an increase of \$4,721 above the previous year. The increase in receipts for the quadrennium of 1892-95 above the previous quadrennium was \$85,947, or 41 per cent and 71 per cent above the quadrennium of 1884-87. The returned loan account, which is given in detail, shows a gratifying increase from year to year in the loans repaid.

The report of the operation of the new educational regime inaugurated by the action of the last General Conference federating the colleges of the Church and appointing a University Senate, is highly encouraging. The Board has faithfully applied the standard of requirement formulated by the University Senate and the colleges of the Church have almost universally accepted that standard with the best results in the individual institutions and in the Church at large. In respect to the federation and supervision of its colleges, Methodism now stands at the front. The tables of religious statistics are full of interest; they show that the number of students preparing for the ministry in Methodist colleges is 35½ per cent of the entire number of male graduates the last year. Notwithstanding the financial depression which has prevailed, the exhibits of the institutions of learning show an increase in almost all departments. The amount of \$28,182,670, exclusive of debts, in property and endowments, shows a gain of \$2,160,287 during the last quadrennium. There are 43,322 students, a gain of 3,296 for the quadrennium, and of 1,073 for the last year. The total income for the last year reported is \$1,958,169, the largest annual income ever reported by the schools of the Church.

The items given are but specimens of the valuable facts with which the Hand Book is filled. Every minister and intelligent layman should secure and read this valuable report. Any person can have a copy by writing to the Board of Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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### HOME AND FARM.

Lemon Cake.—One-half cupful of butter, three eggs, two cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of milk, three cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; bake in jelly-pans. For the jelly: One cupful of sugar, one egg, one tablespoon of butter, one lemon grated, rind and juice; boil until it thickens.

Steamed Suet Pudding.—One cupful of stoned and chopped raisins, the same of chopped suet, one cupful of brown sugar, the same of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda, and flour enough to make a stiff batter, and steam three hours. Add spices to the taste.—Country Gentleman.

Correct Way to Stone Raisins.—Free the raisins from the stems and then put them in a bowl. Cover them with boiling water and let them stand for two minutes. Pour off the water, open the raisins, and the seeds can be removed quickly and easily without the usual stickiness.

To Clean Plaster Casts.—White plaster casts may be cleaned by making a thick paste of cold starch, with which the figure should be covered, using a brush for the purpose. When the starch dries, knock it off in light flakes and brush with a clean, soft brush, or wipe with a clean cloth.—New York Tribune.

Surprise Cake.—Measure out one and a half cupfuls of flour, one cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of cream tartar, and half a teaspoonful of pulverized soda; sift all together half a dozen times. Beat two eggs, soften three level tablespoonfuls of butter, add half a cupful of sweet milk, stir in the above mixture, and bake in a quick oven.—Country Gentleman.

Lemon Pie.—Take one teaspoonful of cornstarch, moisten it with a little cold water; then add one cupful of sugar, one well-beaten egg, one tablespoonful of butter and the juice and grated rind of one lemon. Bake in one crust. Take the white of one egg, beat it to a stiff froth, add one-half tablespoon of powdered sugar; spread it over the pie when done and return it to the oven long enough to brown it slightly. This recipe makes one pie.

Shavings for Bedding.—We do not believe the use of shavings for bedding for farm animals is anywhere justified. Almost everywhere straw can be had cheaper than the shavings, and it has some value for feeding, which the shavings have not. The great difficulty, where shavings are mixed with manure, is to rot them down, and if they are plowed under when not rotten, they remain at the bottom of the furrow and keep the soil so open that it suffers much worse in time of drought. The manure mixed with shavings will do as a mulch for some place around trees where it is difficult or impossible to turn it under with the plow.

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## OUR WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE. By OLGA.

There are such a few people who seem to know how to act in a sick room. They invariably discuss topics that are injurious to the patient. Very often nervous prostration is brought on at times when the patient seems to be improving, which is occasioned by too much conversation. It is better not to talk at all than to talk too much.

### TO MAKE A HAPPY HOME.

1. Learn to govern yourselves and to be gentle and patient.
  2. Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer, penitence and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors.
  3. Never speak or act until you have prayed over your words or acts and concluded that Christ would have done so in your place.
  4. Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, the gift of silence is much more valuable.
  5. Do not expect too much from others, but remember that all have an evil nature, whose development we must expect and which we should forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.
  6. Never retort a sharp or angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel.
  7. Beware of the first disagreement.
  8. Learn to speak in a gentle tone of voice.
  9. Learn to say kind and pleasant things whenever an opportunity offers.
  10. Study the character of each and sympathize with all in their troubles, however small.
  11. Do not neglect little things, if they can affect the comfort of others in the smallest degree.—Ex.
- "The keynote to a gentlewoman's personality is neatness, that meets the critical gaze at all times. There is an excuse for a lack of taste in little details of dress—the sense of harmony may be lacking, the taste may be undeveloped—but a lack of neatness cannot be excused." This, taken from one of our exchanges, expresses the thought so effectively; but I think by a little study we might cultivate our tastes, therefore I am not willing to excuse this. I have seen women on the streets with a mixture of colors that would only seem appropriate at a fancy party. They seem to have no idea as to uniformity. For instance, not long since I saw a young lady with a navy blue dress and a green hat and feathers. Just think of the combination! And another with a faded gingham waist and a black satin skirt. Indeed, I cannot see why we do not spend some time in planning our outfit as well as spending so much time in donning it. I trust my lady friends will study this, and if they are not able to judge for themselves, ask the advice of some one who is an authority on such matters.

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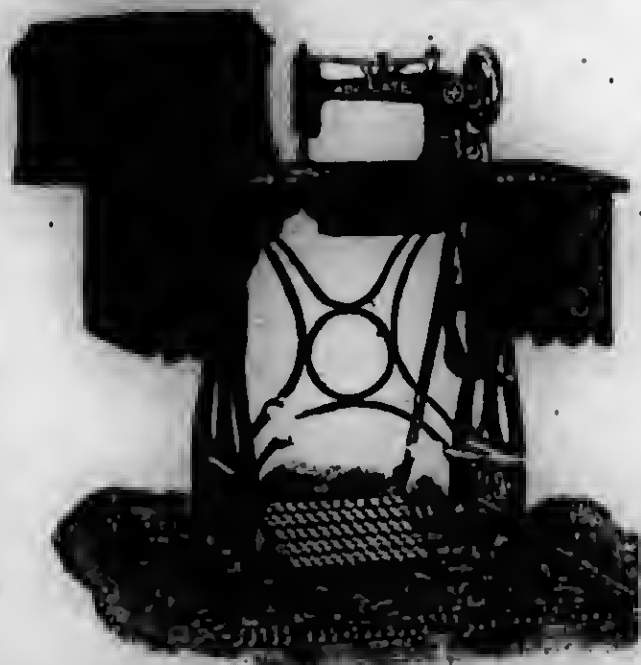
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1896.

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

Luke 24:1-12.

Golden Text: "He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:6).

Joseph of Arimathea, a just and good man, went boldly to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. His request was granted. He, assisted by Nicodemus, took it down from the cross, wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb. They rolled a great stone over the door of the tomb and went their way. Some women which came with Jesus from Galilee observed closely all that was done. The chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate and asked for a guard to be placed about the tomb. Sixty men were given them for that work. The governor's seal was placed on the stone over the entrance. All was made secure. This was done on Friday afternoon. Jesus remained in the tomb Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night. The time was about thirty-six hours. The four reports of the resurrection should be studied together.

I.—The visit of the women (1-3).

1. The company was composed of Mary Magdalena, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, Salome and others. The women were among the last of Jesus' friends to leave the tomb and the first to return to it. Only the love of God surpasses the affection of a true woman.

2. The time of their visit was (1) at the close of the Jewish Sabbath. This day of rest was instituted at the close of the creation, and placed in the decalogue at Sinai. At first it was a day of rest only, but it afterwards became a day of devotion also. It was the last day of the week. How dull must have been the temple service while Jesus lay in the tomb. If Christ be dead, all our worship is vain. (2) It was at the beginning of the Christian Sabbath. There is no command for a change of the Sabbath from the last to the first day of the week, neither is there any command against it. The resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit were likely the chief causes of the change. What God demands is one-seventh of our time.

3. The object of their visit was to see the tomb and anoint the body of Jesus. They procured the ointments and sweet spices on Friday afternoon or on the following day after the Sabbath had closed. They no doubt felt their work to be important. Yet they rested on "the Sabbath day according to the commandment." The design of the anointing was to prevent as long as possible the body from decaying. They did not think He had arisen from the dead. All our devotions should be to a living Saviour.

4. The manner of the resurrection. Not one of the disciples saw Jesus come forth from the tomb. There are slight variations in their reports. The leading facts are the same. (1) The earthquake. There was an earthquake at the death of Jesus and another at His resurrection. The design was likely to open the tomb. All nature was in sympathy with the death and resurrection of Christ. (2) The descent of the angel—"the angel of the Lord descended from heaven." Angels showed profound interest in our Saviour. They came to announce His birth, to minister unto Him when tempted, to comfort Him in Gethsemane and to open the way for His resurrection. They also desired to look into the plan of salvation wrought out by Him. We should be more interested than they in this work of redemption. (3) The work of the angel. (a) His power—He "rolled back the stone." (b) His authority—He "sat upon it." (c) His glory—His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow. (4) The effect on the guards—"And for fear of Him the keepers did shake and become as dead men." The resurrection was a cause of terror to the bad, but a source of great joy to the good. In the day of judgment those who work abomination will cry for rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lamb.

5. The search of the women. They entered the tomb but found not the body. From the time Jesus was 12 years of age down to the present, He has been an object of search. Those who look for Him in the tomb or among the low, groveling things of earth, will never find Him. But He will appear to those who seek Him as a living and highly exalted Saviour. No sorrowing one ever sought for Jesus who did not find Him.

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11.—The message of the angels (4-8). Men and not women are ever used to describe the appearance of angels. 1. They removed fear—"Be not affrighted." The inhabitants of earth have never felt comfortable in the society of heaven. Sin and superstition likely caused this feeling. That guard may well be filled with fear, but you need not be alarmed.

2. They asked a question—"Why seek ye the dead among the living?" This was their way of telling them Jesus had arisen. The hosts of heaven are acquainted with our motives same as our words and deeds. Only unbelievers seek Jesus among the tombs. If we seek a dead Christ we will die, but if we seek a living Saviour we will live.

3. They gave two proofs of His resurrection. (1) His words—"He is risen, as He said." He told them more than once He would arise on the third day. We have no reason to doubt any words Jesus has ever spoken. They will all come true. (2) They point to the empty tomb and say: "Behold the place where they laid Him." They knew where Joseph and Nicodemus had placed Him. They saw He was not there. "He is risen." These are very consoling words to the saint. They remove, in part, his fear of death and terror of the grave. They should confirm his faith in the resurrection of the body.

4. They delivered to the woman a message. This is not given by Luke. (1) "Go quickly and tell His disciples He is risen from the dead." The angels were the first and the women the second preachers of the resurrection. St. Peter was spoken of individually. This may have been because he thrice denied his Saviour. The Lord's work requires haste. As a rule, it is not well when preaching or praying to call the names of those who hear. (2) "He goeth before you into Galilee." Jesus has always been going before His people like an invisible shepherd walking at the visible head of His flock. He opens the way and leads them on to victory. He also goes with His disciples to encourage, strengthen and keep them. (3) "Then shall ye see Him." We may by faith always see Him. It is our privilege to have Him continually at our right hand, then we shall never be moved.

III.—The conduct of the women (9-11). 1. "They went away quickly." The Lord's work requires haste. Life is short, death is sure, eternity is long, heaven is great and hell is awful. There is no time for delay.

2. They were filled "with fear and great joy." They trembled and were amazed. This was a strange blending of soul graces.

3. "They told all these things to the eleven." Judas was at this time dead and Matthias had not yet been chosen.

4. "Their words seemed to them as idle tales." "When they heard He was alive and had been seen of her, believed not." The disciples were very slow to believe in the resurrection. The Saviour went to them, talked and ate with them, and caused them to handle Him before they would believe. But when they did exercise faith, they believed with all their heart.

IV.—The conduct of Peter (12). John was no doubt with him (John 20-2). They did not believe the report of the women, yet they thought enough of the matter to investigate it. They ran to the tomb, first the one and then the other ahead. There was great excitement among the disciples on the morning of the resurrection. Nothing was done slowly. When they entered the tomb they found not the body of Jesus. The linen clothes

were in one place and the folded napkin in another. All within indicated that the greatest work of earth or heaven—the resurrection of Christ—had been done with calmness and deliberation. They left the tomb "wondering at that which was to come to pass." They understood not the Scripture—"Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Psa. 16-10).

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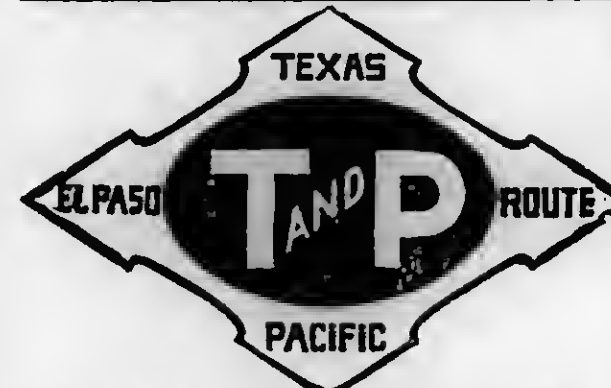
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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

### NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Put forth every effort to raise at least two-third of your claims on Easter, if not all. Send your money to where it belongs just as soon as raised. Redeem the time—we cannot afford to fail. I hope for you much success. Let me hear from you and your success just as soon as you hear from your churches, especially your collections. God bless you.—Yours for victory, W. L. Duncan, P. E.

### MARION DISTRICT.

The district conference will convene in Gainesville July 16th. Each pastor will please see to it that all the collections are taken in order that at least one-half of the apportionment be raised by the district conference. That will enable us to raise the full apportionment by the Annual Conference. Some of our pastors say they are going to bring up all. If they succeed they will never lose their reward. The pastors will also instruct each of their local preachers and exhorters that they are expected to take the Southwestern at once in order to prevent trouble at the district conference.

Educationally I find other denominations are strengthening their stake and lengthening their cords, and our children are crowding their schools and attending their churches, which means lost to the Methodist Episcopal Church. What ever it will take to build up our cause where it is most needed and will likely do the most good by virtue of the great masses, let us thoughtfully and prayerfully take hold of. And it must be remembered that we have no time to waste. We must do our best, for the harvest truly is great.—F. L. Teague, Presiding Elder.

### NOTICE—BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

The next regular meeting of the Baton Rouge District Bible Committee will be at the Live Oak School, Baton Rouge, Tuesday, April 7, 1896, and a full attendance of the ministers and other friends is cordially invited, as business of importance to the entire district will come before the committee. By order M. P. Franklin, President.  
F. C. Blundon, Secretary.

The Bible meets the needs of our conscience in the matter of sin as no other book meets that need. Sacrifices and offerings are as plentiful as the tribes of men, but there never was such a sacrifice—such an expiation of human sin—offered to the conscience of man as that expiation or propitiation which is offered in Jesus Christ.—Independent.

The Bible satisfies our affections. Man is a being of aspiration and hope. The longing after immortality and a future life of blessedness and a meeting again of those from whom we have parted in this world is a part of the very human constitution. No other scheme of life and immortality which the world has ever dreamed of can compare with that which is brought to light by the Gospel of the risen Christ.—Independent.

We accept the Bible as being the Word of God, among other reasons because it accords with our highest reason. It is assumed by some that what is beyond comprehension or understanding is contrary to reason. We know very well, however, that there are many matters which are profoundly mysterious and utterly beyond our ability to explain or account for, which, nevertheless we accept as matters of fact, simply because they have come within the range of our knowledge.—Selected.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."—Bible.

### A Fortune in a Bible.

An English paper tells of the strange recovery of a lost will which recently occurred at Forgue, Aberdeenshire.

A bachelor farmer, one who had no friends or heirs, died a few months ago, and his property passed to the crown. All the goods were disposed of except a pocket Bible and a few venerable books, which were given to his old and faithful housekeeper. To her astonishment she found a scrap of paper in the Bible which proved to be her old master's will, by which he left her all his possessions. The crown will now have to refund £2,000.

A fact even more wonderful than the above is that every reader who chooses can find between the cover of any Bible a treasure a thousand times more valuable.—Exchange.

## TIDINGS FROM THE FIELD.

### MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Shreveport, La.—Thomas Brooks to Laura Jenkins, and Stephen Brooks to Lou Parker on Feb. 23; also, Jesse S. Tyner, of Vicksburg, to Rosa Green on Feb. 27. J. A. Trench officiated.

French Camp, Miss.—Frank Williams to Anna Edwards on Feb. 27. Fred H. Bunton officiated.

Prairie Plains Circuit.—Isaac Tonebstone to Jeanie Magel, on March 4; also, Edmond Bookmon to Leanna Shaw, on January 15. Henry Dickson officiated.

Hickory, Miss.—Walter McKee to Mattie Turner on March 11. P. R. Urump officiated.

Lexington, Miss.—Wade Torry to Gertrude Johnson on March 4. W. H. Hancley officiated.

Howell, Ark.—Grant Hodgroy to Ida Jones, and Thomas Pender to Ida Adams, on December 24. D. H. E. Harris officiated.

Hennessey, Oklahoma.—W. M. Goodwin to Lizzie Harris, on March 8. John Williams officiated.

Ocean Springs, Miss.—Alex Johnson, of Moss Point, to Mrs. Annie Jackson, of this place, on March 11. W. McNeil officiated.

Mansfield, La.—R. S. Sharps to Mary Rogers on February 6. J. O. Brown officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Lake, Miss.—Martha Lyles, a faithful member of our church, died February 27; she was a good member 21 years. C. W. Ivy, pastor.

Columbus, Miss.—Mary Thorp, a member of our church, aged 54 years, died February 29 in full triumph of faith. J. W. Terrell, pastor.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Alice Bowie, a member of our church 16 years, died in triumph on February 18. Jesse P. Price, pastor.

Pontotoc, Miss.—Chisholm Wright, 21 years old, died March 2. Also, Anna Johnson on March 5, aged 27 years, died in full triumph of faith. J. M. Walton, pastor.

Lake Charles, La.—Bettie Watts died in the faith February 20, and was taken to Pineville, her former home, for burial. T. Larkins, pastor.

Lodi, Tex.—Brother Nathan Hill, a faithful member of our church, died March 7, in triumph of faith. Also, Bettie Harvey, a member of Baptist church, died the 6th instant. By request of the deceased Rev. J. S. Ferguson officiated. Also, the little 5-year-old daughter of Brother Isaac Crawford, was buried to death February 20. J. S. Ferguson, pastor.

### CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Palestine District.

Second Round. April  
H. arno.....10 12 Sutton.....11 12  
East Calvert.....12 15 East Mexico.....25 26  
May  
Fairfield.....23 Woodland.....5 6  
Winkler.....9 10 Palestine.....16 17  
San Augustine.....23 24 San Antonio.....30 31  
June  
Buffalo.....67 Oakwilde.....13 14  
Leona.....40 21 Madisonville.....27 28  
W. A. Fortson, Presiding Elder.

#### Marion District.

Second Round. May  
Oak Grove.....9 10 Old Town, Marietta, 23 24  
New Berne and Jackson chapel.....16 17  
Eutaw and Springfield.....30 31  
June  
St. Paul & St. Mary.....6 Tusculum.....13 14  
Marion.....20 21 Sema.....27 28  
July  
Allen and Scotts.....45 Clinton.....11 12  
Bethany.....25 6 Union.....25 26  
Gainesville and Smith Chapel.....18 19  
F. L. Teague, Presiding Elder.

### Are you ever Annoyed

by a buzzing or roaring sound in your head? Have you difficulty in hearing distinctly? Are you troubled with a continual dropping of mucus, irritating the throat and causing you to cough? Is your breath unpleasantly affected and accompanied with bad taste? Is your hearing less acute? If so, you have catarrh of the ear, and once procured a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm, the best known remedy. The Balm will give instant relief.

Mrs. Henry Peck—Bahl I only married you because I pitied you when nobody else thought anything about you."  
Mr. Henry Peck (wearily)—Ah, well, dear, everybody pities me now."—Punch.

Joax—"I understand you ran away to sea when you were a boy."  
Joax—"No; I started to, but my father caught me, and I went on a 'whaling' expedition with him."—Philadelphia Record.

Miss Beacon Hill—"Dear me! Strange, but I cannot remember. Where is Dresden?"

Young Lakeside—"Oh, that's easy. In China. Saw the address in a show-window to-day."—Truth.

"If there is anything I like," said he to his wife, "it is a woman who knows enough to be a good listener." Whereat the servant girl at the keyhole could not repress a smile of satisfaction.—Albany Argus.

### For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

—Prohibition does not prohibit because the officers of the law, whose duty it is to see the laws executed, do not do their duty. A town may go "dry," yet forthwith, "dives," so-called, spring up, which are winked at by all the town officers, from the judge to the lowest. People begin to say that this is worse than licensed grog-shops. So when the next election comes off, the friends of temperance are induced to go with the other side, on the principles that of two evils it is best to choose the lesser. Cases have been known where the judge would grant a man the right to establish a distillery, just on the suburbs of the town, which would become the vilest of evils. All sorts of subterfuges are resorted to by the friends of intemperance to thwart the efforts of good people to put down the liquor traffic; when these fail, the cry comes, "Prohibition does not prohibit." Let not the friends of temperance be discouraged. God permits these discouragements as he does many others, but the right will prevail at last. A perpetual warfare must be waged against this, as most other sins. Let the people see that none but temperance men are elected to office. In this way the desired end may be attained.—Louisville Christian Observer.

## A MOTORMAN'S LIFE

FULL OF HARDSHIPS, EXPOSURE  
AND CONSTANT DANGER.

The Great Strain on a Man's Nerves  
Sufficient in Itself to Wreck Him in  
a Short Time—The Experience  
of a Well-Known Motorman.

(From the Cincinnati (O.) Enquirer.)

The life of a motorman is not a bed of roses. He is subjected to many hardships, especially in the winter, when he is exposed to the cold and snow. Even in the summer he must bear the intense heat which beats down upon him. Considerable nerve and self-possession is necessary in a god motorman, for the lives and limbs of his passengers are at stake. One of the best-known electric motormen in this city is William Frazer, who is at present running a car on the Cumminsville electric line. He is not only well known to his fellow employees but to the people who travel on his car. Mr. Frazer is a young man about 26 years of age, and resides with his wife and child at 144 Betts street, Cincinnati, O. About a year ago Mr. Frazer was taken with serious stomach troubles. He bought several kinds of medicine which were recommended to him, but none of them seemed to give him even temporary benefit. An enthusiastic admirer of that famous remedy known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People told him to try them. Frazer was almost discouraged, but took the advice. To a reporter of the Enquirer he said:

"I can most heartily recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are all that is claimed for them, in fact they advertise themselves better than any medicine I ever saw. I was seized some time ago with a bad attack of indigestion. My stomach hurt me nearly all the time and I could not digest my food. The pain was almost unbearable and I found nothing that would give me relief. I confess that when I bought the first box of Pink Pills I hadn't much confidence in their efficacy because I had tried so many things without success that I was almost discouraged. Before I had taken one box I was decidedly better. Two boxes cured me entirely. While I have been under the weather from other causes, my indigestion has never returned. If it ever should I know just what to do. I have so much confidence in the efficacy of Pink Pills that if I ever get real sick again with any disorder I shall use some of them. It is a pleasure for me, I assure you, to testify to the excellent qualities of these Pink Pills. They not only tone the stomach but regulate the bowels and act as a mild cathartic."

Mr. Frazer's testimonial means something. He speaks from personal experience and any one who doubts that he received the benefits can easily verify the assertion by calling on Mr. Frazer, or seeing him some time while he is on his car.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes (never in loose form, by the dozen or hundred) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or directly by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.



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From the Methodist Hymnal—Thomas Kelly.

## JOY IN HIS RESURRECTION.

The Lord is risen indeed;  
The grave hath lost its prey;  
With him shall rise the ransomed seed,  
To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed;  
He lives to die no more;  
He lives, His people's cause to plead,  
Whose curse and shame he bore.

The Lord is risen indeed;  
Attending angels, hear!  
Up to the courts of heaven, with speed,  
The joyful tidings bear.

Then take your golden lyres,  
And strike each cheerful chord;  
Join, all ye bright celestial choirs,  
To sing our risen Lord.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—There are at present twenty Homes connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The latest cities numbered with this work are Wilmington, Del., and Harrisburg, Pa. One of the most effective Home Missionary agencies, especially in cities, is the deaconess work. It is calculated to meet the needs of the field throughout our country.

—Bro. R. H. Patton, presiding elder at Craig, Miss., has filled his pledge of six and started on a cruise for six more.

—Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor of our Second Methodist Episcopal Church in Muncie, Ind., is an indefatigable worker. His latest plan to collect money for building a new Church is the sale of bricks, on paper, it is true, but, nevertheless, each dime given entitles the donor to an interest in the new Church enterprise which amounts to a real brick or more. We commend the plan. Help Bro. Smith. Address him at once, Muncie, Ind.

## EASTER LESSONS.

The Easter message to all such as are "risen with Christ" is to "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." "Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

O doubting heart! What joy, what comfort, what assurance. "All power" is given Him, in heaven and in earth. Let hope revive, let faith be increased. Come boldly unto the throne of grace. He is faithful that has promised, and He has conquered death and the grave.

Joyful assurance this that all who freely accept Christ as their Saviour are crucified, buried and raised up with Him, sharing, indeed, His sorrows, bearing reproach for His name, rejoicing in hope and looking forward to the time when they shall eternally triumph in His love and companionship.

Christ is the world's greatest leader. Single-handed and alone He met the enemy. It was the mightiest conflict of all the ages. Death, hell and the grave were arrayed against him. Sin, with its mighty cohorts, joined in the fray to defeat the Captain of salvation. Behold the mighty conflict! "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah; this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength?" Christian brother, sister, you have the answer. It is He who is "mighty to save" and strong to deliver—our Saviour in this crowning act of His divinity. Cohorts of shining angels beheld the final battle. The armed guards

of Pilate fall back as dead or become speechless before the mighty spectacle. Loving friends come from Jerusalem with tributes of affection to their crucified Saviour and brother. The battle was short, sharp and decisive. Death surrendered its sting, the grave its power and the "rising God" forsook the tomb. The victory was complete. Immortality was brought to light and the song of the redeemed from henceforth will be, "Christ is risen."

## OUR RISEN SAVIOUR.

Nearly nineteen hundred years have passed away since the "angel of the Lord" stood by the sepulchre of the risen Saviour and announced to Mary, and through her to all Christendom, the joyful tidings that He who was slain had at last conquered. "He is not here, for He is risen as He said" startled the loving Mary, who formed one of a group of sorrowing disciples who came to the grave of their best friend to pay a tribute of respect to his memory. The wonderful events recorded in the brief moments of the beginning of that immortal "first day of the week," form the happy culmination of the world's greatest human-divine tragedy.

"Come, see the place where the Lord lay" aroused the startled visitors, who had scarce recovered from their consternation ere the Master Himself gave the word, "Go to My brethren and say unto them I ascend unto My Father, and your Father, and to my God and your God."

How have these blessed words been the inspiration of the world's best hope? How have they revolutionized the thought of the ages, as it has inquired: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The sombre shadows which had clustered around the tomb recede and vanish at the approach of the radiant sun of righteousness, who has arisen "with healing in his beams." Henceforth, the risen Christ is a prophecy of our own resurrection. "the first fruits of them that slept." Henceforth the triumph of our Christ over the power of death and the grave shall be the jubilant key of the highest note in the great anthem of salvation. Ring out the tidings. "Christ is risen." death is conquered and the grave has lost its terrors.

What abundant lessons! A risen Saviour means a full, perfect and complete salvation. "All are yours and ye are Christ," imply consecration and hope and zeal. Seeking the things which are above, heavenly mindedness, trust, earnestness, zeal, knowledge, growth in grace, sanctification and glorification are the great blessings which grow out of this great resurrection thought.

"Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Follow our exalted Head;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise,  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies."

## THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Voters of Louisiana are asked to vote for an amendment to the Constitution which will very materially restrict the suffrages of a very large class of voters. Unfortunately for the friends of ballot reform, the amendment is a partisan measure, and although it is sought to disguise the motive, it is nevertheless intended to operate only against the Negro. The cry of ballot reform in the South, as a rule, is only another word for white supremacy. The purpose is always and everlastingly to lessen the probabilities of the return of the Negro to political power in the South.

Intelligent Negroes are not seeking political ascendancy, but, on the other hand, are contributing more largely than is generally understood toward the securing of better forms of political government. Of course, there are large numbers of Negro voters who are bought and sold and often, by the use of the most corrupt methods, made the innocent victims of the duplicity of their white and black political bosses. But every man with even a grain of common sense knows that

the number of white people who are subject to the same corrupt influences is as large, if not larger, nor are these practices confined to the South.

That the illiterate classes are a menace to the peace and happiness of this nation no thinking person will deny, and any movement in any section which looks toward improving the condition of the whites while it ignores that of the blacks is not only unjust and cruel, but unwise. Ballot reformation should be predicated upon a more humane principle than the ascendancy of any mere political party.

The motive of the advocates of this measure in Louisiana at least is so transparent as to be very suggestive of the wolf in sheep's clothing. There is but one conclusion to be reached by sensible Negro voters and that is to vote against the amendment.

When all political parties shall adopt a platform including in their declaration of principles a recommendation of an amendment so regulating the right of suffrage that only naturalized American citizens, or foreigners after proper residence in this country, shall be required to read the Constitution of the United States or of the State of which he is a resident, in the language practiced and adopted by the Government or the State in which the voter resides, and shall, in addition, thereto present evidence that he has added to the material wealth of the State or Government by being a bona fide owner of property, real or personal, at a cash value of not less than \$200, he shall be permitted to exercise the right of American citizenship. But so long as this question is advocated as it is, in the form in which it is, and by the same old wily political wolf, it would be well for our people to stand firm under and join battle with other good citizens to defeat it.

## A SIGNIFICANT EXPRESSION.

At the conference of educational workers held at Tuskegee Academy recently, the following intelligent and comprehensive expression was given by a committee composed of several of the most intelligent educators present:

"We regard universal industrial education as fundamental to the prosperity of our people. We also express ourselves as convinced of the importance of higher education. We invite the attention of college graduates to the need of intelligent leadership in the conduct of all industries which are passing out of the hands of the colored people. We especially urge college graduates to the duty of helping all who labor in manual industries. We urge a longer term of school and better instruction and exclusion of sectarianism from all educational work. We urge all teachers to identify themselves thoroughly with all the interests of the people. We would remind all our teachers that their work is of a missionary character and their reward is not to consist in their salary, but the blessing of the Son of Man."

We endorse this manly expression, since it places great emphasis upon industrial education, but not less upon higher education. A thorough and complete education should be the motto of our educators. The hand, the head, the heart are to be trained as thoroughly as the facilities will allow.

It is to be regretted that any industries are passing out of the hands of our people. It is, nevertheless, true that in many parts of the South our laborers are being displaced by those of other races, largely because there has been a failure on the part of our people to intelligently grasp the situation and the relationship which they sustained to the respective industries which gave them employment.

Our graduates and leaders should accept this timely suggestion and seek to counteract these influences which threaten to drive out colored labor. The conference was productive of much good.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Lexington Conference Notes.

The Conference anniversaries were seasons of great profit. Drs: W. A. Spense, of the Board of Church of Extension, and W. H. W. Reese, of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, spoke grandly, eloquently and effectively. Prof. M. W. Dogan, A. M., of Central Tennessee Conference, and Dr. Murray, of Gammon Theological Seminary, were present and made splendid addresses, ably representing their several departments. Dr. G. S. Larage, of the American Bible Society, was among the welcome visitors, who also made an able address.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held during the session in the interest of the Central Tennessee College Chapel Fund. Prof. Dogan made a splendid presentation of his mission and aroused great interest in the College Chapel Fund. Dr. L. M. Hagood followed in an elaborate address. Rev. H. W. White, presiding elder of the Nashville district, who was present as a guest of the Conference, also gave an interesting address. At the close of the very interesting service, over \$100 was taken in cash and subscriptions.

Rev. D. E. Skelton and T. L. Wilson preached the Conference and Mission sermons respectively. They were splendid efforts and deserve more than a passing notice. The number of promising young men are increasing. This is due to the care exercised by the examining committees, who are thoroughly competent and painstaking and love the Church.

The Sunday services were of more than ordinary interest. The love feast, conducted by Revs. McCoomer, Fisher and Ross, was a season of great spiritual profit. Bishop Bowman preached, gravely and with great power, at the 11 o'clock service.

Rev. D. H. Moore, who is always a welcome visitor, was present at the morning service, and assisted, to the delight of the entire Conference. Memorial services touching the death of Rev. M. Walton, John M. Thomas, Maria Skelton and Nelson Locke, after which the Bishop ordained the deacons and one elder. The pulpits of the city Churches were supplied by members of the Conference.

The benevolent collections show \$1,160.61, an increase of \$160.

Among the most interesting features of the conference was the organization of the wives, widows and daughters of the Lexington Conference. The officers chosen are Mrs. Amy Jones, president; Mrs. Cass A. Jackson, vice president; Mrs. Mabel Woolfolk, secretary; Mrs. Jennie Courtney, recording secretary; Mrs. Josephine Ferguson, treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Leggett, Amanda Hinton, Alice Johnson, Emily Pyles, Susie Miller, Ada Stone and E. W. S. Hammond, Board of Directors. The object of this organization is to bring about a more perfect union among the women of the Conference for the better carrying forward of every good word and work.

We are happily, conveniently and comfortably domiciled with Mr. and Mrs. Major Kennedy. It was literally open house to pastors and visitors. Our host and hostess never tired in ministrations conducing to our comfort. Prof. M. W. Dogan, of Central Tennessee College, was our pleasant bedfellow one night. The odds were slightly in the professor's favor.

Rev. Ekm A. White, the young and efficient secretary, grows in the estimation of his brethren. We are under many obligations to the secretarial corps for favors rendered. A splendid Epworth League rally was held after the adjournment of Conference and we were especially pleased to notice the presence of many of the leading preachers and their wives. Again, we bade our loving brethren good-bye and turned our face toward the setting sun.

Complimentary resolutions expressive of the confidence of the Conference in the editorial management of the Southwestern, with renewed interest in its circulation, etc., were unanimously passed. The proposition to set apart another district was laid over until next year.

A motion prevailed to memorialize the several Conferences to pass an enabling act whereby the Conference may divide during the next quadrennium.

The election for delegates to the General Conference was interesting. Both clerical delegates were elected on the first ballot. Ninety-four votes were cast, of which E. W. S. Hammond received 80 and J. Courtney, D. D., 63. L. M. Hagood, D. D., and G. A. Sissel, presiding elder of the Louisville district, were elected reserves. The lay electoral Con-

ference elected Isaac N. McCullough, of Steubenville, O., and R. F. Broadus, of Cleveland, Ky., as lay delegates.

The vote on the Constitutional amendments showed against the Hamilton amendment an unanimous vote. For the Baltimore-Colorado amendment the vote was unanimous. Against a change of the ratio of representation the vote was unanimous.

Bishop Bowman made a splendid impression, and it may be truthfully said, carried all hearts. He was the guest of Rev. J. W. Turner, D. D., the able and eloquent pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Louisville, Ky. The doctor attended all the sessions and was accorded a royal welcome.

Dr. D. H. Moore honored us with a brief visit, but it was an inspiration to us. We shall not soon forget his brave and manly words in favor of the Southwestern.

Revs. S. L. Ferguson, S. G. Turner and Abraham Booker, pastors of Jackson Street, Coke's Chapel and Lloyd Street Church respectively, did splendidly in providing for the Conference.

The members of these Churches have often been called upon to perform this service, but they had a big contract on their hands this time which they met and carried with their proverbial cheerfulness.

More and more is the improvement of the conference apparent. The high standard of intellectual qualifications required for admission and advancement is bringing to the fore many well equipped young men, who give promise of great and distinguished service to our grand Methodism.

Elders Muir, Ward, Fisher and McCoomer, the pioneer fathers of the Conference, are yet on the effective list. The younger brethren love, honor and respect them for the splendid services which they have rendered and are now rendering the cause.

The Southwestern Pledge Brigade was organized with more than 1,000 pledges for the ensuing year.

Thus the Lexington starts out afresh to help conquer and take possession of the world for Christ.

Appointments of the Lexington Conference:

## INDIANA DISTRICT.

Edward L. Gilliam, P. E., P. O. Indianapolis, Ind.

Anderson and Alexandria, Ind., Henry Dupee.

Bloomington, Ind., John W. Robinson.

Sementville and Corydon, Ind., J. E. Warren.

Chicago, Ill., R. T. W. James.

Cloverport, Ky., L. C. Harris.

Connorsville, Ind., W. H. Riley.

Evansville, Ind., C. H. Taylor.

Hawesville, Ky., T. F. Williams.

Indianapolis, Simpson Chapel, L. M. Hagood.

Jeffersonville, Ind., S. H. Ferguson.

Lawrenceville, Ill., B. J. Coleman.

Madison, Ind., W. C. Statesman.

Muncie, Ind., J. A. Smith.

Newcastle, Ind., H. W. Simmons.

Newbury, Ind., to be supplied.

North Indianapolis, Ind., T. R. Prentiss.

North Vernon, Ind., J. H. Hargrave.

Owensboro, Ky., Abraham Booker.

Princeton, Ind., A. A. Woolfolk.

Princeton and Dulauey, Ky., Wesley Singleton.

Rockport and Walters Chapel, Ind., W. H. Vaughn.

Rushville, Ind., A. Posey.

Smithland, Ky., C. T. Lewis.

Shelbyville, Ind., Thos. J. Leggett.

Terre Haute, Ind., F. D. Breckinridge.

Watson, Ind., J. S. Henry.

Thos. Holloway and John S. Birch left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

## OHIO DISTRICT.

M. S. Johnson, P. E., P. O. 188 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O.

Angusta, Ky., B. W. Kirtley.

Batavia and Milford, C. H. Pyles.

Bellaire and Bridgeport, W. M. Langford.

Cadiz, G. C. McPheeters.

Cheviot Circuit, W. C. Echols.

Cumminsville, Scott Ward.

Cincinnati, Ninth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, E. A. White.

Walnut Hills, W. S. Rollins.

Cleveland, H. W. Tate.

Columbus, Donaldson Street Church, A. McDade.

Covington, Ky., Ninth Street, W. H. Evans.

Dayton, S. G. Turner.

Delaware, G. W. Bailey.

Leesburg and Oxford, B. J. Strider.

Lexington, Asbury Temple, J. H. Stanley.

Lexington, Gunn's Tabernacle, D. E. Skelton.

Maylick, Joseph Small.

Moorefield, C. J. Nichols.

New Zion, W. L. Muir.

North Middletown, Paris Fisher.

Paris, Geo. W. Thomas.

Sharpsburg, D. R. Hickman.

Sherburne, James Allen.

Versailles, J. W. Russell.

Washington, J. H. Ross.

Winchester, H. C. Buckner.

## LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

George A. Sissel, P. E., P. O. Louisville, Ky.

Anchorage, F. P. Fielding.

Auburn and Franklin, W. H. Renfro.

Bowling Green, Charles Jones.

Chaplin, B. J. Ward.

Cromwell, J. W. White.

Hartford, Wm. Johnson.

Hardinsburg, F. Hinton.

La Grange, B. Daniel.

Louisville, Coke's Chapel, T. L. Wilson.

Louisville, Jackson Street, T. L. Ferguson.

Louisville, Lloyd Street, W. H. Bloomer.

Leitchfield, R. Acton.

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D. Love.

The Rev. R. Hayward Stitt A. B., of the African Methodist Zion Church, and quite a prominent representative of that denomination, died in Philadelphia on the 5th.

My garden and I are fast friends and my experience may help to bring health and added sunshine to many another woman. My whole farm is just one acre, on which are dwelling houses and barn. About one-half of the ground is devoted to lawn, on which is grown apple, pear and peach trees, with grapes of more than a dozen varieties; currants

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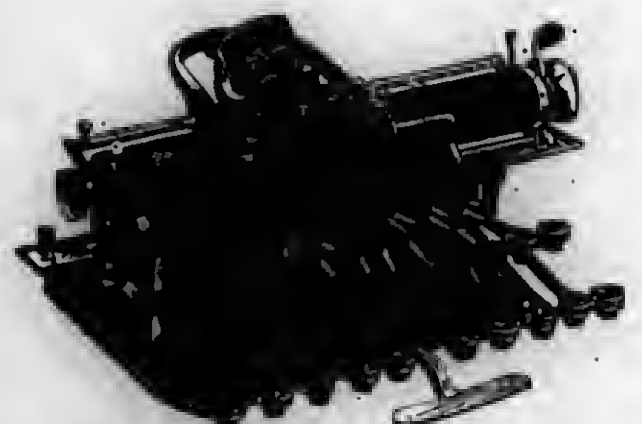
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West Point, Mississippi:—West Point charge has wheeled in line. A grand rally resulted in the collecting of \$60.10. Our Church is now out of debt. We have some repairing to do on the church. A pentecostal wave passed through our charge and all are "shouting happy." Our members and friends, led by Brother J. R. Lewis, forced their way into our kitchen and no harm was done. They can call again soon.

You will find a subscriber for the Southwestern. God bless the Editor, and paper, which is freighted each week with profitable and wholesome instructions.—J. W. Winbush, P. C.

Eutaw, Alabama:—Our first quarterly conference held by presiding Elder F. L. Tengin was a grand one, Christ and the cause of the Church was ably represented. Our cry is 1000 souls for Christ, 500 subscribers to The Southwestern Christian Advocate and our full apportionment raised. And we as pastor and people of Eutaw are ready to heed the call. The Stewards made the P. E. smile when they presented to him a quarterly purse of \$18.34. Total raised \$101.88. The presiding elder made us all rejoice, the Stewards made him smile and he and the people broke into the parsonage on Monday night and made the writer and his family feel glad by reason of the good things brought to us. We are coming.—L. H. Mixson, P. C.

J. W. Queen of Covington, Ga., writes We are moving off nicely at Covington charge since conference. Two have been added to the church. Dr. Callaway, of Emory College, Oxford, Ga., preached an excellent sermon Sunday March 8 to a crowded house.

At Grenada Circuit we held our first quarterly meeting on the 14th and 15th, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair. The work is prospering; the P. C. preached. Collection for the Elder \$9.50, for the pastor \$20. We are preparing to build a parsonage for our pastor. So writes H. H. Harvy.

Woodlawn, Louisiana:—We have just closed a three weeks revival. It was successful, 21 souls added to the church.—R. C. Barrow.

Clarendon, Ark.—Thank God, the quarantine is raised, the small pox is over and we have the privilege of assembling in our church for worship. Sunday was our first service since the last session of our annual conference. Presiding Elder J. W. Jackson came Monday 16th and held our first quarter. We were glad to see him. We had a good quarterly conference, the brethren reported in full. A good year was planned. The Presiding Elder preached Sunday night to a fair congregation. We intend to finish the church this year, raise all of our benevolent monies and put the Southwestern in every home of our congregation.—Rev. L. Mallory, P. C.

Tupelo, Mississippi:—Our first quarterly conference March 14 and 15th with P. C. P. O. Jamison presiding. The church, Sunday school and Epworth League are on an advance movement. Elder Jamison came to us with a divine message, being accompanied by the Holy Spirit, was gladly received by all. We are glad to see the Elder out on the district again. He seems to be in perfect good health and fully able to push forward the work of the Master. He is for the Southwestern and did not fail to make a strong plea in favor of the paper. He will be the means by which I shall send in a large list of subscribers in the near future. Our motto is "Success."—W. C. Clay.

## NOTICE TO PASTORS—TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—I hold for collection your subscriptions, which you made to Rev. Henry Dickson during our Conference at Galveston, for the purpose of securing for himself a cork leg. You agreed to pay your subscriptions by April 1st, 1896. Forward all moneys on this laudable cause to me at 1203 Hill street Houston, Tex.—F. Parker.

## TO BRETHREN OF THE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Remember Easter, which is the 5th of April, and do all you can for the Missionary collections and Friday, which is general fast day. Yours in Master's cause, H. W. Key.

## HOW TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF GIVING.

(Read before the Kansas City District Conference of the Central Missouri Conference by J. Thomas Knapper, of Independence, Mo.)

The subject I am about to approach, is one of vital importance to the Church, and yet I do not feel equal to the occasion. The subject of how to raise the standard of giving, is one that has confronted every Pastor and faithful Christian worker. I shall not attempt to exhaust the subject, but simply state a few facts and offer some practical suggestions. First, I will ask, is there any need of greater liberality in the Church; is there any greater demand upon the Church; has not the Church been and still making wonderful conquests? The Church never had such opportunities for achievement as to-day; the doors of Heathen Lands have been opened; the kingdoms that have been dominated by Paganism are casting idols to the moles and bats, India, China, Corea, Japan, the Isles of the Sea and Ethiopia is stretching her hand unto God, and bidding the Herald of the Cross welcome; and we hear the Macedonian cry of come over and help us, coming up from every land, and yet that cry seems to come in vain. We have the spiritual but not the financial means to help. Never has the Christian Church in all its history had such great and grave responsibilities to face. Remember that while the door of heathen lands are opening, the obligations and responsibilities are multiplying at home likewise. The world is to-day looking to the Church for the solution of all the intricate problems of human progress, social, civil, political, financial and religious; hence the demand upon the Church are greater, and the need of greater liberality upon the part of its constituents are obvious. The Church in its spiritual conquest has outgrown its financial development. It is a fact that along the line in Christian giving the Church is giving more than ever before, but not enough to meet the demands.

The question is, what shall we do? There is one of two things to do; we must face the inevitable, either stop the revival service, the prayer meeting, stop praying Thy kingdom come, or give us the means to carry on the work, which shall it be? Shall we take a step backward; shall we take the colors back to the army, or shall we bring the army up to the colors. The captain says go up and take the land, the command from heaven is go forward, and we dare not retreat. The only solution of the matter is greater liberality in our contributions. But the question is, how shall we accomplish that? I fear that the ministry is greatly responsible for the stinginess of the people. We talk to them too much of the cheapness of religion. I certainly think that we misinterpret the scripture meaning of Free Salvation; the idea of telling men in order to get them in the Church, that Heaven is a cheap place, Christianity a cheap thing, the minister is a cheap man, the church a cheap institution. It seems to me that the Scriptures teach if Heaven is any thing at all it is the very best place and takes our very best efforts to gain it. Under the Jewish dispensation they were required to bring the first of best fruits, the firstling of best of the flock. The only place in Scripture that seems to indicate that we are to get salvation for nothing, is Isaiah, 55th chapter, which reads as follows: Ho every one that thirsts, come ye to the water, and he that hath no money, come ye buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk, without money and without price. Yet, with the proper rendering of this passage it will be found to teach just the reverse. The word buy carries with it the idea of giving something in exchange for value received—if you have no money give what you have; silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee, said Peter and John to the blind man; show a desire to do something.

Without money and without price, carries with it this idea that no standard price is fixed. In other words, it is not like a one-priced store, to rich and poor alike, but every one to give as the Lord has given him.

The word free does not carry with it the idea of exemption from taxation. In this country we have free schools, but we have to pay school tax. This is the land of the Free and the home of the brave, but none but the aged and indigent are exempted from taxation. Some can pay more than others, but all must pay some and that according to their possessions. So in the economy of religion, all must pay something. Let every man lay aside in store upon the first day of the week as the Lord has pro-

vided him (St. Paul). Say the standard is a tenth, the man that possess one dollar give unto the Lord's treasury ten cents, the man that has ten dollars give unto the Lord's treasury one dollar, the man with a hundred give ten dollars, the man with ten acres of land set apart the product of one for the Lord, the man with a hundred acres give the product of ten to the cause of God, and so on. I do not think the Blessed Christ intended that we should get it into our head, that it is right to get all and give nothing. For he said it is more blessed to give than to receive. As freely as ye have received, freely give. There is another misconception in this matter of giving and that is, that ministers are not to receive any stipulated amount for their service, but are to take whatever the people feel disposed to give them, and some persons in order to sustain this position, quote, or misquote, the words of Jesus. They say he said go without money and without price, but read Matt. 10, 1-10. As ye go preach saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, etc. Provide or take neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purse, nor in your money bag, for the workmen is worthy of his meat. Luke 10, 7: in giving some instructions he says the laborer is worthy of his hire.

The idea here taught is that the work of the ministry is both legitimate and honorable and His (Jesus) command required haste; that they were to make haste to do the King's business; they were not to stop at home before going to make great provisions for their going, but to go just as they were and receive their compensation from the people among whom and for whom they labored; for the workmen is worthy of his meat and the laborer is worthy of his hire. This word hire carries with it the idea of a contract to pay. Under the Jewish economy it was stipulated that the priests or ministers were to receive so much of the offering brought by the people, and I think that God intends the same with His ministers to-day, for He is the same yesterday, to-day and forevermore, and the sooner people understand this, the sooner will they raise the standard and give more. What we need to do is to teach the people to give not from sentiment, but from principle. Teach them it is a part and a large part of their religious duty to give. Teach them that there is as much religion in taking a collection for the cause of God, as there is in preaching or praying; that there is as much religion in giving for the cause as there is in shouting. There may be a great deal of religion in visiting the sick, the orphans and the widows, but there is a great deal more in giving them something to help them in their distress. Teach them that it is a part of God's plan of salvation to have them give, for who so hath this world's goods and seeth his brother in want, and shutteth in his bowels of mercy, how dwelleth the love of God in him. The people don't always fail to give from pure stinginess, but from lack of proper instructions.

I have heard of ministers having very enthusiastic services and then tell the stewards not to take a collection for fear it will throw coldness over the meeting. I think very little of a man's respect for his wife, though he may boast of her beauty and neatness; who contributes nothing to her support, and gets offended when she asks him to do so. I think very little of a Church member's shouting that gets cold as soon as he is asked to contribute to the cause of God. Singing, preaching, praying, shouting, is one half of religion, giving is the other half. God himself is a bountiful giver. He gave his only son; Jesus gave his life for us; so what we need to do is to teach the people along these lines and as soon as they are taught what is right in this matter they will give, and that freely, and the standard will go up itself.

## "Yield Not to Misfortune."

I was afflicted with catarrh last autumn. During the month of October, I could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it. Marcus George Schatz, Rahway, N. J.

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**"WATCH YOUR JOB."**

Traveling on a railroad train recently, we overheard a conversation between two employees of the company, in which the words above quoted impressed us as being more than ordinarily significant.

These men were facetiously, it may be, reminding each other of the necessity of keeping a watchful eye upon the work which had been committed to their hands by their employers. We have reasons to believe that this cautionary word was used by one of these men to warn the other of the presence of a person or persons who might report to their employers reflecting upon their faithfulness and which might result in their discharge.

There is an important lesson here. As stewards of the household of faith and as laborers in the vineyard of the Master, the servants of the King are charged with great responsibilities. They have a work of the most vital importance on their hands and heart. They are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and it becomes their bounden duty to keep a vigilant eye upon the work which they have in hand. To them and to all who are charged with these great responsibilities, the very pertinent yet familiar words of our text, "Watch your job," would not be inappropriate.

**"ARE YOU GOING ON TO PERFECTION?"**

At each annual conference of our Church, where there is a preacher or preachers to be admitted into full connection, this question is propounded.

In each case the brother applying for admission answers in the affirmative, and he goes forth under this obligation to teach the people the possibility of reaching the very highest attainments in the divine life. It is strange that there is such a difference of opinion among Christian people with reference to the doctrine of "Christian perfection." There is a world of difference between human perfection and the perfection which is possible to the experience of the followers of the Great Teacher.

Human perfection is impossible, in the very nature of things, since, as human beings, we are constantly touched by the world, the flesh and the devil. With this combination of evil influences, it will be readily seen that no such thing as absolute perfection is attainable. It should also be understood that the best exhibitions of human interest and sympathy and love have been invariably inspired by the prevalence of the principles of the Gospel of Christ.

Christian perfection ought to and does stand separate and alone as the highest attainment in the divine life. It means that a believer has reached that point where he is loving God with all his heart and soul and mind and heart.

Happily for the human family, the Christian religion furnishes us with an admirable system by which, through the mortification of our earthly passions, desires, appetites, ambitions and aspirations, and the putting away of "anger and wrath and malice," the "putting on of the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him," and putting on also "as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another," crowning all with that "charity which is the bond of perfectness."

This is the Christian perfection which is possible, attainable and enjoyable. Anything else is counterfeit.

Vigilance is in watching opportunity; tact and daring in seizing upon opportunity; force and persistence in crowding opportunity to the utmost of possible achievement.—Austin Phelps.

**REV. CALVIN FAIRBANK.**

There is living to-day at Angelica, Alleghany county, N. Y., an ante-bellum hero, who, in those dark days of slavery often risked his own life and safety while helping slaves to escape from their oppressive fate. He was finally arrested, thrown into prison and endured for seventeen long years hardships and cruelties too terrible to mention.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

Question 1.—In paragraph 271 of the Discipline, this clause is found: "To tell the ministers what they think wrong in them." Does the "them" refer to the ministers or the disorderly members referred to in the preceding clause?

Question 2.—Should an ex-pastor, when removed, locate in the town of his former charge, and it should become rumored that he is in debt and that part of that indebtedness is for whiskey, would it be improper for the present pastor to quietly go to the creditor and inquire of him if it were true?

Question 3.—The pastor not making mention of this to any one, but the creditor tells the ex-pastor of it, and he goes around stirring up confusion about it, and finally puts up one or two Church officers to ask the removal of the pastor, would such be a sufficient pretext to ask the removal of a pastor from a charge?

Answer No. 1.—It refers to the ministers in charge or any other minister who may be found acting disorderly in the charge.

Answer No. 2.—In case of unpleasant rumors concerning a fellow-minister, the wise course would be for the preacher in charge where the rumors are being circulated to proceed very cautiously. The case here stated is one which requires great cautiousness and sound judgment on the part of the pastor in charge. The ex-pastor or the predecessor of the present pastor remains in the old charge, locates there, we are informed. It is said that he is in debt, part of which is for whiskey, all of which may be true, and yet the brother be guilty of no breach of our law. He is not accused of being drunk nor even of drinking, but simply of being in debt, part of which indebtedness was for whiskey. This is not a complicated case, yet there are some phases which are worthy of attention. Our discipline forbids the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and members or ministers who are known to frequent dram-shops or other places where these liquors are sold are liable to the suspicion that they are patrons of the unholy traffic. While our pastors are not authorized to stand guard at the doors of these places to note whether they are patronized by members of the Church, they would certainly have the right to quietly investigate cases in which their fellow-ministers or members of their Churches are accused of using the accursed stuff. It should be understood, however, that it is quite a difficult matter to get reliable evidence in cases like the one mentioned. Our zeal should be tempered with great wisdom. Any pastor who stands up for strict temperance principles should be heartily sustained by his Church.

Question.—What is your opinion relative to executing the portion of the law which prohibits members of our (Methodist Episcopal) Church from attending theatres, shows, etc.? Would it be better to execute it and drive our members to other Churches, which furnishes them the above privileges? Or, on the other hand, ignore the law above mentioned and let them go to theatres, etc.? By doing the latter we can keep them in our Church.—C. M. Moore, Beaumont, Tex.

Answer.—Our opinion is that a pastor should execute the law of the Church as he finds it. He should do this firmly, yet lovingly. There are scores of our people who have no scruples in this respect. The fault is not so much in them as in those who have had to do with their training. A faithful pastor will have his head and heart and hands full in almost any community in seeking to counteract the evil influences growing out of many of the popular amusements of the day. The theatre has degenerated into an unmitigated nuisance, while the modern dance is an abomination. Neither the theatre nor dance can encourage growth in grace. They are not intended for this purpose—only for the lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God, and it goes without saying that the patrons of these questionable amusements are composed largely of that class of people. Should this class rebel, threaten revolt and leave the Church because of the enforcement of the rules, the Church suffers no loss, but otherwise. Pastors, however, should carefully explain the law to their people, and, if after this faithful work, they persist in doing the things which are interdicted by our discipline, let them be dealt with as directed in paragraph 240. But in no case should a pastor ignore the law and allow his members the privilege of doing as they please. Persons who are not willing to be governed by our doctrines and discipline are at liberty to sever their connection with the Church at any time, especially if they have conscientious scruples against the observance of our rules. Let it always be remembered that "those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God" (Psalm 92:13). Lovers of the theatre and the dance will find it very difficult to flourish as Christians.

**OUR RISING BAROMETER.**

This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within fourteen out of eighteen conferences composing our patronizing territory. We would like to give credit to each conference rather than to the States included in the conference boundary.

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## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Brother Alexander Anderson, of Thompson Chapel this city, writes:—Our church is looking forward to a glorious year. Our pastor, Rev. D. W. Beatner, is planning and working for improvement. On Monday night our entire congregation surprised the pastor by showing him that his house could not hold his members nor his cupboard the good things which we had for him. This intrusion upon the quiet of the parsonage and the privacy of the larder, was planned by Sisters Harris, Shelton, Santos, Brothers Mouton, Noel, and in fact all of us. We propose to be fully represented among your subscribers this year.

At First street M. E. Church, Sunday March 22, at 3 p. m., the annual thanksgiving sermon of the Court Patron of Husbandry, was preached by the pastor.

This congregation is one of the greatest of its kind in the city. Rev. J. P. Bro-rum, W. P., H. P., has things in hand. Financially the order is in good condition.

March 29, at 3 p. m., the Equal Justice will gladden our sanctum with their presence, to pay homage to God for the preservation of their lives. Also the Knights of Pythias. One subscriber for the Southwestern was taken.

Mount Zion enjoyed a high day Sunday March 22, both spiritually and financially. The Holy Spirit was present in power. One was added to the church. The Sunday school is improving. The pastor Rev T. L. Montgomery is leading the people grandly.

Dr. L. G. Adkinson assisted Rev. C. Monroe, of Williams' Chapel, last Sunday night. The meeting was unusually good. The collection for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society amounted to \$1,000.

Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, D. D., LL. D., preached at St. Charles Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church at 11 a. m. Sunday, and at 3 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. The evening was spent with the Italian Mission. At each place there was unusual interest and a large attendance. The bishop was in splendid form and spirit and his ministrations will never be forgotten.

The King's Daughters of Simpson Chapel suffered the loss of one of their most prominent members recently in the death of Sister Katie Long. She was thoroughly devoted to Simpson Church and died in the full triumphs of faith. The membership of the Church and of the King's Daughters tenderly and lovingly paid the last tributes of respect to the good woman. Rev. D. J. Price, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Taylor, of Union Chapel.

Rev. H. J. Wright, presiding elder of the Natchitoches district of the Louisiana Conference, has suffered no little inconvenience on account of the smallpox in some parts of his work. The wildest rumors have been afloat to the effect that he was lying out in the woods, having contracted the disease, and that he had been pursued by armed white people, etc. While the dread disease is prevalent in some parts of the district, we are assured that Bro. Wright has not needlessly exposed himself nor has he been otherwise molested or pursued. He is doing a grand work for God and the Church and they will stand by their faithful servant in this trying hour. He wishes his brethren to know that he is yet on the district and that he will hold the quarterly meetings in each case as appointed unless quarantine regulations prohibit. In such cases the meetings should be held by pastors and reports forwarded to the presiding elder. Let the whole Church hold up the hands of its heroic servant.

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## OUR BOOK TABLE.

"Our Indians" is the title of a strong article by the Secretary of the Interior, published in the Youth's Companion of March 26th. The Indian who once had complete liberty to hunt and occupy this fair land has found the United States Government a master whom he cannot understand. Secretary Smith gives much valuable information about the present condition and prospects of the Indians, their increasing numbers, their education, and this article is one of a series by American statesmen appearing in the Companion.

Mr. Henry Norman, correspondent of the London Chronicle, has an article in the April number of Scribner's on "The Quarrel of the English Speaking Peoples" that should be read by all Americans.

The complete novel in the April issue of Lippincott's is "Flotsam," by Owen Hall. "On the War-Path With Kit Carson," by Wm. Thompson, is a true story, and so probably is "Dreaming Bob," by Dr. Charles C. Abbott. R. G. Robinson recalls the case of "An Expensive Slave" in Florida, who caused the war of 1835-39 and the loss of 1,500 white lives. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.: \$3 a year.

The illustrated monthly "Magazine Number" of the Outlook for March has nearly fifty pages of reading matter, and more illustrations than any of the previous issues. There is a pleasant "Spectator" talk about New Orleans. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York: \$3 a year.

The enormous circulation of such a magazine as the Ladies' Home Journal can, in a sense, be understood when it is said that during the last six months of 1895 there were printed, sold and circulated over 4,000,000 copies—in exact figures, 4,058,891. Figures such as these give one some idea of the influence which may be exerted by even a single one of the modern magazines.

Harper's Magazine for April contains the concluding chapters of the story of "Joan of Arc," showing the maid and conqueror as at last the martyr. The frontispiece is a striking representation of the execution of Joan. "Mad Anthony Wayne's Victory," by the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, a bright contrast to the disastrous defeat of St. Clair.

The Easter number of Harper's Bazar is distinguished by an extra supplement and a decorated cover, and is full of the Easter sentiment as expressed in fashions suitable to the season. Elegant gowns and wraps and lovely Easter hats and bonnets appear in almost bewildering variety. A strong story by Marion Harland, entitled "Jim Purdy, Martyr,"

with a fine illustration by A. J. Kellar, is the striking feature.

Stories of Mary; or Evidences of Mariolatry. By Prof. F. A. Wagner. This is a neat, paper bound book of 208 pages showing the superstitious errors of the Roman Catholic Church. It is creditable to say this work is free from abuse or slander, but all the arguments are proven from the most reliable Catholic authorities. Price 15 cents. John F. Rowe, Publisher, Cincinnati, O.

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There is plenty of music, the exercise containing five original hymns by Dr. G. Lansing Taylor, Dr. J. B. Kenyon and Dr. C. H. Payne, with simple and stirring music by Professors J. R. Sweeney and W. L. Mason.

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## PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER.

Luke 14:15-24.

Golden Text: "Come, for all things are now ready" (Luke 14:17).

Jesus was in the land of Perea, east of the Jordan. An innumerable company was about Him. He had taught them and wrought miracles among them. A chief Pharisee invited Him to dine at his house. As they entered the house He healed a man who was afflicted with dropsy. It was the Sabbath day. As they were being seated at the table "He marked how they chose out the chief rooms," and spoke a parable against those who pushed themselves forward. He then spoke to the man who bade Him, that when he made a dinner to invite not the rich, but the poor, lame and blind and he would be blessed and "recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Then one of the guests said to Jesus: "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." This remark, let us hope it was made in earnest, led to the parable we are about to consider. It is a bit of our Savior's table talk. The kingdom of God is His spiritual reign. We become subjects of that kingdom when we receive it into our heart and allow it to rule every emotion and desire of our soul. We eat bread in the kingdom of God when we partake of the Lord's Supper with faith and thanksgiving. The person who does this is blessed because he is released from a state of sin and taken into a state of grace.

1. The certain man who made this supper is designed to represent God. (1) Notice His authority. He had the supreme right to prepare the feast or not prepare it, as He wished, to invite the guests or not to invite them, as He desired. He is the Creator of all things and it is His prerogative to do as He pleases with His own. We enjoy His beneficence because He desires it. (2) Notice His goodness. He has arranged so that our every physical and spiritual want may be supplied. He has spoken the world on which we live into existence and sent the sunshine and the shower. He has put life in the seed and productive power in the earth. He has given the seed time and the harvest, taught men how to sow and reap and enjoy the labor of his hands. What more could God do for man than He has done? How slow is man to express his appreciation of His favors.

2. The great supper represents the Gospel dispensation. This plan of salvation is great because of Him who made it. A Being so great as Jehovah cannot do a little work. It is great because of what it cost to complete it. It did not cost in gold and silver; these are no more to God than the earth or stone that contains them. Only the cheap and perishable things can be bought with money. But it cost the life of His Son, who has redeemed us with His own precious blood. It is great because of the number that may partake of it. It is not for Jews alone, but for Gentiles as well. Not for the rich only, but also for the poor. It is great because of the work it does. It secures pardon, companionship with God and joy unspeakable and full of glory. The moving cause of salvation is the love of God, the meritorious cause is the blessed Christ, and the instrumental cause is faith in the Son of God.

3. The invitations represent the offers of the gospel. God is ever saying—"Come; for all things are now ready." He invites through his servants—the prophets, apostles, ministers, Sunday school teachers, pious parents, and many others. It is their first duty to tell what a Savior they have found. He invites through his word. He has said—"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth. 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' All day long have I stretched forth my hands. God invites through His Holy Spirit. He reproves the world, teaches the ignorant, comforts the sorrowing, guides the saint, and encourages the despondent by showing him things to come.

4. The excuses show some of the reasons men give for not accepting the gospel. These excuses are three fold but their spirit is one. The first pleads possession, or self-satisfaction. He feels no

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need. There is no demand for food. There are many who have no desire for the gospel feast. They are self-righteous. They are much better than most men, and are about as good as they wish to be. They feel that the gospel supper will not do them much good. Deluded creatures. They are poor, and naked, and blind, and know it not. The second pleads pursuit. He is too much occupied in money getting to attend a feast. He has no time for that kind of enjoyment. It is all right to make money. The man who outs forth no effort to obtain in a legal way, enough of this world's good to live comparatively independent, is worth but little. But money making should not be the chief aim in life. The soul that misses heaven is a failure regardless of its success in other ways. The heart is wicked that neglects religious and social duties for business. The third pleads pleasure. He had married a wife. This exempted him from all military duties for a time. He did not feel obligated to attend a feast. Many make social enjoyment their chief object in life. They live to have a good time. "But pleasures are like bonfires spread. You seize the flower, its bloom is shed; or like the snowfall in the river, a moment white then melts forever; or like the heron's race, that flits ere you can point their place; or like the rainbow's lovely form, evaporating amid the storm." (Burns.)

4. Notice some results of the excuses. (1) Anger—"The Master of the house being angry." The Jews tried the patience of Jehovah more than any other nation. Many times was He displeased with them. They lusted after evil things; worshiped idols; committed fornication; tempted Christ; and murmured against God. Here they rejected Jesus and His offer of salvation. Many to-day are doing the same thing. May God not be angered with them.

(2) Invitation to others. (a) Time—"Go out quickly." All things are now ready. Delay is fatal. The first invitation was to the Jews the second to the Gentiles. If one class receives not the gospel, let the minister turn to another. Now is God's time to save. (b) Places—Streets, lanes, highways, and hedges. Go where ever people may be found, and invite them to this feast. The gospel must be taken to the people. The missionary spirit is the life of the church. (c) Classes—Poor, maimed, halt and blind. These refer chiefly to the Gentiles. Their fallen condition was wonderful. (Rom. 7:18-32) The world without the gospel drifts into ignorance, idolatry, superstition, and evil lusts of many kinds. The poor are those who as destitute of this world's goods, but it may be applied to those who have not the Christian graces. The maimed and halt are those who have not the natural use of themselves. There are many souls who have not the power, because of sin, to come to Jesus. The blind are those who are destitute of sight. There are many who are so blinded by the god of this world they do not see the light of the gospel. (d) Work—"Bring in hither." Compel them to come in. Labor to influence men to accept the invitation to this supper. God uses His word, gospel, Spirit and other means to constrain people to accept His offer of salvation. He does not destroy free will. He convicts by reason and love, and not by force. (e) Result—Many no doubt accept this invitation to dine. The world is ever receiving Christ. The Methodist Episcopal Church baptised persons last year at the rate of one every three minutes. Other churches are do-

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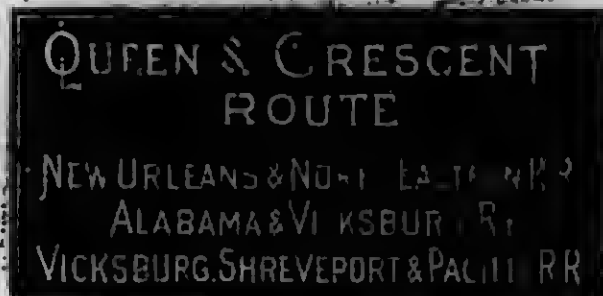
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### What They Say About the Southwestern.

Dear Sir:—I would say, that interest in the Southwestern grows among my good people. You see, the homes of my people are so flooded with the paper, until Methodism is popular and obliged to grow among us. The paper makes the people think, and gives them something wholesome to talk about. And it does seem to me that the work of the Church here, is on the upward grade.—Very truly yours, Vincent D. Jenkins.

Dear Editor:—Some have written for the Southwestern, some have written to the Southwestern, but I write about the Southwestern.

Is there any so dull, as not to feel interested in the mere announcement of my theme? If so, let him speak, for to him I have nothing to say. I claim the right to write about the Southwestern. I am a member of the great church of which the Southwestern is one of the organs, and I have feasted my mind upon the pure literature that flows through its columns—the broad views of its editorials—one of the purest streams of thought that ever flowed. I have been helped by the rich treasures that come to me each week through the columns of The Southwestern. And we all have been assured by our big-hearted, big-brained, warm-hearted Editor, that it is Our Paper. And in the face of all this, may I not speak a word for the grand old Southwestern? Yes, I will. I have an interest in that particular paper, small though that interest may be, I must be faithful in that little; "for he that is unfaithful in little, is unfaithful also in much." If we will not stand by the Southwestern, what would we do with a "Negro Bishop?" Do the duty that lies nearest your hands be it ever so small. Hear me, ye great Negro writers, who upon perfumed paper trace your lines with golden pens and use honeyed words for monthly magazines and secular papers. Hear me, ye sickly, puny grumblers, that grumble because the Southwestern is not sent to you free of charge, and complain because the Editor does not publish all of your communications the same day it is sent. Hear me! Stop your complaining and "get a move on" and help get the ten or twenty thousand subscribers for the Southwestern and put it on a paying basis, so that it can be enlarged etc. And then dear brother all of your "nice" communications could be, and I believe would be published: even to Sister "Sallie Ann 'gin' us a big dinner" and "Brother Jones has named his little boy Zeek, after me."

### Tuskegee's Training School for Ministers.

Educate and elevate the leaders of any people and, to a very great extent, you educate and elevate that people. And who are such recognized leaders among Afro-Americans as are the ministers? Who have so easily the ear of the multitude? To whom else is so readily conceded the right to advise, to instruct, to improve? In matters pertaining both to this life and to the life to come, they have power to impress the people as no other class of leaders among us can do, and their training for the responsible position they are to occupy should be along the double lines indicated.

In the Phelps' Hall Bible School, which is connected with the Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama, the training which the young men receive is given as much because of the reflex influence it will have on what they will teach when they go out of school as for the actual present need with them. In this training the complete man is regarded. Besides the regular military drill of all the young men connected with the institution, special physical exercises are given the Bible students under a Phelps' Hall instructor. In the lectures on sociology particular attention is given to health matters, knowledge concerning which is so much needed in Afro-American homes of this section. Naturally, the study of the Bible and sermonizing occupy an important place in the course of study. Much attention is given also to the study of arithmetic, composition, grammar and rhetoric, and in cases where special studies are needed or desired arrangement is made with the head teacher for the student to enter the

academic department for a certain number of hours daily. Considerable stress is laid on vocal culture, with special reference to correct reading of the Bible and hymnal.

Every member of the Bible School is expected to conduct some form of mission work, regular weekly reports of such work being required. Among the questions asked and answered are: "How many sermons have you preached?" "How many Sabbath schools attended?" "How many sick visited in their homes?" "How many prayer meetings attended?" "How many persons have secured homes through your advice and help during the past week?"

The general influences which surround the students at Tuskegee are helpful and inspiring. We aim to have the education we give make men. That we make teachers and farmers and mechanics and even preachers is a secondary consideration. A good man, a wise man, does good, blesses with his wisdom in any calling. Intelligence is greatly needed in our ministry, but even more needed are purity and strength of character. When these are more general we shall not have so many sad tales come to our ears of ministers hiring them as agents for rum-sellers, political tricksters and those fiends in human form who prey upon innocent girlhood.—Josephine T. Washington.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Presiding Elders and Pastors:

By order of the Committee on Entertainment, this final missive is sent you in regard to the collections for the General Conference expenses.

We find, in tabulating the returns, that not a few charges throughout all the Conferences have, as yet, sent in no report. The amount per member and per charge is small, but inattention, here and there, must result in a large deficit. Only one month remains in which to meet the apportionment, which is essential to the good and honor of the Church. May we not earnestly request you to give this matter special and immediate attention?

W. F. Whitlock, Secretary.

Delaware, O., March 27, 1896.

God does not require impossible things of anybody. Our duty is always measured by our capacity and our opportunity. Rightly considered, there is in this thought a world of comfort. Who has not found himself at some point of his life so shut in by circumstances utterly beyond his control as that he could not do a great many good things which he saw needed to be done? Shall we blame ourselves for failing to accomplish what thus manifestly lies beyond our power? Will our Heavenly Father bring us into judgment for such failures? The questions carry their own answers. It is well to be careful, however, lest we should get into the bad habit of excusing ourselves even when there is no real ground for doing it. Shirking is one of the chief sins of which men are guilty. It is so easy to invent excuses when we desire to dodge a duty or decline a burden.—Dr. E. E. Hoss.

Nothing that is broken can ever be perfectly mended. This statement is true of so common a thing as a piece of pottery, and it is true of so sacred a thing as a human friendship. After one definite rupture between two men that have been thoroughly intimate with each other, there will always remain some lack of perfect sympathy. Outwardly, they may make up, and in all sincerity they may imagine that they have quite effaced the old scores; but they cannot blot out history nor make the course of events to be as if it had not been. All this for the benefit of those persons who vainly imagine that they may safely throw off a friend to-day and hope to recover him to-morrow. Such persons have no conception of moral values. They are blinded by selfish egotism, and are therefore incapable of wise action.—Dr. E. E. Hoss.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. **Hall's Catarrh Cure**, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutionally sound cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses, from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: **F. J. CHENEY & CO.,** Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc.

### MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Baldwin, La.—John B. Banks to Lucy McCoy on March 16; also, Hackett Balden to Philomena Charles on March 17. J. H. Pierre officiated.

Shreveport, La.—Albert Arnold to Miss Mattie Deshay on March 23. J. A. Tirout officiated.

Woodlawn, La.—Lowman Johnson to Lotta Ratliff on March 5. R. C. Barrow officiated.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—H. C. Miller to Ellen Jones on January 29. A. T. Stephens officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Bro. Allen Clardy departed this life March 1, in full triumph of faith, 110 years. A. T. Stephens, pastor.

Huntsville, Tex.—Litt'e Makiell Winston, son of Bro. Boast Winston, died on March 14, aged 6 years and 11 months. Teno'd Edwards, pastor.

Alexandria, La.—Paul Richardson, aged 42 years, died on March 19, in full of faith. W. J. M. Price, pastor.

### CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Palestine District.

Second Round. April  
Hearne..... 10 12 Sutton..... 11 12  
East Calvert..... 18 18 East Mexia..... 25 26  
May  
Fairfield..... 23 Woodland..... 5 6  
Wickler..... 9 10 Palestine..... 16 17  
San Augustine..... 23 24 Jacksonville..... 30 31  
June  
Buffalo..... 6 7 Oakwoods..... 13 14  
Leona..... 20 21 Madisonville..... 27 28  
W. A. Fortson, Presiding Elder.

#### Marion District.

Second Round. May  
Oak Grove..... 9 10 Old Town, Marietta, 23 24  
New Berne and Jackson chapel..... 16 17  
Bataw and Springfield..... 30 31  
June  
St Paul & St Mary..... 6 7 Tuscolocosa..... 13 14  
Marion..... 20 21 Selma..... 27 28  
July  
Allen and Scotts..... 4 5 Clinton..... 11 12  
Bethany..... 25 26 Union..... 25 26  
Gainesville and S. M. chapel..... 18 19  
F. L. Teague, Presiding Elder.

#### Are you ever Annoyed

by a huzzing or roaring sound in your head? Have you difficulty in hearing distinctly? Are you troubled with a continual dropping of mucus, irritating the throat and causing you to cough? Is your breath unpleasantly affected and accompanied with bad taste? Is your hearing less acute? If so, you have catarrh and should at once procure a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm, the best known remedy. The Balm will give instant relief.

### DR. SANDFORD HUNT.

Jefferson, S. C.:—"In the midst of life there is death."

Whereas, The Great and Supreme Ruler of the universe, has in His infinite wisdom, removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed fellow laborers, Dr. Sanford Hunt, and

Whereas, The Lord and intimate relation held with Him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this society, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our church by service, contributions and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst, leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all its members and friends of this Church, and will prove a serious loss to the community and the public.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hopes that ever so great a loss may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our churches; a copy printed in the church paper and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. Jones  
P. C., Florence District, South Carolina Conference.

#### A HELP IN SWEEPING.

For sweeping a room neatly there is nothing like newspaper aid. Take a page of newspaper at a time, wet it in hot water, and squeeze it until it ceases to drip. Tear into small pieces of the size of your hand, and scatter them all over the carpet. Then sweep, and most of the dust in the room will be gathered into the paper. On matting use larger pieces of paper, pushing them ahead of the broom to take up any fluff there may be, before beginning the regular sweeping.—The Pacific.

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(From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.)

## THE LORD IS RISEN.

Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day;  
Sons of men and angels say:  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heavens—and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise,  
Christ hath opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Follow our exalted Head;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### NUGGETS.

Those who cannot keep their own secrets ought not to be entrusted with the secrets of others. Behold what wonderful dignity the Good Father hath bestowed upon us. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him."

To be truly pious is to be truly loyal to God, the Christ, and to our fellow-men. But hypocrisy is often mistaken for piety. It often happens that the people who talk loudest about religion, and even are more regular in attendance at the House of God, are the veriest counterfeits. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The difference between a wise and a foolish man is this—the wise man sees much, thinks much, knows much and speaks little; but the foolish man speaks more than he either sees, thinks or knows. "Seest thou a man who is wise in his own conceit; there is more hope of a fool than of him."

The getting of wealth is a very desirable thing. The control of large bank accounts, of stocks and bonds and securities may add very greatly to one's comfort, but the most important concern is the acquisition of the true riches which come alone from the Father of Light, with whom is no variation nor shadow of turning. Riches secured in this way cannot be influenced by the prevailing financial conditions, but he "which giveth liberally and unbraideth not" will supply every need, at all times and under all circumstances.

Gold, the true gold, is purified and refined in the furnace of fire. So, often the gold, the true gold of character, is tried, tested and purified in the furnace of affliction. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Some of the best and most consecrated and zealous Christians have passed through the most incredible trials and afflictions in the great process of building their Christian character. The angel of the Church of the Laodiceans was instructed by the Spirit to buy "gold tried in the fire." This "old-time religion," tried, tested, proven, is a mighty help and comfort in the midst of our earthly trials.

A house divided against itself is a school of confusion, since when confusion enters the home peace departs. There is but one antidote for this evil and that is the thorough and complete enthronement of Christ in the home, all hearts paying gracious tribute to His presence and contributing toward His continuous ascendancy of the throne which love has erected for Him.

### THE VOICE OF THE LEADERS.

It is indeed gratifying to know that most of the progressive presiding elders within our patronizing territory have pronounced themselves unequivocally in favor of increasing the circulation of the Southwestern. Already are we reaping the benefit of their splendid service.

The pledge brigade is assisting large proportions, and, what is yet more gratifying to know, there is unusual activity in sending in the pledges. Glancing at our barometer column, our readers will not fail to notice the instinctive and suggestive indications. It is easy to notice those parts of the field where there is greater or less activity. Scores and scores of letters come to the office with promises of co-operation, and the canvass promises to become more and more interesting. Among these letters are the circular letters of many of our presiding elders, all of which urge the brethren in their respective districts to "push the canvass for the Southwestern," "Make good your Southwestern pledges," "Don't forget the Southwestern," "Urge all your people to take the Southwestern," "Push the subscription," "Don't fail to get the grand old Southwestern into every home on your charge." The presiding elders of the Meridian, in the Mississippi; the Tupelo and Starkville, in the Upper Mississippi, and the Atlanta and Griffin, in the Atlanta Conferences have spoken this week with an emphasis that promises splendid work for the paper. The pledge bridge shows from the Upper Mississippi, Louisiana and Mississippi, Central Alabama, Little Rock, Savannah, Atlanta, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, East Tennessee and Lexington Conferences an aggregate of 9,712, with the two Texas, Central Missouri, Washington, Delaware and Florida Conferences to hear from. We praise God, take courage and go forward.

### IMPROVED APPEARANCE OF "THE SOUTHWESTERN."

Readers of the Southwestern will observe that we are trying to keep abreast with the times in giving them a neat appearing, readable paper. For the last three or four weeks the paper has been printed by that marvelous piece of mechanism, the Linotype, a machine which is about as near perfection in the printing art as has been invented.

"The world does move," and we are endeavoring to keep pace with its progress. Our friends will rejoice in the manifest improvement.

### A BUNDLE OF ABSURDITIES.

About the most ridiculous thing we have read recently is an editorial from a moss-back paper, published somewhere in the State of Louisiana. The New Orleans Times-Democrat quotes it patronizingly under the caption of "Protection to White Supremacy." Here is the editorial referred to:

"We need not explain how the Democratic party has maintained itself in power in the face of this majority. That is a chapter in our history which will always bring a blush of shame to the face of an honest man. It suffices to say that it was a choice between the methods adopted and a return to negro domination. That same problem is before us to-day, still unsolved and unsettled. It will not 'down'—it demands attention. It will repay the careful study of the best minds in Louisiana. It threatens destruction to our social and political institutions unless some heroic remedy be applied. The Democratic party, profiting by the example of Mississippi and South Carolina, and realizing that the rising tide of a purer public sentiment will fearlessly condemn existing political methods, have presented the suffrage amendment to the voters of Louisiana as a legal settlement of this grave issue."

There may be a few really honest and fair-

minded people who believe that the Southern Negro may yet come into possession of political supremacy, but there is hardly a doubt that a large majority of the Southern white people resort to this appeal to prejudice, to prevent the diffusion and acceptance of those doctrines proclaimed and advocated by the other political parties to break up that solidarity resulting from a common hatred of those who took an active part in emancipating the Negro and conferring upon him the right of suffrage. The political party, of which the papers quoted are among the chief exponents, is not afraid of "Negro domination." It is a self-evident absurdity to even suppose that a few Negroes under existing conditions will ever be able to dominate in the politics of the South. It is not the Negro that is feared so much as it is the white men who seek to defend, protect and help elevate him.

Every honest citizen of whatever political party is in favor of ballot reform, of course; but when we are told, as we are daily by editors of Democratic papers, that their object of reforming the ballot is to eliminate the Negro entirely from politics only, shows the true animus of the journals mentioned, if not of the people who give them support.

We need a reign of common sense and the dispensation of fair play hereabouts rather than "white supremacy." While we write, the State militia, ordered out by the Governor of the State to protect the ballot box in St. Landry parish, is encamped on the ground to prevent the warring elements—all of whom are white men, and all of the dominant political party—from committing an outrage on the rights of American citizenship. One class of Democrats being determined that the Negro shall be permitted to register and vote, while the other is determined that he shall not, presents to the country one of the most disgraceful spectacles in all its history. Yet we are told by some of these molders of public opinion that the paramount duty of all white men is to deprive all Negroes of the right of suffrage, and thereby establish for all time to come "white supremacy." But the world moves, and as surely as it does, the standard will be neither white nor black supremacy, but character and manhood.

### AN ACT OF WHITE GENTLEMEN.

The Hamilton Club, of Chicago, is one of the strongest and most representative organizations of its kind in the country. Of course, it is Republican in politics, but it requires a high standard of mental and moral qualifications to be eligible to membership. The club moves a step upward and forward in admitting to membership an accomplished colored man, Adelbert H. Roberts. Mr. Roberts is a lawyer of ability, and the club honors itself as well as the race which our colored brother represents, in the brave, sensible and patriotic action thus taken. The vote in favor of his election to membership by the Board of Directors was unanimous. All hail the Hamilton! All hail Chicago! All hail the march of progress!

### OUR OPPORTUNITY.

The movement to pay off the last cent of indebtedness upon our Missionary Treasury is gaining ground. The Sandford Hunt Memorial, as proposed by our indefatigable Missionary secretaries, promises to be one of the grandest achievements of the Church. The Church must not relax a jot of her interest in this work. Let the rich and the poor, the clergyman and layman, children and parents join in the proposed movement to perpetuate the memory of a great man and to free the Treasury from debt.

Education is leading human souls to what is best and making what is best of them. The training which makes men happy in themselves makes them most serviceable to others.—Ruskin



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## COLPORTAGE.

By Rev. T. M. C. Birmingham.  
Having sold over \$10,000 worth of religious books directly to the people, at the suggestion of several, I write on colportage adjusted to the polity of Methodism.

Good books contain the best thoughts of the greatest minds. Although of inestimable value, they do not possess the power to sell themselves, and an agency of some sort must be provided for their sale and distribution. In former times, the preachers filled their saddle bags with books, and, as they made their rounds, they were offered for sale at every appointment. Then, nearly all the charges were direct, but now a large majority are stations. Then they did not have the League, Sunday school, Missionary Society and many other things that all claim some share of the pastor's time. The latter can still take subscriptions for the Church papers, but of late conditions have so changed that the sale of books is getting each year to be something more and more beyond the reach of the average pastor.

Instead of the present plan of leaving it to the pastors in each of the thirty or forty charges in a district to canvass and supply their people with the books of the Church, suppose one were appointed colporteur and given exclusively that work. Adam Smith, in his treatise on the "Wealth of Nations," proves that there is a division of labor. The man that does but one thing is apt to be more attentive to it and become more proficient in its performance. This is not to establish small depositories that have always proved unsatisfactory, but to provide a man that would spend some time every year at each appointment in representing the publishing interests of the Church. His remuneration would be in proportion to the value of books sold. He ought to be able to preach from texts like "Wisdom is the Principal Thing," "Give Utterance to Reading," "He that Walketh with Wise Men Shall be Wise," with a few good discourses showing the benefits of having books containing the best thoughts of the best authors, and his way would at once open to the homes and hearts of the people. In a word, the ideal colporteur would be preacher, book-seller and also fill that much-needed and very useful office of an itinerant professor of literature.

Visiting a charge, he would preach in the evening and get about among the people during the day. Something can be done in supply the League with a reading course, the Sunday school with a library, teachers with helps to the study of the Scriptures, but the most important work is to place good books in the homes of the people. There let Stevens relate the "History of Methodism," the eloquent D'Aubigne describe the "Reformation," Dr. Butler what he saw in Mexico, Bishop Taylor tell the story of his life, and a host of other worthies impart their information. With the subject properly presented many would purchase \$1, \$5 and \$10 worth of books, and in doing it would be making a good investment for the moral and intellectual welfare of themselves and children.

The appointment would, like any other, belong to the Conferences, but the management would necessarily fall very much into the hands of the Book Concern. It is essential to this plan for the management to thoroughly understand how the work may be done and get up books in such a manner that the men in the field may be able to make their support. Any failure here or even want of sympathy would paralyze everything. Doubtless the subject will in some manner come before this General Conference. If adopted it might be best at least, beginning, to let some one point, probably the Book Concern in New York, manage the whole of the colportage business. Both the American Bible Society and the American Tract Society find it best to supply their colporteurs direct from New York and not from any of their other depositories. With this plan well executed, the book business of the Church would at least double and might even be more than quadrupled.

## MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION.

Ladies:—While it is constitutional to hold an annual conference, and that our women generally understand that our forces are to be gathered some time this summer, I fear the real situation is a little perplexing to some who may not have been in a position to follow the movements of our national bodies which have since become better known to the public or been in a position to interpret

aright the prospects for a harmonious convention. When the National Federation adjourned it was understood that steps were to be taken without unnecessary loss of time looking to the union with the National League. Owing to unavoidable delay, the matter was left open until late in the fall of 1895, when the suggestion made by Helen H. Cooke was acted upon, i. e., the appointment of a conference which should have power to decide as to a basis of union. The committee met in Atlanta and, as an act of courtesy, extended an invitation to the Women's Congress, sitting in Atlanta, with the result told in the last issue of our official organization, i. e., that a joint call for a convention be issued some time in the summer of 1896. At the time, there was every likelihood of meeting in Nashville, but the postponement of the Centennial naturally inclines the leaders of each party to fix upon some central place where we may all meet and carry out the expressed desire of each body—the consolidation of the three existing national organizations into one well-organized and truly representative union. In order to further this inspiring determination, I feel to urge upon our membership and all women anxious to see our women's public movements on a creditable basis to begin now and do all that will aid and encourage general harmony. We are all earnest, busy women and cannot afford to give time to this matter unless spurred on by some well-defined hope of accomplishing some tangible good to the advancing cause of our women and the upbuilding of our homes. It may be well to state, further, that our Federation has been strengthened during the past year, and should the other associations above mentioned, through any cause which to them may seem wise, refrain from joining us, we are constitutionally pledged to the holding of an annual convention, and shall, therefore, proceed to the holding of our first annual convention sometime in the month of July, the exact date and locality to be hereafter named. It is earnestly hoped that every club composing the Federation will agitate this matter and arouse the members and well wishers to the necessity of creating a public sentiment favorable to our cause. All clubs will also apply without delay to our secretary, Mrs. Ridley, for application blanks, which should be filled out and returned so that a correct list of each club can be made and placed upon file. This will serve not only to give us an intelligent understanding as to our numerical strength, which is absolutely necessary to the business-like management of future rules governing taxation and general expenses, but will aid our secretary in the matter of corresponding with proper officials on matters of vital importance. We are anxious to make our work tell for the race and we earnestly hope for co-operation not only on the part of the members of the Federation, but we need the support of all interested in the cause of womanhood.

Mrs. B. T. Washington.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Who is responsible for the debt that burdens the Missionary treasury? Not the General Committee, for they have reduced the appropriations to the very verge of ruin in some instances and to the embarrassment of every field, home and foreign. Not the Board of Managers, for they have granted relief only in dire emergencies. The debt is the result of the growth of the work, for which there has been no corresponding increase from collections during the last three years. It should, therefore, be regarded as a providential indication that the gifts of the Church should be increased. Deliverance is in sight if every pastor, Sunday school superintendent and Epworth League president will lend a helping hand. Read the appeal already published to congregations, Sunday schools and Leagues, and take special offerings for the Sanford Hunt Memorial Fund for the immediate liquidation of the debt. Whole Conferences are falling into line. Let the response be prompt and universal and the debt will vanish like an evening cloud before the 1st of May. Send all remittances to Homer Eaton, treasurer, 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

C. C. McCabe.  
A. B. Leonard.

## SISTER MOORE'S LETTER.

A Fireside School is a school at home. Mother is usually the teacher, her children the pupils. Sometimes the older children help teach. They have a system of study, the same as other schools. Certain books are carefully read till they are understood. At least one-half an hour

is taken once a day, often twice a day. It is not the usual family devotions. This recitation is more like a Sabbath school class. A quiet, familiar talk between mother and children, followed by a short prayer, perhaps a little hymn sung. The mother takes the following mother's pledge:

1. I promise that, by the help of God, I will pray with and for my children, and expect their early conversion.
2. I will try to be a good pattern for my children in my daily life, especially in temper, conversation and dress.
3. I will recognize the fact that God expects me to care for and train my children for Him in soul and mind as well as in body.

The Fireside School is not a new organization. Its object is to call attention to the duties of God's first organization, which is the family.

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## "AFRICA AND THE AMERICAN NEGRO."

Addresses of the Atlanta Congress on Africa.

The papers, addresses and minutes of the Atlanta Congress on Africa have just been issued from the press. They make a handsome large octavo volume of 300 pages, 242 of printed matter and the rest of excellent half-tones, chiefly of speakers. The book is entitled "Africa and the American Negro." Valuable papers not delivered before the Congress are added, including one by Bishop Taylor on self-supporting missions. The addresses and papers, which include those of some of the best authorities on Africa, are divided into two parts: "I.—Africa: The Continent, its People, their Civilization and Evangelization." "II.—The American Negro: His Relation to the Civilization and Redemption of Africa." There are an introduction by Bishop Joyce, the minutes of the Congress and appendices, giving a list of Bible translations into African languages and an alphabetical list of missions in Africa. The book is valuable as giving some of the latest material on the subjects treated and a permanent historic record of a remarkable event in a great movement. Up to April 15th, the price of advanced cash subscriptions will be, as announced, 50 cents in paper, 75 cents in cloth. After that date, because of the expense in the illustrations and additions not originally contemplated, 25 cents will be added to the price in each style. Address President W. P. Thirkield, S. Atlanta, Ga.

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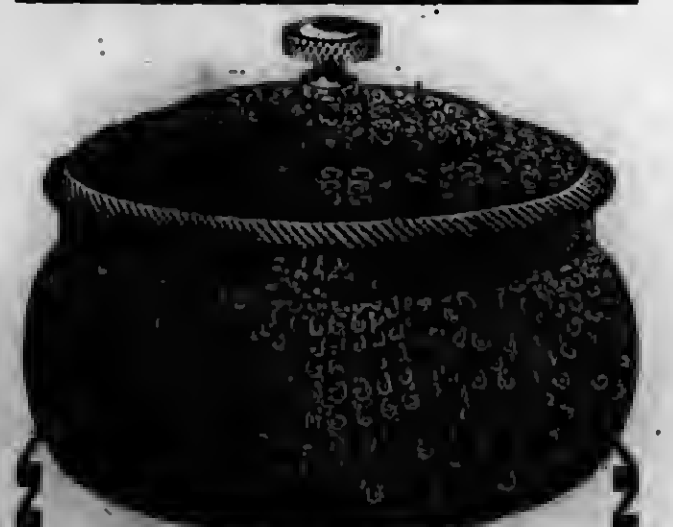
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# FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Brethren, is not this the time to make good our Southwestern pledges? Let every member of our congregation be urged to give something for our benevolent causes. Remember the resolution of the Conference instructing the principal of the Academy to travel through the Conference and collect money for the Academy building.—A. M. Trotter, P. E.

Garlandville, March 23, 1896.

## GAINESVILLE DISTRICT, ATLANTA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brothers:—While engaged in caring for the various interests of the Church, let us constantly keep in mind that our chief business is soul-saving. May we not expect and plan for an abundant harvest of truly awakened souls? Children's Day will be June 14th. I hope each pastor will begin in time to rally his forces, so that we may have a large benevolent collection. The Sunday school convention will be held in connection with the District Conference, which will convene at Elberton, Aug. 12th. Don't forget the Southwestern.—Yours faithfully, J. C. Hunt, P. E.

## ATLANTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The year moves on, and we are expected to turn every flying moment into success for the Church. Begin in time and make full preparation for the observance of Children's Day, the second Sunday in June. Hold revival services as often as possible, and gather in the converts. Urge all your people to take the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Push all your benevolent collections. Every dollar of the assessment is expected from each charge.—Yours for success, G. W. Arnold, P. E.

## GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The year is moving on, and let us keep quick pace with it in our work. Do not fail to observe Children's Day, June 14th. Let it tell for great results in your benevolent collection. The Sunday School Convention will convene at Hartford Church on July 3d. The District Conference will meet at McDonogh, Aug. 6th. Push the subscription for the Southwestern.—Yours for victory, J. P. Wragg, P. E.

## TUPELO DISTRICT, UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Brethren:—Push the benevolent collection and send in your money as you collect it. Send your P. A. and S. E. to Dr. Libby as fast as collected, for he needs it to carry on the work. Don't fail to get the grand old Southwestern into every home on your charge. It will help you in your work.—I am, yours in the work, P. O. Jamison, P. E.

## STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Push the canvass for the Southwestern. Get in all your pledges at once; don't wait another week. Stir up the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues. Push the benevolent collections now. We want round reports in every line of Church work. Now for a good revival of religion. God bless you.—Yours faithfully, B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, AUSTIN DISTRICT.

The District Conference will assemble Aug. 5, 1896, at Burnett, Tex. Let every member that belongs to this District Conference be present at roll call. Dear pastors, ask the Lord to help you have a good revival in your charge and bless you to have all of your benevolent money collected by the time we shall meet in our District Conference. Brethren, do your very best. The Lord is with you in this work. We have His promise for it. Work, watch and pray.—Moses Smith, P. E.

## GREENWOOD DISTRICT.

The first District Conference of the Greenwood District will convene in Winona, Miss., June 2-6. The first two days will be given to the work of the Ministerial Institute. Every member is expected to be present on the first day. Brethren of other adjacent districts are cordially invited.—W. E. Mask, P. E.

Percy—"What kind of a dog does an Irishman resemble up in a balloon?" Charles—"What kind?" Percy—"A skye-terrier."

A little salt sprinkled on a hot stove will remove any disagreeable odor.

# THE WHOLE FIELD.

## TO THE BRETHREN OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—It is a very important matter that our Conference raise the amount apportioned for General Conference expenses. If any of you have failed to collect the amount apportioned to your charge, will you not try and raise it before the meeting of the General Conference, and either send it to Dr. Eaton, New York, or hand it to one of the delegates from our Annual Conference, who will pay the money into the treasury on arriving at Cleveland? Your yoke-fellow, J. M. Shumpert, Chairman Mississippi Delegation. Columbus, Miss., March 26, 1896.

## OUR GALVESTON (TEX.) LETTER.

Dear Editor:—Permit me to say that it is due this people to mention one part of our work, which took place on the 29th inst. at Tabernacle. The presiding elder, Wm. Bartley, preached and afterward the Lord's Supper was administered. About 250 partook. Collection, \$40.60. We had some very promising young men converted and added to the Church. I mention these things as indications of success for the Church and for the Lord, notwithstanding the hard times to the contrary. Success to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Rev. A. Britton helped in the revival two weeks. W. B. Pullam, P. C.

When I took charge of my work here I resolved to do three things: First, preach Christ; second, build a new Church; third, persuade the people to subscribe for and read the Southwestern. I have done the first to the best of my ability. We are building a new Church. I send to-day five subscribers to the paper and the outlook is favorable for more in a few days.—W. H. Smith, Pearlinton, Miss.

Pearlinton, Miss.—We are all alive and moving forward grandly. Sunday, March 29th, was grand rally day for our new Church. Collection, with that previously raised for this purpose, \$10.50. All hearts are glad. Rev. O. H. Flowers, of Pass Christian, rendered splendid service.—W. H. Smith.

Gadsden, Ala.—Dear Brethren:—I thought to have had our minutes out of press more than three weeks ago, but have not as yet. It is no fault of mine. I placed the copy in the hands of the printer the same week the Conference adjourned, and he promised to have them out in three weeks from that time; but for reasons better known to him than myself he has not finished them. I am most certain he will have them ready next week. Also, as is known to the Conference, we did not raise enough money to pay for the printing, and as the presiding elders have not sent the \$2 from their districts, as asked for, I fear there will be further delay when they are finished by the printer. They cannot be sent by mail or express, as I am informed, without paying for them. You shall have them as soon as possible.—Respectfully yours, J. S. Todd.

Marshall, Tex.—Church entrance services convened in the new Ebenezer M. E. Church; closed on the 19th inst. with favorable success. Amount raised, \$184. The new Church is one of beauty and attraction, of which not only the members but the citizens of the city are proud.—J. E. Bryant, P. C.

It is told of a popular attorney that he recently called upon another brother of the profession and asked his opinion upon a certain point of law. The lawyer to whom the question was addressed drew himself up and said: "I generally get paid for what I know." The questioner drew half a dollar from his pocket, handed it to the other and coolly remarked: "Tell me all you know, and give me the change."

"Well," said the ex-Congressman, "I'm back to my native home once more."

"Yes," replied the constituent, "I see you are."

"I hope the members of the community will be glad to see me."

"I can assure you of that, sir. They were wishing you back months ago."

Little Betty was at her first evening entertainment, where everybody was strange to her. She grew homesick, and with tears in her eyes begged her hostess to send her home. As she was starting, a smile shone through her tears, and she said: "Good-bye Mrs. Smith. Mamma told me to be sure and tell you I had a nice time."—Philadelphia Times.

# GRANMA IN THE CORNFIELD.

"My father," said Grandma Van Der, "had a small farm, besides keeping a country store. I loved to be out in the fields with him in the springtime when he planted seeds in the soft brown earth. I was delighted when he told me one morning that I could drop corn."

"What's that, grandma?" asked Coco.

"He made nice little hills of brown earth in straight rows and I carried a tin pail of shelled corn and dropped five or six grains on each little hill, then father covered them with the rich soil, patted the hill with hoe, and left the corn for the May sunshine and showers to sprout them; when the green blades would push through the earth, and grow and grow into stalks higher than father's head, with great ears of corn upon them to make meal for us and food for the cattle and the horses."

"I dearly loved to take off my shoes and stockings and walk barefoot in the soft, warm earth, but mother feared I would hurt my feet and forbade my doing this."

"Oh, what lovely fun; what made your mother spoil it?" said Coco, who never tired of the country good times.

"Mother knew best, dear—mothers usually do—but I was naughty one day and slipped off my shoes and stockings as soon as we were out of sight of the house."

"Why didn't your father stop you?" said Freddie.

"He was so busy setting the pole to get the corn-rows straight that he did not notice what I was doing. I trotted along the corn-rows enjoying the soft, warm earth about my bare feet, listening to the wild birds singing, chatting to my father when was near him, and wondering why mothers would be so cruel as to forbid children having such good fun. We had the field over half planted when I stepped from one of the rows into the grass and low bushes at the edge of the field, and it seemed as if a thousand needles had pierced my bare feet. Oh, how they hurt me! I had stepped into a bed of nettles, and then I wished I had minded my mother."

"Father heard me crying and came to my assistance, but he was obliged to carry me home, and mother scolded me well while picking out the stinging prickles. It was two or three days before I could wear my shoes comfortably. I never cared to go barefoot after that. The corn was all planted before I could go into the field again."

"I don't think your mother ought to have scolded our grandma," said loyal Freddie. "The stingers were punishment enough."

"Freddie, I wasn't a grandma then, and I think I needed a little scolding occasionally, just as the boys and girls do in these days when disobedient."

"But we must say 'good-night, or somebody beside grandma may need scolding for not obeying orders."—M. M. Van Derveer, in Christian Intelligence.

Doctor (to fair patient)—"Put out your tongue. (Meantime he writes out a prescription.) There, that will do."

Miss Chatterbox—"But, doctor, you did not even look at my tongue!"

Doctor—"No, I only wanted you to keep quiet while I wrote the prescription."

Shippin Clark (to his employer, leaving the office)—"Oh, Mr. System! Haven't you forgotten your umbrella? It's raining."

Mr. System—"Can't help it. I have made a resolution to have one here and one at home, to provide for all emergencies. Now, if I take this, they'll both be at home."

Charles—"I'm going to get a divorce from my wife next week."

Percy—"On what grounds?"

Charles—"Court-house grounds, of course."

# My

Nerves are weak, many people say, and yet they do not seem to know that they are literally starving their nerves. Weak, pale, thin blood cannot give proper sustenance—that is why you are nervous, tired, exhausted. The cure for this condition is to purify, vitalize and enrich your blood. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla fairly and faithfully, and the rich, red blood, which it makes, will soon feed the nerves the elements of the strength they require; they will cease their agitation and will resume their proper place—being under the control instead of controlling the brain and body. Read Miss Bartley's letter:

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# Kidneys

I was nervous, had pains in my back. I cannot tell what I suffered. My eyesight became affected and I was so despondent I did not have any interest in life. I had two physicians, but my complaints became worse. I was told that I was affected with Bright's disease. A relative urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did so and in a short time I began to notice a change in my condition. Things began to appear brighter, my eyes improved and

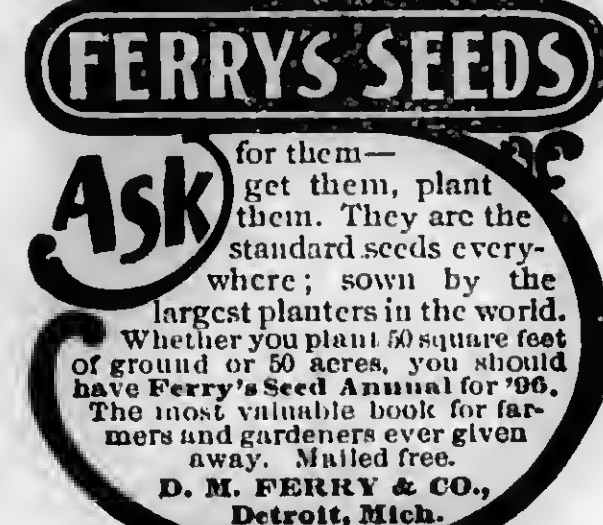
# My Back

did not trouble me so severely. My appetite returned and I gained strength every day. I am now able to do my own work, and feel perfectly well. I cannot find words to express my gratitude for what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for me and I gladly recommend it." MISS ELLA BARTLEY, 213 1/2 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

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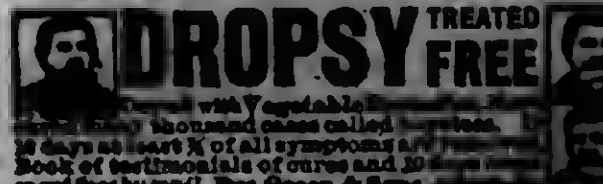
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**WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT "THE SOUTHWESTERN."**

Rev. B. F. Carter, Livingston, Tenn.: "I am doing all I can for your grand old paper."

Rev. Harry Swan, P. E., Waco District, West Texas Conference: "Count me as one of the strongest friends of the Southwestern. I will do my best."

Rev. J. F. Prigmore, Graham, Va.: "Put me down for fifteen cash subscribers. I will do my best."

Rev. S. W. Brower, Forest City, N. C.: "I will do all I can to help you."

Rev. L. G. McDonald, West Raleigh, N. C.: "Put me down as one of your most earnest workers."

Rev. Owen Hypster, Presiding Elder Morristown District, East Tennessee Conference: "I want to do all I can to help you cross the 10,000 line. If we fail to do this we will show that we do not love the Methodist Episcopal Church as we ought. I have already sent you five cash subscribers, and will do more."

Rev. Thomas W. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.: "Find enclosed my pledge for five cash subscribers to the Southwestern. Depend on me to do my best."

Rev. C. B. Wilson, A. M., pastor of Clark Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.: "The Southwestern is growing in demand and I think the pledge system is a great one. Success seems to be in sight. Please accept my individual pledge for twenty-five subscribers, and more, D. V."

Rev. J. A. W. Moore, pastor at Nashville, Tenn.: "I am with you heart, hand and pocket-book for the Southwestern. Push the battle. I see victory in sight. Whenever the colored part of our Church shows to our Mother that we are competent to take care of small things, it will only be a question of a short while when she would say to the Sons of Ham: 'Come up higher.' Our motto should be, 'Do something and ask largely.'"

Rev. J. P. Franklin, Shelby, N. C.: "You have my undivided co-operation and interest for the largest possible circulation of the Southwestern. I have sent in three cash subscribers since Conference. You will find enclosed my pledge for an additional ten. I go out from to-day with renewed vigor and earnestness to help you succeed."

Rev. L. M. Moores, Presiding Elder in the Tennessee Conference: "I believe that God has placed the Southwestern upon the hearts of the members of the Tennessee Conference and they are going to stand by it as never before. I am pushing my district for first place."

Rev. A. C. Culbreath, the energetic Presiding Elder of the Huntsville District of the Texas Conference: "You can depend on me for twenty-five subscribers to the blessed old Southwestern this year." (As good as gold.—Ed.)

Rev. R. A. Dowell, of Hattiesville, Tenn.: "I have just started a canvass for the Southwestern. I will try, by the help of the Lord, to send in at least twenty-five subscribers this year."

Rev. Eli Provine, Presiding Elder Bristol District, East Tennessee Conference: "I am in full stretch for the front. With grace and faith and strength granted me, you may depend on me for a goodly number of subscribers."

The attention of the wives and mothers who compose our Southwestern family is especially called to the letter of Sister Joanna Moore, one of the most eminent white ladies in the land, and one who is without a superior in her devotion to the interests of the colored women of our Southland. Her letter in this number on a Fireside School is especially interesting. She will contribute frequently to our columns.

Prayers are but putting promises to proof.

**"CHILDREN'S DAY."**

Our Church has sometimes been aptly termed the "Church of great activities." The labor for one cause is closely followed by that for another. Our Easter effort for Missions was the most successful ever had and now already the clans are gathering for Children's Day, June 14th, when the cause of education will receive an increased amount of donations. The programme arranged for it is better, if possible, than has yet been offered. They are cheap, too, only \$1 per 100, post-paid, with supplements free with each 100. We have an ample supply at this office and can fill orders on the day received. A correspondent of the Western writes of it:

"Dr. C. H. Payne, in his programme for Children's Day, has struck a new vein, and a rich vein it is, and one from which untold wealth may be drawn. To begin with, the title is a happy one—of itself enough to carry the programme; but the idea back of the title is one which cannot fail to arouse general enthusiasm. The supplement which accompanies the programme so thoroughly develops the idea that the average Sunday school need have no possible difficulty in working out the whole exercise in the most complete and successful way. Our Young Crusaders cannot but find favor everywhere, and the Children's Day services this year must be of even more than usual interest."

Send orders in now so as to have ample time to prepare for it.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Dr. Frank Crane, pastor of Trinity Church, Chicago, will deliver the anniversary sermon before the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions. The graduating class this year numbers thirty-five.

The Armenian Relief Committee, of Chicago, have prepared a little booklet bearing the very comprehensive and suggestive title of "The Armenian Amphitheatre and Its Bloody Arena." The exact situation in Armenia is graphically and truthfully portrayed by one who has made a specialty of the subject. The introduction, by Rev. S. P. Henson, D. D., is a special feature. It retails at 10 cents a copy. Address Fleming H. Revell & Co., Chicago.

We deeply sympathize with Presiding Elder L. M. Moores and wife, of the Tennessee Conference, in the death of their promising son, Marion W., aged 17 years. He was a good child, dutiful, loving and faithful. Death found him ready, and he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

**Delegates to General Conference:**

Central Missouri—Ministerial: J. Will Jackson, D. D., presiding elder, Sedalia, Mo.; R. E. Gilum, D. D., presiding elder, Topeka, Kan. Reserves: A. H. Higgs, Kansas City, Kan.; J. W. Hughes, presiding elder, Kansas City, Mo. Lay: H. L. Billups, Sedalia, Mo.; J. H. Diggs, Fayette, Mo. Reserves: J. M. Arbuckle, St. Louis; B. F. Adams, Springfield, Mo.

Lexington.—Ministerial: Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, New Orleans, La., editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate; Joseph Courtney, D. D., presiding elder of Lexington District, Lexington, Ky. Reserves: Revs. L. M. Hagood, D. D., and G. A. Sissle, presiding elder. Lay: Isaac McCullough, Steubenville, O.; R. F. Broadus, Cleveland, Ky. Reserves: Lewis Robinson, Miss C. Edison.

**THE PLEDGE BRIGADE.**

We are gratified to Almighty God, who has influenced the hearts of our brethren to give such generous responses to our appeal for subscriptions. We are glad to publish the names of the brave and unselfish representatives of the Tennessee, East Tennessee and North Carolina Conferences who have enlisted in the Southwestern Pledge Brigade. The showing is in every way creditable. All the names represent the progressive men of the Conference. We are yet shouting happy. But there is more to follow.

Tennessee Conference Pledge Brigade—B. F. Anderson, 25; W. L. Denton, 25; R. A. Dowell, 28; L. M. Moores, P. E., 25; Thos. W. Johnson, 10; J. R. Reasonover, 10; N. R. Smith, 10; John H. Copage, 25; C. L. Seward, 10; J. M. Moody, 15; R. H. Johnson, 10; H. E. Erwin, 10; C. B. Wilson, 25; H. W. Key, P. E., 25; G. C. Harden, 15; J. A. W. Moore, 25; S. T. Miller, 10; total to date, 298.

North Carolina Conference Pledge Brigade—

A. T. Covington, 10; F. L. Bost, 10; Robert Smith, P. E., 25; W. P. Hayes, 10; J. D. Murphy, 20; G. W. Brower, 10; M. J. Bullock, 10; Geo. W. Brower, 25; W. F. Allen, 10; J. P. Franklin, 10; J. D. Hairston, 10; L. G. McDonald, 10; S. McDonald, 10; J. W. Davis, 10; S. A. J. Miller, 10; A. H. Newsome, 10; J. D. Diggs, 10; H. Evans, 10; J. A. Rush, 10; J. E. Champlin, 10; total to date, 240.

East Tennessee Conference Pledge Brigade—W. E. Mitchell, 10; J. F. Prigmore, 15; R. T. Smith, 10; C. H. Herd, 25; J. W. Francis, 10; Owen Hypsher, P. E., 20; Eli Provine, P. E., 10; G. H. Hacker, 50; F. E. W. Martin, 20; total to date, 170. Grand total, 708.

In addition to the above, Rev. Harry Swan, the able and efficient presiding elder of the Waco District, sends the first pledge of 25 from the West Texas Conference. We expect a large list from our loyal Texas brethren. Read the news from the Lexington, which swings into line with more than 1,300.

**A NEGRO KNIGHTED.**

Readers of Illustrated Africa may be glad to know what civilization and the Gospel as preached and taught by Bishop Taylor and other missionaries may do and has done for a Negro in Africa.

The English colony of Sierra Leone, which, with its protectorate, measures about 250 miles from north to south and 80 miles from east to west, embracing an area of about 30,000 square miles, with a population of about 70,000, is situated on the west coast of Africa. Here may be found Negroes of many tribes. Sixty different languages and dialects are spoken in the capital, Freetown, situated about eight and one-half degrees north of the equator, on the Atlantic Ocean.

Freetown has now been made a municipality, and in August last the first mayor of the city was elected. Samuel Lewis, a full-blooded Negro, was elected by vote. Mr. Lewis is about 50 years old, a member of the Methodist Church. Two years ago Queen Victoria, in recognition of the public services of Mr. Lewis when acting Queen's Justice and Governor in the absence of the English officials, enrolled him in the distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George—C. M. G.

Now, in addition to all this, a new honor has been given Mr. Samuel Lewis, the first of its kind ever given to a full-blooded Negro. In January, Queen Victoria conferred knighthood on him, and he is now Sir Samuel, and his wife Lady Lewis.

Some eight years ago, when Mr. Lewis was a widower, he was engaged to Miss Victoria Davies, a protegee of Queen Victoria. Subsequently the engagement was broken and he married a young lady who is a native of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Lewis is a sincere Christian and does all he can to advance the interests of the Methodist Church and religion in the colony. He also tries to teach the natives agriculture. He has a large farm, called Christianville, of many acres, some miles out of town. Here he tries to give the natives an object lesson in farming, showing what can be raised on African soil. Here he has spent a great deal of money, but he is an enthusiast on this subject.

Mr. Lewis is a distinguished lawyer, a very close student, rising at 3 o'clock in the morning to pursue his studies. He has received as high a sum as £3,000, almost \$15,000, for a retainer fee in a large case between a merchant on the coast and a merchant in London.

Many think it is "love's labor lost" teaching and working in Africa, but 105 years ago Freetown was made the home for liberated slaves. Poor, forlorn creatures were brought here huddled together in slave ships, emaciated, half-fed and clothed, breathing an impure air, many dying on the way. Landed in a miserable condition, they cut down wood, built themselves houses. Missionary schools were established, civilization commenced, commerce and trade engaged in, and to-day peace and prosperity reigns, schools and churches abound, and now high honor and dignity is conferred on one of the native-born Negroes of Freetown, Africa.—Mrs. Judson A. Lewis, in Illustrated Africa.

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## Our Barometer.

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The status of the Conferences for the week ending April 4th is as follows:

Washington Conference .....	14
Texas and West Texas .....	12
Mississippi and Upper Mississippi ..	11
Louisiana .....	10
South Carolina .....	7
Tennessee and East Tennessee .....	6
Washington .....	5
Little Rock .....	2
Central Missouri .....	7
Lexington .....	1
Atlanta .....	1

Total ..... 76

## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

The preachers' meeting of Tuesday, March 31st, was interesting and profitable. Bishop Fitzgerald, our resident bishop, was present, also a number of the prominent members. Rev. Jehu Hoiliday, D. D., of the A. M. E. Zion Church, illustrated the Sunday school lesson in an able manner. He was followed by Bishop Fitzgerald in a brief but interesting speech. The editor of the Southwestern was invited to address the meeting, after which Rev. Stephen Priestly, one of the oldest members of the Louisiana conference, and an acknowledged leader among his brethren, offered a resolution highly complimenting the editor upon the success achieved in securing increased interest in the Southwestern, and expressing the satisfaction of the preachers' meeting in the vote of confidence given the editor by the Conference of which he is a member. The resolution was passed unanimously. The bishop gave a delightful lecture to the students of New Orleans University on Tuesday afternoon, March 31st.

The city Churches almost without exception are improving. The able pastor of Union Chapel, Rev. H. Taylor, is leading the people of that progressive Church acceptably. They are now engaged in extensive but necessary improvements, which will make the church as beautiful and attractive as any. The Southwestern is gaining friends among the homes of the people in the city.

The infant daughter of Rev. T. S. Montgomery, pastor of Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, died last week.

At Malibieu Chapel, the Missionary services were grand and successful. Rev. S. Priestly, the able pastor, reports a splendid collection.

Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church carried out the Easter program to a letter and had a high day. We raised all day \$30.40. We baptized three infants at night. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond preached for us.—T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

## "HELP THOSE WOMEN."

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is worthy the attention of all philanthropic people. Mrs. R. S. Rush has kindly furnished the following information, which ought to send a thrill of joy throughout our great Southland:

During the last fifteen years, ending July 15, 1896, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has received for its work in cash, \$974,887.22, gifts of property worth \$125,000, and supplies valued at \$598,056.26, a total of \$1,697,943.48. The total receipts of the quadrennium ending July, 1895, were \$896,633.87. The work of the Society is about equally divided between the cities and the frontiers. It has thirty city missions, including twenty Deaconess Homes, the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for Missionaries at Washington, Sibley Hospital and Missions for immigrants and others in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, New Orleans and California. It has \$225,000 invested in city Missions and a total for the accommodation of its work of \$450,000, fully one-third of which has been secured or invested during the last quadrennium. Thus it will be seen that the receipts of the last quadrennium exceed by \$95,324.26 the total receipts of the three preceding quadrenniums.

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There is a valuable historical paper in the New England Magazine upon the Sandemanians, the curious sect founded in New England a hundred years ago by Robert Sandeman, which at one time numbered several churches, but which is now almost extinct. The article is illustrated by portraits of Sandeman and other pictures.

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The Chautauquan for April contains the fourth paper of Dr. Sydney A. Dunham's practical scientific discussion of "The Air We Breathe."

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## HOME AND FARM.

**Spring Care of Lawns.**—In many sections of the country it is customary to cover the lawns which surround the dwelling houses with stable manure, with the view that the spring rains may wash the fertility contained in it into the soil. While this process tends to enrich the lawn, it at the same time makes it very unsightly and objectionable in many ways, as the manure generally brings many weed seeds in the lawn, and unless it is very fine it makes the growth of the grass uneven. For small lawns, especially, a high-grade complete chemical fertilizer prepared for lawns is far preferable and produces an immediate effect. If it is not obtainable, put on unleached wood ashes and fine bone meal.

**Grapevines Bear Early.**—Next to the strawberry, the man who is entirely destitute of fruit should plant the grapevine, if he would wish delicious fruit of his own growing at the earliest possible time. We have ripened one or two bunches of grapes eighteen months after a thrifty vine was set. The year after that, it can be made to grow four to five pounds of fruit, though it is better to thin this out to half that amount. There is no trouble in getting the grapevine to fruiting. Every bud left after pruning will make a shoot, and this will set two, three or four bunches. The chief difficulty is to prune closely enough to prevent more fruit from setting than the vine can bring to maturity.

**To Clean India Rubber Shoes.**—In these days, when India rubber shoes are so often made of shoddy material, it is specially necessary to take good care of them. It is a great mistake to wash an India rubber shoe to free it from mud. Soap always injures them, and even clear water applications are of no special advantage. The best way, as an exchange says, is to allow the overshoes to become thoroughly dry. Then brush them free from all dust and mud, and rub them thoroughly with vaseline. This not only cleans them, but leaves an oil surface, which makes the overshoe more impervious to water.

A few drops of ammonia in the water in which the silver is washed will keep it bright a long time without cleaning. This should always be done with plated ware, as frequent rubbings wear off the plate.

Tumblers which have contained milk should never be washed in hot water, as it clouds the glass permanently.

It would seem as if the world ought to be swept very clean. Last year in Kansas ten million brooms were made.

Pretty individual dishes for a celery salad when tomatoes are not to be had are made from boiled beets. Cut off the ends so that the cups will not fall over, scoop out the centers, and arrange on crisp lettuce leaves. Fill the centres of the beets with the salad, with a teaspoonful of mayonaisse dressing on each one.

A useful addition to the laundry belongings is a laundress apron for the benefit, first, of the woman who takes the work from the lines, and, incidentally, for the one who pays for the clothes of ticking or denim, with the front pins. This should be a strong garment turned up more than half and stitched into a pocket. Into this pocket the pins may be dropped and saved.

Dishes should be arranged for washing in the following order: Glass, silver, cups and saucers and finally plates and dishes. The rule is always to wash the cleanest first, and to wash few at a time. Two pans should be used, one for washing and one for rinsing; and the water in both should be changed as soon as it becomes cool or dirty. Plates should always be thoroughly scraped before washing. There should be an abundance of towels, and dish cloths always be washed out afterward in fresh water, and boiled once a week, and hung in the sun whenever possible.







## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1896.

## THE LOST FOUND.

Luke 15:11-24.

Golden Text: "There is joy in the presence of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

When Jesus departed from the place of the "great supper," there went with Him a multitude. He taught them. The Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying: "This Man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." The principle we admire so much in Jesus—that of love for and interest in the poor and sinful—is what these proud Jews condemned. He delivered three parables in self-defense. All of them show the love of God for the lost. The lost sheep is valuable, but not so dear as the lost piece of money, and that is not so near the heart as the lost child. The lesson we study to-day has been called the "Pearl of Parables." The "certain man" represents God, the elder son the Jewish people, and the younger the Gentile world.

I.—Sinning (11-13). 1. This was, no doubt, a model Jewish home. The Law, Psalms and Prophets were taught, studied and committed; the Sabbath was observed, and family worship was likely kept up. The atmosphere was too religious for this young man. There are many homes to-day where the parents are good and devoted, but the children are thoughtless and worldly.

2. The request—"Give me the portion of good that falleth to me." There were likely but two heirs in this family. There was no law to compel the father to divide the estate, yet he could do as he pleased with his own. The younger son's part was one-third of the estate. He was restless and wished to live fast. The origin of evil is in the design.

3. The request granted—"He divided unto them his living." Yet from the remainder of the story we infer he retained control over the part of the elder son. He was an indulgent father, and gave regardless of consequences. God sometimes gives to man what is not best for him, because man desires it. Aaron, Eli and David were humoring fathers.

4. The departure. (1) "Not many days after." No time was to be lost. He was tired of home with its restraints and anxious to set out into the world and have a good time. He had no special object in view, but to see the world. (2) "He gathered all together." He turned his part of the estate into cash. I do not suppose he thought much about who made it, or what right he had to it; he now had it in his possession and he meant to enjoy it. (3) "And took his journey into a far country." When all was ready, he likely took up his bundle, and, in a light, thoughtless spirit, said: Good-bye, father! Farewell, mother! Give yourselves no uneasiness about me. I am able to take care of myself. The "far country" may mean one that was geographically and morally a long way from where he was. He possibly went to Athens, Corinth, Rome or Alexandria. Cities have ever been hot-beds of vice. Fine wines and strange women were likely his ruin. The saloons and brothels are far countries for boys who have been brought up in godly homes.

5. Living in the "far country." Of course, there was nothing little about him. He wore the finest clothes, and when they became soiled, gave them away. He put up at the best inn and secured the most inviting rooms. He would have only the mostly costly food and drink. Of course, he had servants to go at his beck and come at his call. He "walked in the ways of his heart and in the sight of his eyes," but for it God brought his into judgment.

II.—Suffering (14-16). 1. "And when he had spent all." He had no income and his outgo was great. In the course of time his money was all wasted. The sinner may squander the gifts of God.

2. "There arose a mighty famine in that land." When his money gave out, hard times set in. Costly food and fine drinks were given up, and the plainest of diet received. Good clothes vanished and only rags covered him. He is out of everything—money, home, friends, food and clothes.

3. "He joined himself to a citizen of that country." It was the enemies' land in which he was living. Many such localities to-day. The citizens of that country were Satan's children. The devil has a large posterity in our land. When he joined, or glued himself, to one of them he became Satan's bond-slave.

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4. "He sent him into his field to feed swine." The Jews so hated swine they could not name them, but would speak of them as "the other thing." To become a swine's servant, to bring it food and drink, was to a Jew the most degrading thing on earth. He was sent. This shows he was robbed of freedom and conviction. Satan's bondage is the worst of all slavery.

5. "He would fain have filled his belly with the husks the swine did eat." The husks were the pods of the carob. This tree grows in Southern Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa. It is a small evergreen. The large, slender pods are curved like a sickle and contain a sweetish pulp. They are fed to several kinds of the lower animals, and are sometimes eaten by the poorest people. But they are a very poor food. The prodigal would gladly have eaten these, but "no man gave unto him." He was not allowed to eat the food he fed to the swine. He has sunk to the lowest depth of misery. He who follows pleasure will be slain by her.

III.—Repenting (17-19). 1. His awakening—"He came to himself." All this time he had been as one deprived of reason, or dreaming. Now, he returns to consciousness, or he awakes out of sleep. Poverty, desertion and starvation brought him to his senses. It would have been much nobler in him if he had "come to himself" before he "began to be in want." But it is better to turn to God late than never. The sinner is sometimes brought to himself by the judgments of the Lord.

2. His soliloquy. (1) The past—"How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare? What a wonderful storehouse is the memory! While he kept the swine his mind went back to childhood. The scenes of his early life swept before him. May not the sinner think on the heavenly home till new desires spring up within him? (2) The present—"And I perish with hunger." He realized the situation. He was dying, and there was nothing in that locality to save him. So felt the lepers at the gate of Samaria. This should be the feeling of the sinner who starts for heaven. (3) The future. (a) Resolution—"I will arise and go to my father." He was morally, and likely literally, a great way from his father. A long, hard journey must be made. The sinner is quite a distance from God, and to reach Him must travel up the dark, gloomy, difficult valley of repentance. (b) Confession—"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee." We must acknowledge our transgressions or we cannot be saved. But "if we do confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." (c) Humility—"I am not worthy to be called thy son." He had all the virtues of a true penitent. "By humility and the tear of the Lord are riches and honor and life." (d) Request—"Make me as one of thy hired servants." He would be content without a home in his father's house, but the humblest place would do him. When the sinner feels that the least of God's favors are unmerited, then he will be blessed.

IV.—Forgiving (20-24). Not many who go into that far country ever return. This young man is the exception and not the rule.

1. The son—"He arose and came to his father." The swine, field, citizen and country were left behind and the proud spirit and evil habits given up. He was clothed in humility, confession and resignation. He had learned a few facts by experience. The sinner must give up all when he comes to God.

2. The father. (1) Seeing—"When he was yet a great way off his father saw him." God has perfect knowledge of the sinner's heart and movements. His emotions and desires are known to Him. (2) Feeling—"He had compassion on him." Our God can love and hate, rejoice and be grieved. Often was Jesus moved with compassion toward the people. God's love for man is much greater than a father's affection for his children. (3) Acting—"He ran, fell on his neck and kissed him." These were expressions of love, joy and peace. This was the father's way of showing pardon. The son began to say his little cut and dried speech, but the father did not hear him through. He did not wish to learn more of the past. God never flings our sins back in our face. (4) Commanding. (a) "Bring forth the best robe." The garments of sin must be given up and the soul clothed with "the garments of salvation." (b) "Put a ring on his hand." When we are saved God seals us with His Spirit. (c) "And shoes on his feet," that he may run in the way of salvation. (d) "Bring hither the fatted calf." The joys of salvation are often represented as a feast, but never as a funeral. God accepts the sinner with the kiss of love, seals him with His Spirit and robes him in righteousness.



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## OUR WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE. By OLGA.

### THE DAUGHTER IN THE HOME.

This suggestive little article comes from the columns of Harper's Round Table. I want the young daughters in every Southwestern household to read it, particularly the part relating to the father of the family.

One of the sweetest things a girl can do is to receive friends graciously, particularly at home. In one's own house a cordial manner is peculiarly fitting. Do not stand off in the middle of the room and bow coldly and formally to the friend who has called. Walk over to meet her; give her your hand and say pleasantly that you are very glad to see her again. Stiff, cold and formal ways of greeting acquaintances are not proper in a girl welcoming guests to her father's house. A daughter's part is to assist her mother on every social occasion. The girl pours the tea in her mother's drawing room when friends drop in at 5 o'clock. Quite often, when no maid is present, she helps the guests to the sandwiches and the cakes which are served at a 5 o'clock tea, and herself hands the cups, and takes them from the guest who would like to be relieved. Apart from, and more important even than her manner to a guest who happens in for an hour or a day, is the manner of a daughter to her father and mother. The father returns to his home after a wearying day at business. He is tired in body and mind. Coming back, as his latchkey turns in the door, he throws off care; he is joyous at the thought of the dear ones he will meet after hours of absence. His young daughter, in a pretty gown, with the bloom and freshness only girlhood wears, should be ready to give him the attention he loves—the kiss, the cheery word—to help her mother and the rest in letting her father see how much he is loved at home. Men give up a great deal for their families—their time, their strength, the knowledge they have gained in life's experiences—they spend everything freely for their home's sake, and the home should pay its debt in much outspoken love.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

Give Name and Place Distinctly.

Meridian, Miss.—Susan P. Ryan, one of the oldest members of St. Paul's Church, recently died in full triumph of faith. J. Campbell, P. C.

Alexandria, La.—Paul Richardson, aged 42 years, died on March 10, in full faith. W. J. M. Price, P. C.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Palestine District.

Second Round, April  
 H. arce.....12 Sutton.....11 12  
 East Calvert.....18 19 East Moxie.....25 26  
 May  
 Fairfield.....23 Woodland.....5 6  
 Winkler.....9 10 Palestine.....16 17  
 San Augustine.....23 24 Jacksonville.....30 31  
 June  
 Buffalo.....67 Oakwoods.....13 14  
 Laona.....20 21 Madisonville.....27 28  
 W. A. Fortson, Presiding Elder

### Marion District.

Second Round, May  
 Oak Grove.....9 10 Old Town, Marietta, 23 24  
 New Rome and Jackson chapel.....16 17  
 Entwain and Springfield.....30 31  
 June  
 St. Paul & St. Mary.....67 Tusculum.....12 14  
 Marion.....20 21 Seama.....27 28  
 July  
 Allen and Scotts.....45 Clinton.....11 12  
 H. bany.....25 26 Union.....25 26  
 Gainesville and S. ul chapel.....18 19  
 F. L. Teague, Presiding Elder.

### Louisville District.

First Round, April  
 Wilsonville circuit.....45 Chaplin circuit.....6 7  
 Shilohville circuit.....8 9 Shelbyville.....11 13  
 Hauburg.....18 20 Harned and Irvington.....21 22  
 Beaver Dam.....23 24 Litchfield.....23 24  
 Morgantown circuit.....28 30  
 May  
 Hartsford.....13 Greenville.....45  
 Auburn.....78 Bowling Green.....9 10  
 Sonora circuit.....11 12 New Haven circuit.....13 15  
 Cooke, Lonsdale, 16 18 LaGrange circuit.....23 24  
 Worden circuit.....15 Owenion.....26 27  
 Su. phur circuit.....28 29 Powee Valley.....30 31  
 June  
 Lloyd St. Louis Ill 68 Portland mission.....9 10  
 Buena mission.....11 12 Anokage.....13 15  
 West Point circuit.....16 14 Jackson St. Louis 19 22  
 Geo. A. Sisale, P. E.

### Atlanta District.

Second Round, April  
 Hoganville.....17 19 Hoganville circuit.....18 19  
 Lon circuit.....16 16 Grantville.....24 26  
 Grantville circuit.....25 28  
 May  
 Lutherville.....23 Vine Street.....13  
 University.....14 Newman.....24 25  
 Newnan circuit.....23 24 Palmetto.....29 31  
 Cross Anchor.....30 31  
 June  
 Fairburn.....07 State City.....5 7  
 South Atlanta.....12 14 St. Luke.....10 14  
 Fort Street.....17 21 East Atlanta.....10 21  
 Chapel Street.....26 28 Lloyd Street.....28 30  
 G. W. Arnold, P. E.

### Meridian District.

Second Round, April  
 Meridian, St. Paul 18 19 Meridian, Haven.....25 26  
 Meridian circuit.....25 26  
 May  
 Collinsville.....23 Chun'ay.....9 10  
 Daleville.....13 Scooba.....16 17  
 Lauderdale.....20 Ebenezer.....23 24  
 DeKalb.....27 Philadelphia.....30 31  
 June  
 Hickory.....3 Lake.....6 7  
 Centerville.....10 Missionary.....13 14  
 Garlandville.....17 Paulding.....20 21  
 Lake Como.....24 Mount Jordan.....27 28  
 July  
 Enterprise.....4 5  
 A. M. Trotter, P. E.

### Tupelo District.

Second Round, April  
 Honaton.....45 Okolona.....10 12  
 Okolona circuit.....11 13 Pontotoc.....15 16  
 Pontotoc circuit.....17 New Albany.....18 19  
 May  
 Cotton Plant.....23 Ripley circuit.....9 10  
 Ripley.....10 14 Shannon.....23 24  
 Corinth circuit.....30 31  
 June  
 Tupelo.....67 Corinth.....12 14  
 Amory circuit.....20 21 Amory.....27 28  
 July  
 Union Grove.....12 Bell.....45  
 P. O. Jamison, Presiding Elder.

### Jackson District.

Second Round, April  
 Rosemeath.....18 19 Yazoo City.....25 26  
 Lake George.....25 26  
 May  
 Brandon.....23 Forst.....6  
 Morton.....7 Polkville.....9 10  
 Yazoo City.....15 17 Jackson.....23 22  
 Clinton.....23 24 Canton circuit.....24  
 Canton.....30 31  
 June  
 Carthage.....3 Mallison.....6 7  
 Green Hill.....12 14 Benton.....20 21  
 J. C. Houston, P. E.

### Griffin (Ga.) District.

Second Round, April  
 Jonesboro circuit.....25 26  
 May  
 Williamson circuit.....23 McDonough circuit.....9 10  
 Oak Hill circuit.....3 14 J. kinaburg and Luella.....30 31  
 Hazleton circuit.....30 31  
 June  
 Stockbridge circuit.....67 Fayetteville circuit.....13 14  
 Hopeville circuit.....14 15 Covington.....19 21  
 Union Grove circuit.....24 21 Ocho.....18 21 22  
 Griffin circuit.....27 28 Griffin.....28 29  
 July  
 Brooks Station and Hartford, 4 and 5  
 John P. Wrang, Presiding Elder.

### New Orleans North District.

Second Round, April  
 LaPace.....16 St. Charles.....10 20  
 St. John.....17 19 Asbury.....26  
 May  
 Scott Chelan.....41 Thompson chapel.....0 12  
 St. Matthew.....7 13 Githia.....8 14  
 Wesley.....15 21 Union.....20 21  
 Mt Zion.....16 18 Malden.....17  
 Franklinton.....27 28 Shady Grove.....30 31  
 June  
 New River.....3 67 Darroville.....7 8  
 Shiloh.....13 14 Ponchatoula.....17 18  
 White Hall.....20 21 Kenner.....28  
 July  
 Mandeville.....45 Pleasant Plains.....6 8  
 Lower Coast.....5  
 Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder.

### New Orleans South District.

Second Round, April  
 Thibodaux.....18 19 Schriever.....20 21  
 Bentley.....22 H. a.....23  
 Borg in City.....24 Franklin.....25 26  
 Centerville.....28 29 Godman chapel.....30  
 May  
 Winsted.....23 Paterson.....45  
 Borwick City.....6 Vioron Chapel.....10  
 Donaldsonville.....10 10 Naploenville.....16 17  
 Woodlawn.....17 First Street.....19 20  
 Mollan Chapel.....21 22 Camp P. rapet.....24  
 Haven chapel.....23 24 University.....25  
 Williams Chapel.....26 27 Simpson's chapel.....28 31  
 M. o. e. Landry, P. E.

### Indiana District.

First Round, April  
 Bloomington.....46 Terra Haute (conf'ce), 7 8  
 Terre Haute (conf'n) 12 Mershat.....9  
 Brown's.....13 Princeton.....11 13  
 Evansville, conference 14 15; common on, 19  
 Boonville.....16 17 Rockport and W. a. ter's Ch. pel.....16 21  
 Corydon.....22 Centerville, conf.....23  
 Watson, conference 24 Centerville, com.....26  
 Watson, communion 26 North Vernon conf. 26  
 Madison conf.....30 North Vernon conf. 28 29  
 May  
 Madison, conference 1 Madison, communion.....3  
 Greenfield.....34 Muncie.....67  
 Anderson and Alex.....8 10  
 Salsbyville.....15 17 Newcaste.....10 11  
 Salsbyville.....15 17 Indianapolis, Simp son's chapel.....17, 18  
 Connersville.....23 24 Rnsakville.....24 25  
 Lawrenceville.....27 28 Grayville.....29  
 Princeton and Dulaay, 30 31  
 June  
 Eddyville and Grant.....12 Sni bland.....6 7  
 Rivers.....12 S. everson.....12  
 Nowberg.....10 11 Lewisport.....16 17  
 Owensboro.....13 15 Lewisport.....16 17  
 Oanetion.....18 Tell City.....10  
 Hawesville.....20 21 Chicago, St. Mark's, 27 30  
 July  
 Greencastle.....12 Indianapolis, Barnes 5 6  
 Edward L. Gilliam, P. E.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure in the market. It is taken internally in doses, from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

## Roughing It in Texas.

### CAMP LIFE IN THE "LONE STAR STATE."

The Sufferings of a Confederate Veteran—Relief Comes After Years of Misery. The Story in His Own Words.

(From the Gazette, Ft. Worth, Tex.)

A Gazette correspondent called on Mr. J. M. Anderson at Kopperl, Tex., and in a very interesting interview learned much of that gentleman's history. It seems that until recently Mr. Anderson has been rather sickly and puny all his life.

He came to Texas forty-three years ago and is now 53 years of age. He has lived in various parts of the State, seeking relief from his ailments and finding none that was permanent. He served the cause of the Confederacy during the war, and, having been himself a soldier, he was attracted by the recommendation given to Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People by a veteran of the Mexican War.

Mr. Anderson was suffering agonies from a long and chronic siege of rheumatism which seemed to traverse his system from head to foot and back again; beginning at the right temple it would cross to the left and then twinge down the left arm and side through the leg to the foot, and then meander back again through the cringing flesh. He spent much money and time in a vain effort to obtain relief, but none came—the misery remained constantly with him for years—until in the latter part of last winter the record of what the Pink Pills had done for the Mexican veteran reached his eyes. He resolved to try them and immediately sent for one box of the pills.

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"However, my general health is now good in every respect; have a good appetite and am strong and vigorous—stronger than I have ever been before. All my ailments have disappeared and I believe it to be the work of the Pink Pills.

"Why, I am getting so stout that I can't get into my clothes! My wife the other day had to put a piece into the back of my trousers—I couldn't get them buttoned!"

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(From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.)  
**CEASELESS GOODNESS.**

Thy ceaseless, unexhausted love,  
Unmerited and free,  
Delights our evils to remove,  
And help our misery.

Thou waitest to be gracious still;  
Thou dost with sinners bear;  
That, saved, we may the goodness feel,  
And all thy grace declare.

Thy goodness and thy truth to me,  
To every soul, abound;  
A vast, unfathomed sea,  
Where all our thoughts are drowned.

Its streams the whole creation reach,  
So plenteous in the store;  
Enough for all, enough for each,  
Enough for evermore.

Faithful, O Lord, thy mercies are,  
A rock that cannot move;  
A thousand promises declare  
Thy constancy of love.

Throughout the universe it reigns,  
Unalterably sure;  
And while the truth of God remains,  
His goodness must endure.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

How often do we hear the song "What a Friend we have in Jesus,"? and how often are the beautiful stanzas wasted in mere melody? Jesus is a friend. He is the friend, better truer, kinder than all others. More consistent in his devotion, is not turned aside by bribery or sophistry; loves for sweet love's sake; loves always, and lays down his life for his friends.

The friendship is guaranteed to us. Look up, troubled heart, hear the Master's voice: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." Have we trials, temptations, perplexities, embarrassments? Do our professed friends forsake and burden us? Are there enemies who retard our progress, and bring sorrow to our hearts? Let us fly to the outstretched arms of our friend.

Oh, that all who read these lines might hear, and heed, His sweet invitation, "Come unto Me, All ye that Labor and are Heavy Laden, and I Will Give You Rest."

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Willett, presiding elder in the California Conference and delegate to the approaching General Conference, accompanied by his wife, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday of last week in the city, en route to Cleveland. The doctor was favored with quite an inspiring object lesson, as to the strength and character of our Southern educational work by a visit to our New Orleans University.

Rev. W. H. W. Rees, D. D., and his most excellent wife have the hearty congratulations of the whole Southwestern family on their successful passing of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedded life, the happy event occurred Sunday, April 12th.

Rev. J. B. Middleton, D. D., the capable and popular secretary of the South Carolina Conference, has kindly furnished us with a copy of the Biography of the Conference, of which he is an honored member. The book is well written, and furnishes most entertaining reading matter. The doctor has done his work well.

## COLORED SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH.

Negro domination is always; and all the time a "bugaboo" merely, and it is strange how some of our Southern journals keep up the racket. Occasionally, however, some of them sober down and put the matter before their readers in its true light.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat, though often, and far too often, taking what we consider

a too partisan view, comes out in a recent issue under the caption at the head of this editorial with views which are in harmony with those who seek to promote good government. It might as well be understood first as last, that these United States, being a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and which we consider the most magnanimous form of government upon the face of the earth, cannot be perpetuated unless those who are its constituent elements, all the people, are intelligent, liberty-loving and patriotic. The public school is the bulwark of our liberties, and the government can only be respected and respectable, as it looks after the better training of all who shall have its destiny in their hands.

As we discern the signs of the times, a domination of intelligent citizenship will soon take the place of demagoguery, caste, and prejudice. We thank the T.-D. for this good word:

Attempts have recently been made in two of the Southern States to change the school system as far as the Negroes are concerned. The proposition made in South Carolina was to incorporate in the new constitution of that State a provision limiting the amount of money appropriated for the colored schools to the amount received from taxes paid by the colored taxpayers. In South Carolina, as in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and other Southern States, the amount paid by the colored tax-payers is given separately from that paid by the whites, so that it is a very easy matter to apportion the money going to the white and to the colored schools. As the negroes pay only a small amount in the way of taxes, the effect would be to greatly reduce the amount given to the colored schools.

In the Mississippi Legislature a similar proposition was made, a bill being introduced which provided that the support of colored schools should be thrown upon the colored people, and that the whites should use their own money for educating their children. The Mississippi bill went even further than the South Carolina one, and left the management of the colored schools to the negroes, which meant their complete destruction, as the money would have been stolen by the negro politicians in a very short time, as is was during reconstruction days. Both of these propositions failed. It was urged in both States that self-interest and self-protection demanded that the white people should not permit any of the negro schools to be closed, but should insist on the contrary, on their being increased, both in number and efficiency. But what probably had the greatest influence in defeating these measures which would have closed so many of the negro schools and would have proved so injurious to the negroes, was the fact that in both of these states there is an educational qualification of the suffrage. It was argued that it would be not simply an act of injustice, but an outrage, to make reading and writing necessary for the electoral franchise and then close the schools of any race, thus condemning them to perpetual disfranchisement. The demand of Senator George when an educational qualification was proposed in Mississippi that the state provide a perfect system of public education, so that every youth would have a chance to become a voter if he wished to do so, was echoed and carried the day. Better schools for the negroes would increase the number of those who can read and write, and, consequently of those who can vote; but this was deemed far preferable to the perpetuation of a gross mass of ignorance and degradation, which would, sooner or later, have affected the whole community.

Commenting upon these facts the Springfield Republican says:

"There is evidence in this action of how completely the bugaboo of negro domination in the South is laid. There is no longer any doubt in

that section of the ability of any intelligent and competent portion of any community to rule it. It has been settled to the satisfaction of practically everybody that the suffrage can be so guarded as to prevent its serious misuse by those unfit to use it at all. Constitutional and legal means to this end have succeeded in large measure, though not entirely, the brutal methods of a score of years ago, and are slowly crowding out fraud and robbery at the polls."

It sees the universal god that suffrage qualification, almost identical with that to be voted on by the people of Louisiana this month, has done in South Carolina. We have already spoken of the benefits this amendment will bring to the whites. The Republican shows also that the negro is benefited. He is free from ill-treatment, and he is assured of better schools and a better education. The educational qualification has saved the colored schools of Mississippi and South Carolina from legislation which has almost wiped them out.

## THE NEW NEGRO.

Dr. Bradford P. Raymond, of Middletown, Conn., is high authority upon almost any subject that bears his signature. Hence, his description, in the Christian Advocate, of a tour to the South to see the "brother in black" is given with a dash and a charm and an adherence to facts which is indeed refreshing. The doctor does not mince his words, but calls things by their proper names. He thinks, as do all intelligent students of the subject, that the Negro is to "become a property-holding, liberty-loving, law-abiding citizen." Our opinion exactly, and, we would add, is already reaching out to those desirable conditions. Politically, the Negro has been a failure. He came into the possession of political power when he was as yet unprepared to comprehend the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. His shrewder and more designing white fellow-citizen used him as a tool, with results which are even now exasperating, and for this reason he is regarded as an inferior type of being, "incompetent, irresponsible, untrustworthy, immoral, subservient, venal and not to be trusted with political power."

It is sometimes amusing to read the adjectives used to show the utter unworthiness and unreliability of the Negro and the utter uselessness of effort to help him now, and the utter hopelessness of any future effort which would eventuate in elevation to the dignity of citizenship. Of course, much, if not all, of this is buncombe. The Negro is making wonderful, ay, marvelous progress in all matters pertaining to his social, moral, intellectual and industrial development. Nor will this progress cease. Changed environments and conditions have produced corresponding changes in his character. It is neither fair nor just for orators and writers of either race to suggest that the Negro of to-day is like unto his past-bellum brother; that he lacks character, is more vicious and immoral than other races around him. We detest these compromises. Facts are facts. There are Negroes and Negroes, and the distinctions should be made between the good and the bad without regard to their color. The Negro is as good or as bad as his white neighbor. That the best of the Negroes are as good as the best of white people is a fact only which attests the power of the Gospel to transform and refine. The schools have wrought marvelously and are continually contradicting the pet theories of some who profess to be the friends of the Negro.

We gladly give space to the splendid article of Dr. Raymond and commend it as being a careful, painstaking, fair and truthful presentation of the "New Negro."

"I had not been in the South since 1865, when the Atlanta Exposition provided an occasion for

(Continued on Fourth Page.)



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## OUR JACKSON LETTER.

This is our fourth year. The people cordially welcomed our return. I have not commenced a year's work with more encouragement and satisfaction. We have just closed a series of meetings of three weeks; conversions, 18, accessions, 26. The church very much revived and confirmed.

Our first quarter was during the revival services, at which time our presiding elder, J. C. Houston, preached three sermons with great power, to the conviction of sinner and to the edification of the Christians.

Up to date, the church has overpaid the presiding elder his first quarterage and overpaid the preacher's salary for the time being. We are making united efforts to put new seats in our church by the last of May at a cost of about \$600 cash. We think we shall be able to pay every dollar at once. Our rally shall be the fourth Sunday in April.

J. C. Hibbler.

## OUR BELLEVILLE (TEX.) LETTER.

The sisters of Jackson Chapel M. E. Church, under the able management of Rev. P. H. Jenkins, which is located at Belleville, Tex., in the Navasota District, Texas Conference, gave a leap year rally for the benefit of the church March 7th and 8th, which resulted in collecting \$64. We have only eleven members at this place.

The loving pastor, Rev. G. W. Sample, of the A. M. E. Church, this place, allowed us to use his church, and his people, and himself helped us wonderfully, for which we are very grateful.

Rev. O. S. Jones, the most worthy and efficient Sunday school agent, was with us throughout the services, and his sermon and lectures rendered untold good to the people of Belleville and Richard Grove, ten miles in the country. From the trend of his argument, one cannot help but glean the thought that his whole aim is to build up the young people, both morally, intellectually and physically. We shall gladly welcome him among us at any time.

Revs. Wm. Josey, ex-pastor, and A. B. Bivins, of the Baptist Church, were with us and rendered valuable services.

Rev. Thos. Cole, of Brenham, preached a soul-stirring reviving sermon at 8 p. m. and everybody returned to their homes feeling that the grand old M. E. Church is once more alive in Belleville. Very respectfully,

Mrs. Mattie R. Jenkins.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE. M. E. CHURCH, FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

Angusta, Ark., March 10, 1896.

Dear Friend:—Please, in the name of our common Lord, read this letter thoughtfully and give it the best attention possible. Our people are doing all they can to build the old M. E. Church here, but we are burdened with a heavy burden. We have purchased two lots and are in a densely populated part of the city, where we are greatly needed. Our people are doing their best to build in the county seat of Woodruff county, Arkansas, but we are all poor, and unless we can secure outside aid our lots must be sold.

Dear friend, our church must be built. This is the tenth year we have been trying to build here; we can't let it go; it is our church home and we love it. So in our extremity we have decided to ask the friends and members at large of the M. E. Church to help us. Please get your people and church to aid us. This is what we ask, to send us \$1 from your church treasury, or present our case to the church and school and take a collection for us. This is not much to ask, but if every one to whom we send this letter will send us at least \$1, a glorious light will shine for us, and our success will be assured. Send the amount of your gift to W. Brooks, P. O. Box 38, Angusta, Ark., and the same will be duly acknowledged and God will reward you for helping us in our distress. Please read this to your church and members. Yours truly,

W. Brooks, Pastor.

S. D. Jackson, Superintendent.  
S. J. Jackson, Mattie Akins, Henry Thompson, John Young, Mattus Depport, John Hollins, Steven Cougham, Natte Warker, Sandis Sanpport, trustees.

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

You will please allow me space in your paper to answer a letter from Rev. E. M. Collett on self-support. In reply, I

think the brother has struck the key-note when he said a district having 3,000 members ought to give a presiding elder a good support at 40 cents per member per year. This will amount to \$1,200. Could he not live at that? I see in some of our Conferences where preachers work annually for less than \$75. No man can afford that, but one whom God has sent to preach His word. According to the present condition of things, we must have a change. It would be better if the Missionary money was put to the place where it is needed most, instead of the place we like best. I know charges with 300 members and have Missionary money to help them, while there are charges with small membership and no Missionary money. If the presiding elders would assist the pastors as the pastors assist them, we all would get better salaries. Let each annual Conference appoint one member from each presiding elder's district among the ordained elders to assist the Conference Board of Stewards in appropriating the Missionary money for the different charges. That will help the cause greatly, you know.

Right is right, since God is God,  
And right must win, though man may fall;

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
Each other's cross to bear.

Wm. Josey.

Brenham, Tex.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY. GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE, EVANSTON, ILL.

Brethren in Christ and Fellow Students: A missionary crisis is upon us! To quote the terse language of Rev. W. H. Hollister, of the South India Conference, "When the financial stringency has reached such an acute stage that at least one, and probably several, India conferences request a recall of missionaries for lack of funds to support them, the church may well open its ears to hear. When the names of nine of the ablest missionaries in North India are struck, for economy's sake, from the pay-rolls of the society the church must needs open its eyes to see the trend of events. But when it is added that twenty-five missionaries, men and women (on the sick leave), are officially informed that they "need not plan to return to the fields of labor for a long time," then should the church arise to the fields to action commensurate with the gravity of the case." This is from India. All our mission fields must suffer proportionally.

The disheartening retrenchment which must retard our work equal to the loss of the labor of at least a decade, is necessitated by the Missionary Society from year to year in the process of business and otherwise unprovided for from the failure of the church to meet the expectations of the Board.

How to save our church from the reproach of retrogression, to meet our obligation to the men already called to the field and to respond to the cry of the thousands who are without the gospel, is the problem of the hour.

Open doors there in abundance—open in answer to prayer. Never were such fields more ripe for harvest.

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The missionary problem of to-day is largely, nay entirely, a financial problem. How shall we receive it? Reason, faith, experience, answer "by prayer."

The Missionary Society needs \$250,000 at once if the chasm is bridged. The church has it. Will it respond?

The Missionary Society of Garrett Biblical Institute has requested the faculty to appoint a special season of prayer for faculty and students, to be conducted by the president of the Institute, to call upon God to move the church to meet this crying need, and we are assured that our request will be granted at an early date.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, we believe to call the attention of every Missionary society and band in every educational institution in Methodism to the matter, that immediate and united supplication may ascend to Him to whom belongs the silver and the gold and the eagle on a thousand hills.

Will you endeavor to have a similar action taken in your school to that taken at Garrett?

J. R. Denyes, Pres.  
L. F. Abernathy,  
S. A. Smith,  
M. O. Bilkins,  
W. A. Shaw, Cor. Sec.  
Committee.

March 26, 1896.

## MEMOIR.

Geraldine Kynett Penfield, youngest child and only daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Kynett, of Philadelphia, was born in Lyons, Ia., June 11, 1866. Her parents removed to Philadelphia in the autumn of 1867. During the first winter the three children suffered severely from scarlet fever, followed, in the case of the daughter, with measles. Their home was, of course, practically quarantined. The child suffered for many months, but a summer sojourn with the maternal grandparents in Iowa restored her in good degree, and she grew to womanhood under the influences of a Christian home, enjoying for some time the advantages of a seminary course at Hackettstown, N. J. With the other members of the family she was united with the Spring Garden Street Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday school, having also the privileges of a summer residence at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove.

She was united in marriage with Rod-eric C. Penfield, of Asbury Park, May 22, 1890. Since then she has resided in Germantown, and was under the pastoral care of her brother, Rev. A. C. Kynett, of St. Stephen's Church. Subsequently they removed to Asbury Park, and were identified with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of that place, in which she took active interest. Since last autumn her home was in the city of New York.

For some time past her health was seriously impaired, and early in January of this year she suffered an acute attack, which suggested the necessity of surgical treatment. When the acute symptoms had subsided sufficiently she was brought to the home of her parents in Philadelphia. Careful examination disclosed conditions which made an immediate operation imperative. This was performed under the best surgical skill, Tuesday, March 7. She passed the ordeal bravely and successfully, and no doubt of her recovery was entertained except for the septiconessia, which had become chronic before the operation. This made the reaction necessary to recovery impossible, and in the presence of her parents, husband and oldest brother she passed away Thursday, March 5, at 12:45 p. m.

In her girlhood Geraldine was dutiful, bright, cheerful, affectionate, with extreme nervous sensibility. She was always especially fond of little children, and her grandest pleasure was in their society. The wealth of her affection was lavished upon her parents, her brothers, her husband, and her own children. For their sakes she earnestly desired to live, but it pleased God to order otherwise. The care of her children—a boy four and a half years old, and a girl two and a half—is an heirloom for their grandparents.

When the necessity for surgery was definitely determined, on their way to the hospital her father said, "Now, daughter, remember Him who said, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' There are no conditions other than labor and weariness and these you have. The remainder of the text, 'Take my yoke upon you and learn of me,' is for afterlife, if afterlife shall come. When you go upon the surgeon's table say in your heart:

'Jesus' protests; my fears, be gone;  
What can the Rock of Ages move?  
Safe in thy arms I lay me down,  
Thine everlasting arms of love.'

The tearful, thoughtful, responsive look indicated her conscious need and expressed her faith. She inquired, "Father, do you think I will come through it?" I responded, "The doctor expresses confidence and we hope you will." After the operation, that every possible chance might be given, perfect rest was enjoined, with no effort to converse. The condition of the heart, with the gradually failing strength, emphasized the injunction, as, with seeming conscious safety for all worlds, she passed away in the everlasting arms.

The funeral services were held at the residence of her parents in Philadelphia, Monday afternoon, March 9, under the direction of the pastor of the family, Rev. Dr. George Elliott, of the Spring Garden Church, assisted by Bishop Foss and Drs. W. A. Spencer, Merritt Hulburd, John Thompson and J. Addison Henry, of the Princeton Presbyterian Church. The interment was in West Laurel Hill cemetery.

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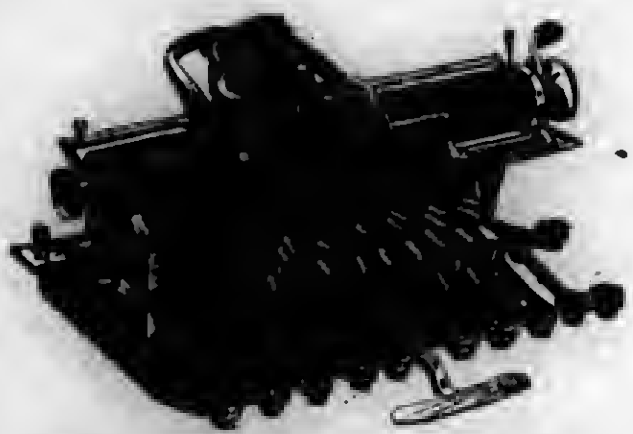
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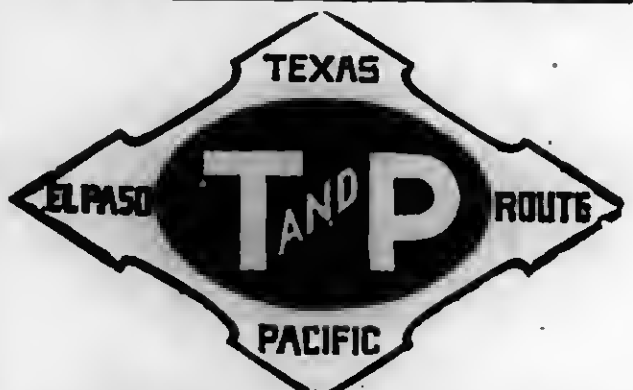
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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS NEW ORLEANS NORTH DISTRICT.

### Report of First Round.

Thompson Chapel: Rev. D. W. Boatner, P. C., is in the path of a prosperous year. He and the people are working in unity. At the quarterly conference the report showed marked success on all lines, but most especially the Sabbath school and the Epworth League.

Scott Chinn Chapel: Rev. Baptist is having a very successful beginning. The people took hold with their pastor and have fixed up the church and the congregation has doubled. They have had a revival and was very successful in it.

St. Matthew: Rev. Wm. Porter is pushing things; the debt hinders him a little but he masters it well. We have a hard working and a willing people. Bro. Porter understands managing things, and I think he will succeed. The Sabbath school and Epworth League are well handled by him and his wife. The people need to be proud of them.

Asbury Chapel: B. Bolden, P. C., seems a little discouraged, but I think he will come out all right. The congregation is small and all right. He has only twenty-six members and with the hardest of times.

Gretna: Rev. F. Harvey is known for his success and he is doing his duty under a very heavy cloud. His wife has been sick for a year, but the good people of Gretna have been very good to them. The church is in debt and has only fifty members, but the Lord is blessing him. The report at the quarterly conference showed success in every respect.

Union Chapel: H. Taylor, P. C., has grasped every line of the church work. He has had a grand revival; he is also repairing the church and when it is finished it will be one of the finest in the city. The conference made no mistake in the appointment. The Sabbath school and Epworth League are doing well and the stewards and the king daughters are working hard with the pastor. Pray for us.

Old Wesley, she is always in the right path. Rev. T. J. Johnson is the popular pastor. He is closing up his fifth year with much success. The people love him and stand up with him in his church work. Every auxiliary in the church is well organized and doing good work.

Mount Zion: Rev. T. G. Montgomery, the model pastor, is holding his post and is advancing on the enemy. He has been having a very successful revival. The reports at the quarterly conference showed marked success. The Sabbath school is increasing.

Darrowville: Edward Fields starts the year very good, but was a little discouraged because of a great many of the members moving, but he has taken hold as a Methodist preacher and thinks he will make this a successful year with his faithful few. The reports were very good at quarterly conference.

Malden Chapel: J. W. Pierce is taking hold of the people and from the reports at quarterly conference, I think we will have a good year's work. The church is in a debt of \$167 for the land and lumber.

New River: A. Hilton, P. C. Rev. A. Hilton took hold of the work as if he knew his business. We had a good quarterly conference, and all the reports were in good shape. New River is a new field and needs hard work. The people are pleased with the appointment, so I think Bro. Hilton will do the work required with the aid of the people.

St. John: D. S. Taylor starts off well and had a very successful revival. We are in need of a new church; the old one is in a very bad condition; if we can get any help from the Church Extension Society it will be a great help to the place.

St. Charles: E. H. Clark is the right man in the right place. He is loved by all. St. Charles is fast becoming a first-class appointment. The reports showed much improvement and the collection for the quarter was good. Four or five persons have joined the church. I hope the Lord will shower his blessings on us.

La Place and Litcher: Rev. N. Burton is trying to work up these charges. They are both new points. I think with a little help we can have success at each place.

White Hall: Rev. S. Davage is one of the oldest ministers. He is doing well and being loved more and more each year by his people. He has taken in four members since conference. The Lord is blessing him.

Slidell and Pearlville: J. M. Bryant is doing good work; he is a good talker

and we are looking for a grand year's work. Collection for the quarter was \$33.50. The church is in a good spiritual condition.

Ponchatoula: E. Harris is doing the best he can with such a few members; he has only eight members and at Springfield fifteen, so you can see just what his condition is. Pray for us.

The small-pox hindered us from going to Mandeville, Shady Grove and Franklinton. This is a district of no experience on the line of self-support. It is hard, but we are trusting in God for His help. —S. Duncan, P. E.

Dear Brethren of the Navasota District. We have finished up the first round. The marked improvements on many lines were observed. Now, dear brethren, let's renew our efforts for the great work of the Master in pushing forward His cross. Remember our pledge to the Southwestern. Take private subscriptions as you go from house to house. In this easy way you will accomplish much good. I hope that each of you have succeeded in your Easter collections. Let me hear from you. I have already heard from some—flattering reports. Let us thus each write "victory" on our flags for the District and feel that this is our District. As you pass down the line of your soldiers, let each cause of the church ring continuously. I am pleased to say that peace is the order throughout the District. Each brother is trying to succeed. Remember the mission of the Master, "saving of souls." Begin on that line, the sooner the better. —Yours for victory, W. L. Duncan, P. E.

### NOTICE.

The Montgomery District Conference will meet at Brewton, Ala., on Thursday, July 30, at 9 o'clock, a.m., and continue until August 2.

Let every pastor be present and bring every member from his charge who belongs to the District Conference. We expect each pastor to report at least half of his benevolent apportionment.

Easter Sabbath is gone which gave the brethren an opportunity to raise their missionary collection and ere the District Conference, Children's Day will afford ample chance to raise the collection for education.

Let the brethren send at once and get the programme for Children's Day—"Our Young Crusaders,"—which is a most excellent programme.

The programme for the District Conference will appear later.—E. M. Jones, P. E.

### VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Pastors and Members of Vicksburg District.—Dear Brethren: I am especially desirous that this quarter shall be one of great activity in building up the Church of Christ.

Be sure to raise your full apportionment for F. A. and S. E. Society, and forward the same to Dr. C. E. Libby, Holly Springs, Miss., by May 25, 1896.

It is my most earnest hope and daily prayer that this year shall be one of great peace and prosperity. So far, I am pleased with the present outlook.

By all means strive to put the Southwestern into every Methodist home—into the homes of all the people. Yours truly Samuel A. Cowan, P. E.

### A Chance to Make Money.

I taught a school last winter and this summer. Seeing so many advertisements of dish washers, I thought I would make some money during vacation. You said in your paper the Rapid Dish Washer was best, so I sent to W. P. Harrison & Co., Columbus, O., who manufacture specialties for agents and got one, asked the neighbors in and washed the dinner dishes so quick and nice, everyone present bought one. I made this week \$62., and that is a good deal better than teaching school, so I am going to sell dish washers this winter. Other teachers would be glad to have this hint.—Daisy Henry.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Sunday, March 15th, marked a new era in the history of Haven Chapel M. E. Church. The dedication of a new bell was the special feature. The young ladies and gentlemen took active parts in the service. Many distinguished pastors were present, among whom was our own presiding elder, Rev. Landry. Some \$40 or more was realized. Pastor Walker is moving out flatteringly.—P. M. Burke.

Easter collection at St. Charles Avenue M. E. Church was over \$54.00.

## What They Say About the Southwestern.

Vaughns, La.—I am delighted with the Southwestern and propose to do more than ever to help make it a success.—E. R. Miller.

Wedowee, Ala.—We cannot expect success as Methodists without the Southwestern circulating through our fields of labor. Our literature should be more liberally used. Especially should our local preachers patronize the paper.—J. W. Sheppard.

Jackson, Miss.—Dear Dr. Hammond: I hope to be able to carry out my pledge in getting ten cash yearly subscribers to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. I feel that the paper is growing better and the people are liking it more. May great success attend your earnest endeavors.—J. C. Hibbler.

Dear Brethren of the Tennessee Annual Conference: I presume you have noticed the omission of the examining committee in our conference minutes. I sent the list to the printer but the list was misplaced by some means. I called the printer's attention to it, but the work had advanced to such a stage that it was impossible for me to alter the printed matter without a great loss to the printer. I hope you will look over this mistake, or rather omission, and I hope such a mistake will not occur again.—Yours in Christ, John A. W. Moon, Secretary.

### COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION FOR 1896.

Local Orders—James Pickett, Alonzo Nelson, J. B. Bradford, Chas. E. Alexander.

Admission on Trial—A. Phillips, J. R. Reasonover, J. P. Price, S. T. Hicker-

son.

First Year's Course—G. C. Harden, J. S. Foster, H. Primm, C. L. Fields.

Second Year—C. B. Wilson, J. W. Hall, R. A. Dowell, J. H. Coppage.

Third Year—F. W. Puryear, M. D., Hiram Robinson, Henry Dunlap, E. J. Guthrie.

Fourth Year—Dr. John Bradden, D. D., Thos. Ward, T. E. Woods, B. F. Anderson.

Triers of Appeals—A. Porter, M. Williams, J. P. Pierce, J. A. W. Moon, R. H. Fletcher, P. H. Woodson, G. W. Mars, G. C. Harden, E. F. Douglass.

On Memoirs—C. L. Fields, G. A. Sanford, J. P. Price, D. C. Ransom, J. F. Richmond.

The boys who had been making jack-o'-lanterns out of small pumpkins on the sly, placed a hideous, grinning one, holding a lighted candle, in the yard, for the purpose of frightening their little city cousin, who had never seen anything of the kind. When it was quite dark, her aunt discovered the child gazing with solemn intentness from the window. "What is it, Mabel, dear? What do you see?" she inquired. Don't say one word, auntie, was the reply, in an awed whisper, "for the man in the moon has come down and is sitting right here on the gate post. And he hasn't got anything but a head, and looks just edactly as he does in his pictures."

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Mrs. Jones—"Nothing to-day." The Tramp—"Well, mum, if yer don't give me sunthin' to eat, I'll report yer to the hull perfession as makin' the best mince pie in the neighborhood an' bein' very liberal to strangers."—Puck.

"Whin I walk," said an Irishman who objected to the bicycle. "I prefer to have my feet on the ground."—Youth's Companion.

Teacher—"In the sentence, 'The sick boy loves his medicine,' what part of speech is 'love'?"

Johnny—"It's a lie, mum."—Sel.

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## THE NEW NEGRO.

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another visit. I went down thirty years ago to see the brother in gray. My chief interest in this last visit was to see the brother in black, and he furnished me with many startling reflections. What of his future? Is he to become a property-holding, liberty-loving, law-abiding citizen? It seems to me that this question must be answered in the affirmative. There are many conflicting surface currents in the tide of time which floats the Negro. There is a political current. Its representative says: 'The Negro is an inferior type of being, and the type is bound to persist. He cannot, therefore, be permitted to come into power. The ballot was a mistake. It put an intolerable burden upon the South, and that was the burden of counting the Negro out. To be deplored, it is true, corrupting to the young men in politics, but a necessity. The Negro is incompetent, irresponsible, untrustworthy, immoral, subservient, venal, and not to be trusted with political power.' I am disposed to accept the above adjectives as pretty fairly descriptive of the actual situation. But this is a surface current. Is the type to persist? Is there to be a new Negro?

"Another similar current of opinion is that which interprets the superstitions of the Negro against him religiously; his dishonesty and immorality against his moral nature; his indolence against him economically; his venality, gullibility and vanity against him politically. How easy it would be to match all these characteristics in the best and foremost race of the age! While I see deeper and mightier undercurrents at work in our civilization, and raising like tidal waves under the whole race of Ham, I feel like the great apostle: 'None of these things move me.' All this is based upon the assumption that the type is to persist. Is there to be a new Negro?

"There is another surface current. Its representatives seem to me to forget certain limitations. There is a strain of blood in the Negro which is against him, and which cannot be eliminated in a day. He came from a dark continent and has lived in a hostile environment. Slavery does not contribute to manhood. When Israel came out of Egypt they could dance round the golden calf which Aaron had made and repeat: 'These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.' But the virus of Egypt was in the blood, and that virus had to be reckoned with. The black virus of slavery is in the blood of the Negro, and that has to be reckoned with. It cannot be eliminated in a day. We need very much to get the inculcation of the time element of that great word 'evolution' into our theories. The long-time process is inevitable in all race work. Emerson hits off the man from the old-time anti-slavery meeting, who would have the thing done up and done with to-day, with the words: 'What so hot, my little man! Great is the law of heredity. We are learning about that law of which the worthies of old knew full well. They saw a jealous God 'visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation.' Let us not be too much in a hurry. Surface currents of the great ocean change every day, but the great tides have been on hand for a long time. The question is, Is there to be a new Negro?

"The Negro of the next century is to have property. The amount of property returned by colored tax-payers in Georgia in 1880 was \$5,764,293; in 1894, \$14,387,730. He will soon return \$100,000,000. When that time comes, many new forces will be found to be at work. The Negro Building at the Atlanta Exposition was a revelation of the capacity and promise of the Negro in the industrial world. Skilled labor is victory in many lines. Tyndall once said: 'England will be outstripped both in the arts of peace and war by the continental nations, in virtue of

their better educations.' And Mr. Mundella, an English manufacturer, declared: 'Our best machines are improved on in France and Germany by men who have superior industrial education.'

"The interests in industrial education in the South and the emphasis now put upon education for the colored man is full of promise, for he is to furnish a very large proportion of the labor for the industries in the South. It is not so generally understood as it should be that the laboring man reaps a very large benefit from the advancement made in industrial interests. Mr. David A. Wells, in his 'Recent Economic Changes,' shows that in Great Britain, between 1850 and 1883, wages advanced 40 per cent. This conclusion is shown by the study of eleven leading industries. Mr. Edward Atkinson has shown that the wages of mechanics in Massachusetts were 25 per cent more in 1885 than in 1860. The food that cost \$1.30 in 1877 in the State of Maine, in 1887 could be bought for \$1. That an increasing product goes to the wage-earner seems to be put beyond question. Education along industrial lines is to give to the colored man in the South an increasing share of the product of labor in that land. This seems inevitable, and as a factor in that development of the new Negro, this increasing share is very important. Money brings a sense of responsibility and of rights. The need of training for the new Negro at this point is urgent and the condition of things is bound to supply it. It is a rising tide in the affairs of the people which cannot be beaten back. Plan machinery, establish factories, multiply workmen, increase wages and several things follow; you will have colored men owning land, building homes and establishing business; habits of industry will be demanded; promptness and regularity will follow; pride, vanity and ambition will play their part in making the home attractive and music, books and art will find a place. The fathers and mothers who have had limited advantages will insist that their children shall have better advantages, and will be ready to pay for it. But we must not get too hot and expect it all to be done this season.

"I should like to be appointed a committee to inspect the homes and habits of the colored people in the year of our Lord 1996. I only wish to emphasize the fact that an improved financial condition is a resistless, regenerative power, to be used by the divine Spirit through the ages to produce the new Negro. The millions of dollars upon which he will pay taxes, well distributed as it is likely to be, cannot be burned or stolen without a shock to the whole community. The whole economical situation is involved in it. In a Southern city, a few months ago, the colored population refused to ride upon the electric cars because certain unjust discriminations against them. They walked at an expense of several thousand dollars to the corporation. The result was that the wrong was made right, and now they ride. Capital is sensitive, and when the colored man pays his tax on millions, many mighty factors will be at work, night and day, for the amelioration of his condition.

"A new intellectual environment has already been created about him. When the war closed there was no public school system in the South. During the thirty years that have passed since that memorable day at Appomattox, a system of public schools has been created, extended over the whole South and rapidly developed along the best lines. Within twenty years the per cent of the school population enrolled has nearly doubled, the number of school-houses nearly trebled. The amount of money expended in the South Atlantic States per capita of the population has advanced from 63 cents to \$1.03; in the South Central States, from 73 cents to \$1.04.\* When all the facts in the case are fairly considered, it must be conceded that this is a very great achievement. It is asked, What has been the advantage to the colored man? In 1870 less than 150,000 of school age had attended school. In 1880, 800,113 were enrolled, and 15,404 of these were in higher institutions. The whole colored school population was then 1,803,287. In 1890, 1,356,830 were enrolled, and 31,993 were in higher institutions. The colored school population in 1890 was 2,543,936.

"Perhaps the most important aspect of education for the colored man at present is that of industrial education. It will produce the inventor, and inventions produce and distribute wealth. There is a very suggestive connection between illiteracy and the reports of the Patent Office. The

\* Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1890-91, Vol. I, page 28.

illiteracy in Connecticut in 1890 over ten years of age numbered less than 6 per cent. In 1893 the Patent Office issued one patent to every 976 of the population. Connecticut leads all the States in this respect. In 1890 in South Carolina 45 per cent of the population over 10 years of age were classed as illiterate, and the number of patents granted was one to 24,492 of the population.

"This contrast appears between all the former slave States, where no general public school system existed before the war, and the Northern States. But cotton is no longer king; the manufacturer is in the South; wealth-producing machinery is in demand; the inventor is coming and will be found on the soil. The laborer will reap the greatest reward and the colored man is to be the laborer. There is already a new atmosphere in the South, which has in it the ozone of a new intellectual and moral life for the Negro.

"It is assumed that other influences will accompany the new industrialism. They are already at work, everywhere, and at work in the right direction. The number of Southern men who think with Bishop Attiens G. Haygood is increasing. He said: 'The Negro must be educated. The conservative influences that secured order under the old regime are gone; the uneducated Negro is unfitted for the new order.' It is absolutely necessary that his education go on. As a rule, rapists and murderers among Southern Negroes are not only products of post-bellum life; they are uneducated. It is the rarest thing that an educated Negro commits these crimes against virtue and life. The great body of the Negro population of the country utterly reprobate these crimes. And there is among their leaders a growing sense of the duty of teaching their people that they must come to an end.'

"The Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, in a letter to the New York World, says: 'I do not exaggerate when I say that Prof. Booker T. Washington's address yesterday was one of the most notable speeches, both as to character and the warmth of its reception, ever delivered to a Southern audience. It was an epoch-making talk, and marks distinctly a turning-point in the progress of the Negro race; and its effect in bringing about a perfect understanding between the blacks and whites of the South will be immediate. The address was a revelation.' There is a new South. This new environment, created by the exigencies of a new industrialism, by the public schools and by the spirit of freedom in the new Southern civilization is bound to affect the whole colored population. That he will be defrauded by sharpers; that in many cases the public school money will not be fairly administered; that he will be counted out in many places and for a long time in politics, is probably true, and it is as deplorable as true. But none of these objections are to the point. Are we to have a new Negro? If so, these considerations are incidental, local, superficial, temporary. The forces primeval which lifted the mountain ranges were resistless. The skilled hand, the trained brains, the disciplined will of the new Negro are the forces primeval which are to lift the colored race in spite of obstacles. We need only to remember that a new type of the Negro, like any other new type, is not the product of a day.

"That the schools of our church are to play a most important part in this development is already very evident. They are to furnish leaders for the new age. The South hesitates to its own damage and peril. 'The Negro lacks courage.' A few college generations of football will correct that. 'They lack honesty.' Property and proper rights will beget a respect for rights. 'They lack chastity.' Why should they not? In heaven's name, what opportunity have they had to know anything about chastity? The leaders of the churches and schools will correct that. 'They would loot the government were they admitted to power.' Are there no white voters for sale? Give them time. Put such responsibility upon them as they can bear. The currents that are against the colored man in the new age are superficial when compared with those tides of power which set steadily in his favor. They are freedom, public schools, a new industrialism, wealth, the higher schools and the Gospel. The Negro is a type of a belated race. But the Almighty appoints the times of the nations and the bounds of their habitations, and the time of the sons of Ham has come. We have a most conspicuous part to play in the problem which concerns the whole colored race.

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This column shows the result of one week's work in the interest of the Southwestern within thirteen out of eighteen Conferences composing our patronizing territory.

Mississippi and Upper Mississippi..	34
Louisiana .....	14
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## "THY SOLD THYSELF TO WORK EVIL."

(By W. A. Ray, Topeka, Kas., Central Mission Conference).

Commerce "if not in the full light as considered in our days" seems to have had its origin in the early days of creation. This may be verified by the Bible, for we find shortly after the expulsion of Cain from the family of Adam, that Cain built a city in the land of Nod. A city of which we have no record, but we know that the term city means something more than a collection of houses. From this we may reasonably assume that commerce, or trade of some kind was carried on. But whatever this commerce or trade consisted of and however extensive or limited it might have been, we believe the trade referred to in the above caption carried with it more weight and attraction than any or all of the others combined. Thus we can say without hesitancy or without a shadow of doubt that the Divine Master has never approved of the commerce or trading of human beings, whether a single individual family, or nation. The trade or trades, between Abraham and Lot, with reference to their places for grazing their flocks, the trade between Abraham and the Canaanites for the cave of Machpelah, for a burying place for Sarah, "his wife." The trade of Abraham's servant with Laban for Rebekah for Isaac. Abraham's son to wife, the trade between Isaac's sons, "Esau and Jacob" and many others that might be equally as important as any of these mentioned, did not have the stress placed upon them nor did they attract as much attention as did a single trade made by the sons of Jacob when they sold their brother "Joseph" to the Ishmaelites. Now we may pause and consider this case and we find circumstances over which Joseph had no control prevailed and without his consent he was forced as chattel to be carried into Egypt. Contrary to the plans of his brethren, by the providence of God, the one sold received a blessing, while the sellers received a curse. Now we will consider another phase of this subject—the term "Thou hast sold thyself to work evil." Voluntarily by premeditation thou hast quietly considered the matter and in order to give yourself notoriety and add to your already extensive domain, you have deliberately considered and consented to the trade of your own life. This was the fiery message sent from heaven to the wicked king, "Akob." Not being satisfied with the possession of his kingdom he calls forth all of his mental powers to solve the problem, as to how he can come in possession of a small vineyard owned by his neighbor, "Naboth." Unable to arrive at a favorable conclusion, in a fit of madness throws himself upon his couch and yields the life problem to his wicked wife "Jezebel." She commences the problem thus: That Naboth's life, the cost price was less than the present worth of his vineyard to her husband. But the problem was sent already solved by the hand of God, which showed that the cost price was the king's life. Now when the king and his wicked wife thought they had accomplished their desired end, the king goes down to take possession of his property, and arrives just in time to hear his doom. "Thou hast sold thyself to work evil," and as the result "in the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine." Brethren, if the man of God should return to earth would he find you taking possession of property purchased at the cost of your life in order to work evil? Especially I appeal to you who are consecrated to the Holy office of the ministry. Brethren stop! and think for a moment, and then ask yourself the question, "how am I investing my life?" To the mind of the writer one of the many ways in which a minister can sell himself, "and not himself only, but all over whom he has any power or influence," is the so-called Church Excursions and other pleasure resorts. It is disgusting that we can scarcely walk on the streets of our cities without seeing lavishly scattered over them bills of excursions, and to make the matter worse they are often undersigned. Rev. C. and C. pastor of church. We know that the financial currents that flow into your pocket are very often almost dry, but can we do justice to God and His church by wielding our powers and influences to the devil in order to recruit our earthly treasures and happiness? With one united voice we answer, no! Now, if we, as teachers and preachers, would stop and work out this problem, I think we would understand it more fully. As a minister, you

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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Vicksburg District.

Second Round.	April.
Natchez.....	23 24 Rodney..... 28
May	
Payette.....	23 Harrison..... 23
Anguilla.....	9 10 Carey..... 16 17
Vicksburg circuit.....	23 24 Bolton..... 30 31
Edwards.....	30 31
June	
Povina.....	6 7 Hamburg..... 13 14
Groter.....	13 14 Union Church..... 20 21
Meadville.....	27 28
July	
Vicksburg.....	11 12
	Samuel A. Cowan, P. E.

### Starkville District.

Second Round.	April
McCool.....	25 27 Chester..... 28
May	
Louisville.....	25 Ackerman..... 9 11
French Camp.....	16 18 Liberty Hill..... 20 21
Sturges.....	30 31
June	
Starkville circuit.....	6 9 Starkville..... 13 14
Roe's Hill.....	20 21 Cedar Bluff..... 27 28
Mathiston.....	30 31
July	
Mathiston.....	1 Enpora..... 4 5
Bellmontine.....	11 12
District Conference at Bellmontine.....	11 12
	H. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.

### Lexington District.

Second Round.	April
North Middletown.....	4 5 Germantown..... 10
Moorefield, D. R. Hickman, 11 12	
Washington.....	11 12 Mayslick..... 13
Leesburg circuit.....	16 17 Falmouth..... 18 19
Cleghorn, H. O. Backner, 18 19	
College Hill, H. C. Backner, 20	
North Fork circuit, J. Small, 21	
Orangeburg circuit.....	24 Flemingsburg..... 25 26
Kennedy circuit, J. H. Stanley, 29 31	
May	
Winchester, J. W. Russell, 2 3	
Spears circuit, J. W. Russell, 6	
Parris, J. H. Stanley, 9 10	
Ruddies Mills, J. H. Jackson, 12 13	
Boyd circuit, J. H. Jackson, 12 13	
Guthrie, R. J. Strider, 16 17	
Cassatown circuit, Z. Shotwell, 16 17	
Frankfort, H. A. Southgate, 21	
Asbury, G. W. Thomas, 24 25	
Corinth circuit, B. J. Strider, 28	
Georgetown, W. W. Locke, 30 31	
June	
Versailles.....	6 7 Gunn Tazewell, 13 15
New Zion.....	20 21
	Joseph Conney, P. E.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Shady Grove, La.—Mr. Simon Wilson and Miss Isabel Barry. A. A. Lacey officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Orangeburg, S. C.—Rev. Francis C. Jones, a superannuated member of the South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, gently fell asleep in Jesus Sunday, February 23, in the town of St. George, S. C. He was faithful unto death. Having lived well, he died well. A tender, faithful Christian wife and several children remain among us. B. F. Witherspoon.

Pounding, Miss—Slater Barbara Morgan, a faithful member of Spring Hill, died Feb. 28th, in full triumph. Also, Bro. Lafayette Lacey, one of the most prominent officers of the church at Chumkey, died Feb. 24. R. B. Anderson, pastor.

Gloster, Miss.—Mrs. Amanda Hull departed this life Feb. 10, in triumph of faith, aged 49 years. He leaves 14 children to mourn his loss. R. T. Thomas, pastor.

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Oxford, Miss.—Easter was observed with great success; collection, \$25. The sum collected March 22d was \$125 on the old debt.—N. H. Williams.

Greenville, Miss.—Easter was made a high day here. It was carried out according to programme. The church is alive. Collection for Easter, \$12; total, \$21.—Yours truly, E. Troupe, P. C.

Biloxi, Miss.—A few nights ago the pastor was wonderfully surprised by a noise of singing and the door was opened and a crowd of young men and women, as well as the older people, came into the parsonage, bringing with them sixty pounds or more.—L. Tate.

Sylvania, Ga.—We are having good success on this work. This is my third year on this circuit. At the last session of the Savannah Conference, at Griffin, I promised you ten subscribers, and shall do my best to get them. I send you in one regular subscriber by this mail, and this makes three I have sent in of the promised number.—Your brother, I. D. Jenkins, P. C., M. E. Church.

Kenton, Tenn.—Our new pastor came on this work the first Sunday after Conference and was cordially welcomed to our homes. He has done a great work—ceiled our church at Yorkville and built a new church at this place. The church is alive, spiritually and financially. He has kept the Southwestern before us. We have promised to rally to its support.

Please let a little girl say one or two words. For ten years we have tried to build a church and failed, until our beloved pastor, Rev. G. C. Clark, came. We all love him.—Lona Cason.

Warren, Ark.—The church is waking up in this place. The people are pleased with their new pastor. Organized Epworth League. Prospects for the church good.—Thos. H. Bailey, P. C.

Senatobia, Miss.—The first quarterly conference of Senatobia and Cold Water charge was held, with Rev. W. McDonold, P. E., presiding. Reports showing the work to be in a good condition. Additions, six, one conversion. Thirty-eight communion. Collections for all purposes, \$23.20.—W. H. McCarty, P. C.

Shreveport, La.—St. Paul Church at this place is enjoying abundant success along every line. At every service we have a crowded house. The people received me gladly. First quarterly conference and love-feast were good. Rev. H. James, our presiding elder, rendered much valuable service. Easter was observed in grand style. Collection, \$60; collection for Mission, \$22.—J. A. Tircuit, P. C.

Pearlington, Miss.—Missionary rally was grand. Raised for this cause, \$1.95. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Facites, of M. E. Church, South, preached on our dollar rally for the building of our new church. Collection, \$41.30. At night, Rev. W. H. Smith, the P. C., preached. Collections, \$105.55.—W. H. Smith.

Desiard, La.—We are going right along, working for the Lord. We have a good preacher. The people gave him two grand pound meetings recently.—Mrs. C. C. Fraisure.

Summit, Miss.—Miss Pinkie Brown, agent of the Woman's Home Mission, organized at Magnolia, the 23d of February, with twenty-one members, and at Summit, the first Sunday in March, with 18 members. The Society will flourish in this State under the leadership of Miss Brown, who is an able worker.—Wm. Payne.

Pittsburg, Tex.—Getting along splendidly for the quarterly Conference and meeting was a grand success. Our pastor is doing finely and has won the confidence of all the people.—G. F. Berry.

St. Martinsville, La.—The members and friends called at our home on March 5th and brought 150 pounds. On Sunday, March 8th, Mr. Alex Teapeau was shot and killed. Our revival is in progress. Souls are converted and the work moves on as never before. We have a Southwestern rally on the second Sunday in April. We will send in our ten pledges soon.—J. W. Turner.

Corinth Circuit, Miss.—The death angel came to the home of Bro. George A. McCalla Sunday night, March 14th, and bore away to that sweet haven of rest Sister Mary McCalla, his mother. She was a member of the M. E. Church for thirty years and was always found at her post of duty. She was 71 years of age. She died in the full triumph of faith. She leaves two sons and four daughters and a number of grandchildren to mourn her loss.—G. W. Baker, P. C.

Georgetown, Ky.—Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, of Georgetown, has been

carrying on a wonderful revival for the past five weeks under the auspices of the pastor-in-charge, Rev. H. A. Southgate. During the time, twenty-four persons have been rescued from the hands of Satan and others have been induced to carefully consider the matter. It is the most wonderful revival that was ever held in this city. It seemed to revive the entire city. Thirty-two have been added to the church. Rev. Southgate leads ably and acceptably.

Ebenezer, Tenn.—Revs. S. A. Clark and T. R. Russell, A. Clark, pastor, and others held ten days' meeting. Conversions, 10, and four are yet seeking Christ.—C. R. Russell.

## OUR BOOK TABLE.

The McDowell Fashion Magazines at hand contain many new ideas of great value to both professional and amateur dressmakers. "La Mode de Paris" and "Paris Album of Fashions" cost \$3.50 per year's subscription, or 33 cents per copy. The "French Dressmaker" is \$3 per annum, or 30 cents a copy; and "La Mode" \$1.50 a year, or 15 cents a copy. If you are unable to procure either of these journals from your newsdealer, apply by mail to Messrs. A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th street, New York.

Very interestingly and beautifully told are "Recollections of Gen. William T. Sherman," by Gen. Horatio C. King, in The Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, New York, for April. Few, if any of the numerous tributes which have been paid to Sherman—living or dead—furnish a better character study of him than the one which Gen. King has drawn. Stories of travel and adventure are always acceptable to the ordinary magazine reader—especially so to the young mind and students of history without regard to age. Issued by the Monthly Illustrator Publishing Co., New York. Subscription price, \$2 a year.

Richard J. Hinton, the veteran journalist, who was in the heat of the "Corn Law" agitation in England, the Anti-Slavery Crusade in New England in the fifties, and is now battling for a truer realization of Republican ideals contributes a strong paper on present day conditions to the Arena. The veteran poet, James G. Clarke, appears in a two-page poem entitled "The Living Christ."

The April number of the Guide to Holiness is of a peculiar character—it is a Quarterly Meeting Number, reviving some pleasant memories of the olden time. Its frontispiece is a portrait of Rev. B. Carradine, D.D., who occupies the "Pentecostal Pulpit." His theme is "Wrestling Jacob" and the great struggle at Peniel. The doctor had the happy way of taking some very apt illustrations from the Old Testament to prove his premise, and this is one of them. We notice that he is a regular contributor. The Guide to Holiness has a warm place in the heart of Methodism, and has held it for over fifty years. The magazine now contains forty instead of thirty-two pages as heretofore. The subscription price remains the same, \$1 per year. Sample copies free. Address George Hughes & Co., 60 Bible House, New York.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1896.

## THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS.

(Luke 16: 19-30.)

Golden Text—"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16: 13.

The sixteenth chapter of St. Luke's gospel is a sermon on the use of riches. In the parable of the unjust Steward the "certain rich man" represents God; the stewards represent the Pharisees; and the debtors the common people. The failure is during life, the call is at death, and the reception into "everlasting habitation" is in the world beyond. It is the wisdom and not the justice of the unjust steward the Lord commends. We should make ourselves friends "of the mammon of unrighteousness" by using it in a charitable way. If we try to serve both God and mammon we will fail. A heart cannot remain divided and succeed. The design of the lesson before us is to condemn the covetous spirit of the Pharisees by showing the result of the wrong use of riches.

1. "This side the grave (19-22.)

1. Life.—This is a parable founded on fact. First, the rich man. His name is not given. He is often called Dives, but this only means a rich man. An early legend called him Nimeusis. He showed his wealth in two ways—dress and food. (a) He "was clothed in purple and fine linnen." The purple was worn by the imperial, and is still spoken of as the royal color. When worn by others it indicated pomp and effeminacy. The linnen was made of flax, and was so fine it was sometimes called "woven air." It was to the touch as silk, and as transparent as lawn. It was likely of a golden color. Ability, age and occupation should have much to do with our dress. (b) He "laid sumptuously every day." He made merry in splendor. He ate, each day, shiningly. His life was one of banquets. If we would be healthy let us eat chiefly fruits, vegetables and cereals. Use but little coffee and tea and never drink anything stronger.

2. The poor man. His name was Lazarus. In God is my help. This is the only instance in the parables of Jesus where a person is named. With the Jews a name often indicated a character. He was a poor, afflicted beggar, cast carelessly down at the portals of the rich man's palace. He was not laid there because Nimeusis was charitable, but because he had plenty. This rich man was not good, for he treated the dogs the same as he did the beggar. To say the dogs came and licked his sores shows his abject misery. This was likely the only medical treatment they received. In a broad sense, riches bring happiness and poverty sorrow.

2. Death.—The poor man died first. This is natural from his condition and surroundings. Likely the rich man said: "It is well. He is out of the way now." Death is a relief to many. By and by the purple robes began to hang loosely about the rich man, the keepers of the house began to tremble, and the strong men to bow themselves. He also was forced to go. Now the people say: "A mighty man has fallen. He will be greatly missed." Death is no respecter of person. It is not true that he loves a shining mark.

3. Burial.—Some think the body of the beggar was not interred, but was carried with his soul by the angels into Abraham's bosom. Others believe it was left to be eaten by the dogs that licked his sores. But let us hope it was taken to the Potters Field and laid to rest with some degree of humanity. But when the rich man died they likely sent to Egypt for a sarcophagus, hired many mourners, and secured a great procession. Display at funerals shows bad taste. The grave is a dark, still, cold, lonely place. We shrink from it with terror.

## II.

Beyond the grave (23-31.)

1. Destiny.—When the poor man died he "was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom," but when the rich man departed this life, "in hell he lifted up his eyes." Hades is the spirit world. When any one dies his soul goes into that region. But in that country "there is a great gulf fixed." The bad are confined to their locality and the good remain in theirs. The abode of the righteous is called the Throne of Glory, the bosom of Abraham and Paradise. The residence of the wicked is spoken of as Ge-

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henna, or hell fire. Lazarus did not go to Abraham's bosom because he was poor, but because his help was in God. Neither did Nimeusis go to Gehenna because he was rich, but because he did not use riches aright. Christ nowhere condemns the rich because of their wealth, or approves the poor because of their poverty. It is the man alone regardless of all surroundings that God rewards or punishes.

2. The rich man's first request—(1) "Father Abraham." The unshaken confidence of this patriarch caused him to be called the father of the faithful. Nimeusis was, no doubt, a Jew. Many wealthy church members who live shiningly, will be lost. (2) "Have mercy on me." This is the only scriptural instance of a prayer offered to a saint, and it gives poor encouragement to that species of idoltry. We are miserable without the sympathy of others. (3) "Send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue." This was a small request. Strange he did not endeavor to show his punishment was unjust and ask to be released. He probably felt Lazarus was under obligations to him. (4) "I am tormented in this flame." The soul between death and the resurrection is supposed to be in a disembodied sense. Material flame could not touch a spirit. The fires on guilty Sodom seem to have suggested this symbol to denote the punishment of the wicked. The intense pain which fire gives to the flesh is a faint type of the suffering of hell.

3. Abraham's first refusal; he appealed to the rich man's memory. (1) The Past—"Thou in thy life time receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things." God's gifts are not equally divided in this life. Wealth and poverty, health and disease, joy and sorrow, are not possessed by all like. Death will make many changes. Let us labor to have a large amount of those gifts that will produce happiness here and hereafter. (2) The Present—"Now he is comforted and thou art tormented." Some who are highly exalted here will be very low there, and others who are kicked out of the way on earth, will occupy high seats in heaven. There every man will go for what he is worth, not in dollars and cents, but in love, joy, and peace. (3) The Future—(a) "Besides all this." There is something more than the past life, and present condition, to prevent him from granting the request. Abraham was a reasoner. (b) "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed." Hades is divided into Paradise and Gehenna. Immediately after death the good pass into one and the bad into the other. Some think this great gulf is the decree of Jehovah to reward virtue and punish vice. Others say it is the unseen line in the life of every one where probation ceases, and the fixed character begins. This gulf will remain through the forevers. The ingenuity of man can never fill or bridge it. (c) "They which would pass from hence to you cannot." We do not know that those in Paradise will desire to administer to those in Gehenna. But if they do it cannot be. (d) "Neither can they pass to us that would come from thence." It is presumable that those in Gehenna would escape if they could. We know not what keeps them there. Hell is a place of confinement, and of torment. But come away. There is something better for man.

4. The rich man's second request. (1) "Send him to my father's house." What a wonderful faculty is the memory.

How it retains facts. While in torment the scenes of his earthly life swept before him. (2) "I have five brethren." Family ties are great. It is selfishness that makes us desire the salvation of our kindred more than others. (3) "That he may testify unto them." Tell them the soul is immortal; tell them of Paradise and Gehenna, and of their brother's last condition. (4) "Lest they also come into this place of torment." Those who are in hell do not desire others to suffer. In this world misery loves company, and those who have fallen will do what they can to cause others to fall. There are worse men on earth to-day than was this rich man in hell.

5. Abraham's second refusal. They have the writings of Moses, and of the prophets. These teach what Nimeusis now knew by experience. We have in addition the New Testament, the Gospel, and the Holy Spirit. If we hear not these we would not be persuaded though one arose from the dead. When Lazarus was brought back from the grave they sought for him that they might kill him. The resurrection of Jesus did not, at the time, cause many to believe. We are more likely to believe the gospel when preached by men, than when presented by angels or spirits. They, when seen and heard by the ancients fill them with fear and not with love.

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## HOME AND FARM.

## HOW TO SECURE GOOD LAYERS.

The breed that lays in the winter is the one to produce a profit, and this view is held by those who keep a record. An experiment with a flock will show that much depends on the individual characteristics of each member of the flock, and the point is to learn which of the hens are the most profitable. Experiments will also show that in the summer the expenses are much less than in the winter, as the farmer can continue to compare the work of the hens when the weather is favorable with what they have done in the winter, and should also use different foods and endeavor to note the results. Any breed can be improved if close observation is made of the individuals. Many of those who succeed in securing a high average for a large flock owe their success to discarding the hens that failed to keep up with the others, and by breeding only from the best. This is an important part of poultry raising, as the next year's operations will largely depend on the young pullets that were hatched to add to the flock. If every egg used for hatching could be known to have been laid by a hen that has proved herself an extra good layer it would have a wonderful effect on the future usefulness of all. Every inferior hen that is allowed to contribute eggs to those intended for hatching purposes is a menace to the improvement of the flock, and this injury cannot be prevented by adopting some other breed, as the essential safety is to allow no drones. There can be scrubs even among pure breeds if the characteristics of the breeds are not guarded by selection. This is the time when the hatching of the pullets should begin. Every pullet should be sired by a pure-bred male, and its dam should be one of the best hens in the flock.

## FALL PULLETS AS SPRING LAYERS.

(Farm and Fireside.)

A late-hatched pullet sometimes makes an excellent layer in the spring, but it depends upon her breeding how soon she will begin to lay. Some pullets mature at 6 months of age while others require nearly a year to complete their growth. The slow-growing pullets should be hatched early; and as they are usually of the Brahma or Cochon breeds no difficulty is experienced in fixing the proper period for hatching the slow-maturing and quick-growing pullets. Late hatching has its advantages in the fact that late pullets will begin laying in the spring, and they will continue to lay later the next summer and fall, for the reason that they will not molt until nearly all of the early pullets have finished. They therefore fill a gap at a time of the year when the prices of eggs are beginning to increase. If a pullet does not begin to lay before cold weather approaches she will seldom begin before spring. No matter how well the hens and pullets may be kept, the winter season influences them in laying to a certain extent. The fall-hatched pullet may not give promise of paying expenses at present, but she will lay all through the summer.

## POULTRY RAISING IN THE SOUTH.

One of the most inviting fields for the poultry grower at the present time is the South, writes J. H. Davis in American Agriculturist. Cheap feed is a great advantage in the raising of any kind of stock. East Tennessee is peculiarly an agricultural and stock-raising section. The valley there are unexcelled for fertility and no section grows better small grains, raises better live stock, more poultry, or is better adapted for small fruits. Heretofore Georgia has been a cotton-growing State, but since cotton has dropped so low in price farmers have turned their attention to grains, fruits and live stock. The year 1894 was marked by the largest acreage of corn ever grown in the State, and 1895 bids fair to go beyond last year's harvest. Many more hogs and cattle are being raised than usual, while the dairy business, small fruit growing and the poultry industry are "booming."

## TO DESTROY WILD ONIONS.

For destroying this pest to the dairy the Georgia commissioner of agriculture recommends the planting of some crop of superior growth, such as cowpeas or crimson clover, which has a tendency to supersede the onion growth, and to cut this crop before the "buttons" on top of the onions have time to form. By this plan a twofold purpose is accomplished. The onions are prevented from forming

additional roots, and the "buttons" cannot mature to be scattered for another crop. If a cultivated crop is planted, this will also tend to destroy the onions, the roots being plowed up during the course of cultivation, but the process of eradication is necessarily a slow one. When the onions have taken possession of the land it may be some time before their destruction is entirely accomplished.

## THE EARLY PULLETS.

When we allude to early pullets we mean those for next year. If pullets are to be hatched, there is no time to lose. It requires three weeks for the eggs to hatch. The advantage of hatching them early is that it gives them more time for growth, and they escape lice and many other drawbacks that appear in the later flocks. It is, of course, important that the early chicks be given good care; but as the young cockrels can be sent to market as broilers, they will repay for all the labor bestowed. Comfortable quarters should be given the hens and broods, and the chicks should be forced, so as to give them a good start in the beginning. This is a necessity, as March and April are the best months in the year for securing rapid growth and success.—Farm and Fireside.

## BEEF AND POULTRY.

The high price for beef should encourage farmers to raise more fowls. It requires two or three years to produce a steer for market, but only a few months need elapse before a large number of chicks can be marketed. A farmer has always a home market for his poultry on his own table, and he can avoid high prices for beef by substituting poultry in the place for more expensive meats. In this section of the United States there are large cities, as well as small towns, that will take all poultry offered, but the consumption of poultry on the farms should also reduce the supply and increase the profit of those that are shipped away.—Farm and Fireside.

The most serious disorder of fowls is known as cholera. It appears first by a heavy sleepiness and running of the feathers, the fowls sitting as if asleep, with the head drawn down and the feathers standing on end. The droppings are a light yellow color and the bird takes no food. In a few days it is dead. This disease is highly contagious and quite common late in the fall or early winter. There is little use in treatment unless the flock is valuable. Then the sick birds should be kept separately in coops, and given, four times a day, a teaspoonful of the strongest solution of hypo-sulphate of soda. Food is unnecessary, as the fowl will not eat until they begin to recover, the first indication of which is a natural plumage and a return of activity. Then the food may be light for a time, consisting of steamed wheat, with some bran mixed with it. Soft food is recommended until the birds are quite recovered. As the disease is a fever, plenty of cold water may be given. A little brown ginger and powdered sulphate of iron in the food is beneficial. All dead birds must be deeply buried away from the yard.

The question has often been discussed as to whether or not salt is injurious to hogs. It is not injurious if hogs can have access to it all the time, but if they are kept away from it for some time and then allowed to help themselves, disastrous results are liable to follow. We have heard of a case where a couple of nice sows were killed by slop made out of the lard in which salted corn beef and cabbage were boiled. It is a good idea to place rock salt where they can have access to it all the time.

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## A Leeds Woman Who Astonished Her Friends and Neighbors.

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(From the Journal, Lewiston, Me.)

A bright little woman, rosy and fresh from her household duties, dropped into a chair before the writer and talked with enthusiasm shining in her snapping, black eyes.

The people in the pretty village of Leeds Centre, Me., have watched with some interest the restoration to complete health of Mrs. W. L. Francis, wife of the postmaster. So general were the comments on this interesting case that the writer who visited Mrs. Francis and learned from her that the statements regarding her troubles and her subsequent extrication therefrom are entirely true. All of her neighbors know what has been the agency that has performed this cure, but that others may be benefited by her experience, Mrs. Francis has consented to allow her story to appear in print.

"If there is anything on earth I dread more than another," she said, "it is to see my name in the papers. But in this case I conquer my repugnance and give publicly the same credit to the savior of my life as I would to one who had dragged me from a death beneath the waves. In fact, I have extolled my preserver so enthusiastically and unreservedly; have sought out sufferers and recommended the remedy to so many friends and acquaintances that already my neighbors jocularly call me, 'Pink Pills Francis.' But really, my recovery is something that I consider wonderful. I know that there are so many testimonials of medicine in the papers now-a-days that people do not pay as much heed as formerly, but I do wish folks who are suffering would remember that what I say comes right from the heart of a woman who feels that she had a new lease of happy life given her.

"Eleven years ago I was afflicted with nervous prostration. My existence until two years ago was one of dragging misery. Anyone in the village will tell you of my condition. My blood seemed exhausted from my veins and month after month I grew weaker. I was able to undertake only the lightest household work, and even then I could perform it only by slow and careful movements. During all of these sorry months and years I was under the care and of this doctor and that, but their medicines helped me only spasmodically, and then I fell into relapses more prostrating than ever.

"In the night I used to be awakened by the most excruciating pains in my heart and side, and was obliged to use pellets of powerful medicine that the doctor gave me for relief in such attacks. At last my condition became so grave that I went out only infrequently. We live up stairs, you notice, over my husband's store, and in descending the stairway I frequently was obliged to sort of fall and slide over the steps in order to descend, such was the strain on my system resulting from even this slight exertion. Occasionally I visited the neighbors, but I was obliged to sit and rest to recover breath while ascending any elevation. In short, it did not seem that I could live, such was my complete physical prostration.

One day I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and although my faith in remedies was weak by that time, I sent for a box and tried them. That was two years ago. Now I call myself a well woman. Isn't it wonderful?

"I haven't had one of those excruciating pains in the heart for a year and a half. Why, even the first box of pills helped me. I can walk miles now; can do my work easily; have gained in weight constantly, and you would scarcely believe it, but a little while ago I was examined for endowment life insurance and was accepted unhesitatingly after a careful examination by the physician.

"Do you wonder that I am shouting 'Pink Pills' all through our village, I haven't taken any of the remedy for some months for it has completely built me up, but at the first sign of trouble I know to what refuge to flee.

"Last year my aunt, Mrs. M. A. Blossom, of Dixfield, P. O., was here visiting me. She was suffering from lack of

vitality and heart trouble, but she was skeptical about my remedy that I was so enthusiastically advocating. At last, however, she tried and carried some home with her when she went. A little while ago I received a letter from her and in it said: 'I am cured, thanks to God and Pink Pills.' She also wrote that her husband had been prostrated but had been restored by the remedy.

"We feel up this way that such a sovereign cure cannot be too widely known. That is the only reason why I allow my name to be used in this connection. I know also that by personally recommending them I have helped many of my friends back to health, for I never let an opportunity pass when a word of counsel may direct to some one."

One of the persons to whom Mrs. Francis recommended Pink Pills is station agent, C. H. Foster, of Leeds Centre, and the reporter found him patrolling the platform awaiting the arrival of the morning train. Mr. Foster, who is one of the most trustworthy, capable and energetic men in the employ of the Maine Central railroad, appeared in unusually good health and spirits and we made inquiry as to the cause.

"Do you know," replied he, "I think I've made a discovery, or at least Mrs. Francis has for me. I have been in poor health for a long time with a heart trouble variously complicated. We have been so fully interested in Mrs. Francis' wonderful recovery that I at once determined to give the medicine recommended a thorough test. So, about two months ago, I bought the first box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Only two months, please note, yet already I am so much improved, so much better able to fulfil my duties, so sanguine that I am on the road to recovery, that I feel like a new man.

"I can now walk without the fatigue I once experienced, my heart affection appears to be relieved, and I have joined the Pink Pills Band in our community.

Mr. Foster commenced taking the pills at a time when he was completely prostrated, after he had suffered such a severe attack of heart trouble that it was necessary to carry him home from his office. Since then he has faithfully adhered to the remedy and is constantly improving, so much so as to excite his enthusiasm and his gratitude.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

## What Good Judges Say About the Children's Day Programme.

"I am greatly pleased with the programme for Children's Day. Like all its predecessors, it promises a rich repast. I doubt not that in this single feature you are doing one of the most important services to the church.—R. S. Foster."

"I congratulate you on your programme for Children's Day. It is strong and attractive. If the people don't sing it and sing all the money out of the pockets of the millions, it will not be because of any want of attractive features in the programme.—John F. Hurst."

"I have carefully examined your programme for Children's Day and am delighted with it. I trust a million copies may be called for and five millions of our people share in the service. Surely if ever there was a time when 'Crusaders' for purity, truth, temperance, righteousness and salvation were needed, this is the time your programme calls all loyal souls, whether young or old, to rally round the cross and under the banner of the all-conquering captain march to the conquest of this world.—W. F. Mallieu."

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## SYMPATHY AND MUTUAL LOVE.

Blest be the tie that binds,  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives  
Our courage by the way;  
While each in expectation lives,  
And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

How few people learn and practice the happy virtue of forgiving. Offenses will come. There will in the very nature of things be much and great provocation. Yet these offenses and provocations must be met, borne with and overcome by the meekness and strength of Christian character. The offense must be overlooked and, what is more, the offender must be forgiven.

A forgiving spirit must be cultivated. There can be no real growth in grace where the heart is closed against a brother's plea for forgiveness. "For if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you."

We have heard the remark, "I'll never forgive," or "I can forgive but never forget." These remarks indicate a morbid condition of the affections and which will, if persisted in, bring upon the soul the awful condemnation of God.

Our blessed Saviour emphasized the necessity of a forgiving spirit in His remarkable sermon on the mount. Such divine utterances are worthy of our highest attention. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven."

Human instincts and passions and prejudices call for vengeance and vindication. Bad hearted people are disposed to nurse the supposed offenses, which grow larger as they think of their wounded feelings and dignity. How unchristian-like! Jesus says, "Take heed to yourselves." Be on your guard; do not allow this insidious enemy to lead you astray. "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him." Refusing to forgive those who may happen to trespass upon you, you thereby become an offender of whom the Master saith, "It were better that a millstone be hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea than that he should offend one of these little ones."

Oh, the blessed communion of saints, the glorious privilege of mingling with those who speak by, meet the language of Canaan, and who are

"Of one heart and mind,  
Courteous, pitiful and kind.  
Lowly, meek in thought and word,  
Altogether like our Lord."

Sons and daughters of peace, with common aims, and hopes; of like precious faith. How blessed the moments of association with such royal souls. The class meetings, love feasts, and this very helpful communion. They are es-

and strengthening to those who are weak, and afford special comfort to those upon whom the burdens and cares of life seem to rest the more heavily.

"Blest is the pious house,  
Where zeal and friendship meet.  
Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,  
Make their communion sweet."

We often hear of people being in "doubting castle," and as frequently pleading their weakness of faith, and unfavorable environments, as the reason why they are not more joyous, and cheerful in the service of the Lord.

To be in "doubting castle," so called, is to doubt God's willingness and ability to help and to save. A weak, sickly, vacillating faith is but a shade better than downright unbelief. The terms are absolute. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." No better guarantee this side of heaven could be given. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," should inspire the liveliest faith. If we would please God we must believe in the son, "by whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Having these assurances, let us away with doubts and bitter repinings. Never mind the enemies and the unfavorable surroundings; rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

From a dispatch to the Associated Press we learn that Dr. D. S. Monroe, secretary of the last General Conference, reports the vote on the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as follows: For the amendment, 6,937; against the amendment, 2,187. This gives the required three-fourths vote, with 375 to spare. Reports from the East Maine, Kentucky and North Dakota Conferences will not materially affect the result.

Rev. E. Blair, "Father Blair," as he is popularly called, is a superannuated member of the Texas Conference. He has been faithful in his work, and now awaits the crossing. In a recent note he says: "I am almost home and am standing in the midst of angels." Verily, "the faith of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more until the perfect day."

The name of Rev. Joseph Small was inadvertently omitted from the Lexington Conference pledge list. We are glad to insert his name as one of our most efficient workers.

Rev. Arnold T. Needham, D. D., presiding elder Sacramento district of the California Conference, and delegate to the General Conference, spent one or two days of last week in the city en route to Cleveland. The doctor was a welcome visitor.

Dr. John Coyle, presiding elder of the San Francisco district of the California Conference, also delegate to the General Conference, was in our city on the 19th to 22nd, en route to Cleveland. He was a welcome visitor.

President Charles J. Little had charge of an enthusiastic missionary meeting at Garrett Biblical Institute yesterday afternoon. It was a special consecrative service, called to consider the present missionary crisis in India, whereby because of financial stringency, the names of many active missionaries have been stricken from the pay rolls of the missionary society. Twenty-one members of the India conferences, who are home on furloughs have also been notified that there is now none in the treasury with which to send them back. At yesterday's meeting the missionary society of the institute drafted resolutions which set forth the needs of the hour in the missionary world and called upon the missionary

bands in all the higher educational institutions of Methodism to observe a day of prayer for the consideration of the matter. The appeal was signed by J. R. Denyes, president of the society; L. F. Abernathy, S. A. Smith, M. O. Billings, and W. A. Shaw. At Garrett and Northwestern University together there are fifty students who expect to go to foreign mission fields. —Inter-Ocean, April 2.

## THE "SOUTHWESTERN" AMONG OUR EDUCATORS.

The following letter from the president of Rust University will be read with interest by the increasing friends of the paper:

"Dear Dr. Hammond:—Enclosed find cash for five yearly subscribers. Please send the Southwestern to the enclosed addresses. I hope the persons receiving the paper will be blessed as I feel blessed in placing so good a paper within their reach. May God bless you in your noble efforts. Yours truly,

"C. E. Libby, Holly Springs, Miss."

## "CHILDREN'S DAY" PROGRAMME.

Everybody says it is the best issued yet. Last year about 800,000 were sold. This year we want to reach a full million. If we all make an effort in that line we can get this programme into about every Sunday school in Methodism and be doing great service to all the Sunday schools of the church. We shall succeed best by pulling together and by all uniting to promote our connectional interests. Unless thousands of the best ministers in the church are in error, it is a grave mistake for any of our Methodist ministers to throw away Children's Day with its great opportunities by using cheap programmes prepared by outsiders without aim or unity or excellence of any kind.

## THE RACE ADVANCING.

The exercises attending the twenty-sixth annual commencement of the Medical College of Indiana were unusually interesting. Especially so to quite a large number of colored citizens of the city of Indianapolis, and the state as well. One of the graduates, Mrs. Beulah Wright Porter, being a woman of color, and an able representative of the race.

The Indianapolis News speaking of the event, has the following appreciative notice.

"Among the graduates was Beulah Wright Porter, a colored woman, twenty-nine years old. She is the wife of Jefferson D. Porter, a mail carrier. She began the study of medicine under difficulties, and has completed the course with distinction. Her grades rank among the highest in the class, and her acquaintances say that she is fitted by education and disposition to do much for her race."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Young men who are teaching in any colored schools in any part of the South will hear of something very much to their advantage by corresponding with the editor of this paper.

Will the pastors call the attention of teachers to this notice? REV. E. W. S. HAMMOND,  
Editor of Southwestern.

631 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

Following Christ brings some uphill climbs, but victory and holy joys await us at the top; crosses then will turn into shining crowns. Coming to Christ must not end with the coming; it is those who follow His leading and endure to the end who will be saved. "Abide in Me, and ye shall bear much fruit;" and that is the one sure way to be delivered from the curse and infamy of a barren life.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## DRINK AND DRUNKARDS.

It is a great work to save a drunkard. It is worth a life-effort to lift a man from degradation. It is worth a mighty sacrifice to raise a man, and to enable him to stand, as a man, free from debasements and fetters, but to prevent his fall is much better. The object we seek to accomplish is to stir up the people, to do something against the cause of intemperance. That terrible cause of drinking strong drinks! God never gave a man an imagination powerful enough to conceive, or eloquence sufficient to illustrate it, that it could be understood. No man intends to become a drunkard, when he begins to drink strong drinks. No man starts with the intention of ruining himself both body and soul, and bring disgrace upon his family. But the fearful influence of the drink is made manifest, by the way in which men go down the fatal road inch by inch. An old divine once said: "I care but little where the bark of my flesh is wrecked, if I can but save the passengers." But strong drinks wrecks the bark, drowns the passengers, degrades everything that is grand and noble and destroys both soul and body. Whenever I see a drunkard with debauched countenance, with his intellectual nature presenting the appearance of a devil, and his animal nature becoming as a beast, then I pray God to give me an increasing and everlasting hatred for all drinks that could degrade and sink man into the horrible state of drunkenness. There is no power on earth that will make a man or woman as wretched as strong drink. God created man in His own image. Man by nature walks erect, and he is crown lord of creation. What tears his crown from his brow, and degrades him? Strong drinks does it. What hangs you trembling wretch on the gallows? Strong drinks does it. It is true that drunkards bring the curse upon themselves, but we must help them. What would have become of man if Jesus judged like man? What a miserable picture the world presents to God! But, oh! he manifested his love for us, for when we were yet sinners, He died for our sins.

Oh, look at the foot of the hill; who is that toiling beneath the burden of the cross, the crown of thorns piercing His temple, and the drops of blood streaming down His face? Behold Him there lifted between heaven and earth, between two thieves nailed to the tree. No, not a moan, not a groan, not one cry but this, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me? For what? For us who brought judgment on ourselves for our transgressions of the law. Oh, the drunkard is a man; he is our brother and we must help him. G. W. Patton, Montgomery City, Mo., Central Missouri Conference.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT NOTES

The outlook for the year is encouraging and the brethren seem hopeful of advances in many departments of church work.

Bro. C. C. Wright promises that things must move forward at Lettsworth and Union. Melville and Summer Chapel are delighted with the services of Bro. H. A. McClellan and his accomplished young wife. Preparations are being made to build a church at Melville. The people on the mission circuit are much pleased with Bro. A. G. Davis, as pastor. Bro. I. R. Scott is a good fit at Rosedale. He and the officers are planning for big things. The church must be repaired and painted, they say.

Our people at Plaquemine are rejoiced over the work of Bro. E. C. Goins. He looks after every interest of the church.

Bro. M. J. Dyer and his little band at Bayou Goula, are naturally pleased with each other and are counting on a good year's work.

Merrill Chapel is doing better than formerly, and Bro. Bedford Carr says there are some good surprises ahead for us.

No man has been more beloved and none have advanced the work at New Roads more than Bro. C. E. Bradford. Our church at Slaughter has greatly prospered under the pastorate of Bro. H. A. Sorrell. The membership has more than doubled and it is destined to become one of the best in the district.

St. Paul and Vincent Chapels are doing well under the pastorate of their young and vigorous pastor, Bro. R. C. Worsham.

Bro. J. H. Craig and his people at Rylander Chapel, are greatly in love with each other.

It was a pleasure to meet Bro. Wm. Emmett. He had not only expects to

do more at St. Peter this year, but is planning to have another church built in a good locality by the second quarter.

Macedonia is looking up under the inspiring pastorate of Bro. Emerson Hutchison. He delights in the Sunday school work.

Bro. J. H. Rylander is ever faithful, and was at his post doing good service. He takes great interest in the young people.

The church at Jackson is in good hands. Bro. G. A. Payne and his efficient wife, are lovers of and ardent workers in Sunday school and Epworth League departments of the church. They are preparing to make the district conference the best of any yet.

Bro. C. A. Spears has bought land at Norwood and a new church is to be built soon. He is greatly encouraged.

Wesley and Asbury are moving right along with Bro. A. J. Proctor as pastor. The debt on the latter will soon be paid, if the brethren keep the pledge made at the first quarterly conference.

Bro. J. O. Richards takes well at Clinton. His people know how to appreciate good services. The future is bright and propitious, and he and his devoted wife are happy in their work. She teaches school while he preaches the Gospel.

Baker and Plank Roads have a future. Bro. D. Harrison is trying to secure land nearer the railroad. This done, and we will have a good work here.

Bro. A. Luster is doing better than was expected at Priestly Chapel and Jones Creek. He is pushing right along and there is no telling what good may be done at this hard point.

Bro. Samuel Green has bought land at Plain View and began to put lumber on the ground for a new church; this being a better place than the Brandon settlement.

The Stony Point Circuit is well satisfied with Bro. C. M. Angram as pastor. The outlook is good and both pastor and people are happy.

The people of Conrad were glad of the return of Bro. B. J. Reddix, and there is no doubt there will be improvement in the work, for any charge will be blessed with such a pastor.

Bro. M. P. Franklin has things well in hand at Port Allen and Brusly. He keeps full of sunshine, and is about to organize a new church up the river.

What was St. Mark, in Baton Rouge, is no more. It has been demolished by a cyclone. But Bro. H. Daniels, the pastor, is of faith and relies on the promises of Him who cannot fail. Plans are already on foot to rebuild in a better locality. The people are aroused and the prospect for a new church is bright.

Bro. A. Moore and the people at Wesley Chapel seem to be working well together, and the pastor is cheerful and full of hope for a good year's work.

The work at the Albert Chapel, Bro. J. D. Pool, pastor, is still in good condition. The quarterly meeting happened on Easter Sunday, and with an overflowing congregation, we had a great time. We are greatly encouraged with the promise of the best year's work ever had on the district.

NO SAFER OR MORE EFFICACIOUS REMEDY can be had for Coughs or any trouble of the throat than "Brown's Bronchial Troches."

## GENERAL CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION.

For several months the committee have been trying to arrange with all the various railway associations for special half-fare from all points to General Conference at Cleveland, O., and return.

The Central Passenger Association has granted one fare for round trip tickets to be sold April 29, 30, May 1 and 2. The return coupons to be deposited at once with special railway agent at the General Conference building and to be used not later than June 2, 1896. They will also run excursion trains to Cleveland and return, within a radius of 200 miles, at one first-class fare, May 15, 22, and 29, good for three days.

The Trunk Line Association, East, and the Western Passenger Association, including the transcontinental lines, have guaranteed one and one-third fare for round trip on the certificate plan. The certificate must be obtained of ticket agent at starting point, and deposited with the special railway agent at Cleveland, which, when properly indorsed, will secure the one third fare returning.

All tickets limited to continuous passage each way, and to return by same route. Wherever possible to secure Clerical half fare permits they will give the holder more freedom of time and movement. More detailed information will be sent, to each delegate. Richard Dymond, 240 East street, Cincinnati, O.



## "Plain, but athletic."

(After sketch in New York Truth.) Evidently the picture of a woman cleaning house for the first time with Pearlina. She finds that what has always been the hardest kind of hard work is now comparatively easy, pleasant, quickly done—and in her joy and enthusiasm and high spirits, she kicks up her heels.

Probably this is an extreme case. Still, it may be there are numbers

of women who, when they clean house first with Pearlina, manifest their pleasure in the same way. You don't

hear of it, though. They simply tell you that in all their lives the work of house-cleaning has never been so light, so satisfactory, so soon over, so thoroughly well done.

Send it Back Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearlina." IT'S FALSE—Pearlina is never peddled, and if your grocer sends you something in place of Pearlina, be honest—send it back. JAMES PYLE, New York.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

On March 27th, R. H. Johnson was married to Miss Mary Ella Beunett. G. J. Johnson officiating.

Enterprise, Miss.—Mr. John Taylor to Miss Plucky Beavly. N. Tools officiated.

Opolousas, La.—On April 8th, Mr. Joseph Cunningham and Miss Elena Roberts. Mr. George Camp and Miss Sarah Chances. David McDougal and Miss Virginia Brown. E. B. Richards officiated.

Union Grove, Miss.—On March 19, E. J. Jackson to Miss Harriet Mosley. On March 26 Prof. Dennis U. Cooper to Miss Josie Young. W. H. Whitlock officiating.

On March 19th, Mr. Randall Stephens to Miss Ella Johnson. T. Jenkins, officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Free, Wis.—Lydia Biddle, member of Lynch's Chapel, died in full triumph of faith, aged 83 years. She left three sons and two daughters to mourn her loss. Also, Lucy Biddle, a faithful member of Green Grove church, died in full triumph of faith, on Feb. 22d, at the age of 18 years. Also, Maria Winkles, a faithful member of Lynch's Chapel, departed this life in peace March 5th, saying to those who were standing around her that she was going to live with Jesus forever. Her age was 76 years. Also Green McDonald, a faithful member of the church, departed this life March 5th, in full view of Heaven. M. White, P. C.

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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Brookhaven District

Second Round. May  
Hatchett st. .... 23 Georgetown.....4, 10  
Bowtown.....16 17 Kennolia ..... 2, 24  
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June  
Crystal Springs.....6, 7 Columbia .....6, 7  
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## Ohio District.

First Round. May  
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## Alexandria District.

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June  
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July  
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## Holly Springs District.

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Hernando.....27, 28 water.....22, 23  
W. P. McDonald, P. E.

## Greenville District.

Second Round. April  
Indiana.....23, 26  
May  
Bald.....2, 3 Greenville.....9, 10  
Tunica.....12, 13 Lula.....14, 17  
Jonestown.....16, 17 Hem.....23, 24  
Clarkdale.....30, 31  
June  
Itabena.....6, 7 Webb.....13, 14  
Moond Bayou.....19, 20 Sholly.....29, 21  
Benoit.....27, 28 Kinksville.....27, 28  
July  
Arcola.....4, 5 Itabena circuit 11, 12  
J. W. Davis, P. E.

## Gainesville District.

Second Round. May  
Edwardsville.....2, 3 Duluth.....9, 10  
Suwanee.....16, 17 Lawrenceville.....21, 24  
Liberton.....30, 31 Elberton circuit.....30, 31  
June  
Lavonia.....6, 7 Gainesville.....12, 14  
Giles Hill.....13, 14 Centre Side.....20, 21  
Harmony Grove.....20, 21 Decatur.....27, 28  
Hoschtos.....27, 28  
July  
Marlette.....4, 5  
J. C. Hunt, P. E.

## Montgomery District.

Second Round. May  
Warren Street.....1, 3 Wesley & Theod.....8, 10  
St. James Mission.....16, 17 Pensacola.....23, 24  
Brewton and Polard.....30, 31  
June  
Castleberry.....6, 7 Evergreen.....17, 14  
Mt. Sterling.....20, 21 Tonsaw.....27, 28  
July  
Troy.....4, 5 Prattville & Harda.....11, 12  
Union Springs.....18, 19 way.....25, 23  
Brown's Grove and Aburfall.....25, 23  
E. M. Jones, P. E.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, of Greenwood, Miss., writes: Easter was a grand day here. The church was nicely decorated by a committee of young ladies, consisting of Misses Anna Dotson, Adlenia Lackey, Clandy Weed and Gurtne Weed. The programme was carried out almost in full. Mr. G. H. Hubbard, the efficient superintendent, managed the services grandly. Mrs. Eugene Scott performed at the organ. Collection for the day was \$60.00. Four subscribers were secured for the Southwestern.—B. F. Woolfolk, P. C.

Rev. J. E. Watkins, of Mt. Donough, says: Easter was a grand day here. The programme was carried out by the superintendent, Miss Nannie Graves. Mrs. J. E. Watkins and others; collection \$30.00.

At Hurst Chapel, Plaquemine, La., is prospering; Rev. E. C. Goins is pastor. So writes R. B. Jackson.

Rev. G. W. Smith, of Hansboro, Miss., writes: We have had a grand time both spiritually and financially; our first quarterly conference was held by Rev. D. Shumbert. Collection up to date, \$210.18. A surprise had by Prof. J. W. Randolph was tendered us, for which we feel very grateful.

Rev. S. E. Ewing, of Lasater, Tex., writes: Quarterly conference was held February 20-March 1, by Rev. W. H. Logan, P. E. We had a grand time; a goodly number commended. Collection for all purposes \$14.45.

The people of Lasater gave us a grand surprise by bringing many good things. Marriage—Charley Crawford to Miss Selah Chatman, March 5th., Rev. S. E. Ewing officiating.—S. E. Ewing.

Sunda School Superintendent Humphrey, of Kendleton, Tex., says: Our Easter services were carried out with the programme; we had a grand time. Collection \$2.50. We have a fine Sunday school at this place; we are keeping up with the times. Our pastor is a good worker in the Sunday school; he is wide awake in the work. We closed the Easter services with a love feast and sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. Janes.

Ocean Springs, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held March 31st. Presiding Elder Shumbert was on time and a goodly number of brethren reports quarterly collections \$38.59 for the pastor; \$9.50 for the elder. The presiding elder urged the brethren to subscribe for the Southwestern. A goodly number of brothers and sisters came last night with many good things. The meeting was conducted by Bro. W. M. Johnson and Sister Ann McNair and others for which we are thankful.—Rev. W. McNiel, P. C.

The Rev. F. G. Wilbon, of Winter City, Miss., says: My first quarterly conference was held March 21-22, with Rev. W. Musk, P. E., in the chair. Reports from all concerned showed marked success along all lines of church work; church and Sunday schools in good condition; occasions 14; amount received for all purposes \$120.00; 101 commended on Sunday. Pray for our success.

At Lake Charles, La.—Sunday, March 20th, was a high day for Wanan Chapel, M. E. Church. Achills Lodge No. 10, K. of P., of Lake Charles, turned out in full uniform. The sermon was preached at 3 o'clock. They made a fine appearance; and, also Rev. S. E. H. Morant, the presiding elder, was on time and preached a powerful sermon at night. Our first quarter was held Monday night, and also a love feast, and the spirit moved in our midst and all was well. The reports was in order and showed improvements on all lines; collections during the quarter \$18.20. T. Larkin is pastor.

We have just painted our church and the work is grand. My quarterly conference was held by Bro. W. McDonald, March 27. We had a good time Friday and Sunday; the spirit of the Lord was felt in the hearts of many; collections for the day \$14.75, and one subscription for the Southwestern.—P. S. Bowie, pastor, of Sardis, Miss.

Aberdeen, Miss.—A letter from Rev. W. H. Whitlock saying: The quarterly conference of Union Grove was held March 28th and 29th, at Pleasant Valley Church, Rev. P. O. Jameson, P. E., was present for the first time since he was appointed to the district. The brethren were overjoyed to meet him, and praised God that He had restored

him to health. He is laboring very hard to bring the Tupelo District up to the very highest standard. He preached two sermons on Sunday. We administered the Sacrament to 185; collected \$20.00; this paid the elder in full. We are fully alive along all lines. The Southwestern is given the right of way on the main line.

Enterprise, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held April 4th and 5th, with Rev. A. M. Trotter, P. E., in the chair. The reports indicated that the collection was in good condition; 110 communion at the Lord's Table. We raised in the quarter \$27.00; for presiding elder \$17.50; missions \$3.50; on pastor's salary \$6.50. We have planned for a good year's work and my Easter collection was \$3.50. So writes N. Looch, P. C.

Rev. T. Larkin, of Lake Charles, La., says: The programme of the Children's Easter Missionary service was carried out in full. Bro. Jesse Huston had things nicely arranged. Mrs. E. Holmes was organist. In addition Miss S. M. Shaw read an able paper on Temperance, and also Miss A. V. Shaw read one on True Womanhood. Rev. Smith, P. E., of the C. M. E. Church, made an able address on the improvement of the negro race. The good old S. W. C. A. is not forgotten; look out for some cash subscribers.—T. Larkins.

A letter from J. C. Hibbler, of Jackson, Miss., says: Our Easter exercises were quite a success. Under the direction of our efficient organist, Miss Sallie Rather, the church was becomingly decorated, and the anthem by the choir, in connection with the music of the programme was superb. Sunday school classes made their offerings as follows: Miss Sallie Rather's, \$18.65; Miss Ella Patton's, \$9.00; s. Mary Richardson's, \$4.60; Mrs. Jennie Walker's \$4.20; Mr. R. D. Pickett's, \$4.15; Mr. W. H. Sattons, \$2.25; the pastor's, \$11.55; Miss Carrie Mitchehell's 20c; Mrs. M. F. Wilson's, \$4.77; table collection 63c. Total \$60.00. At night we preached on the resurrection. March went out in a storm with very pleasant results at the parsonage. Our work here is in good condition.

Our Easter services were grand. The church was filled to overflowing. Mrs. Carrie Porter, our efficient superintendent, deserves much credit for the ability with which she leads the children in the Sunday school. Collection \$8.00. We have fixed Sunday, April 19th, as Southwestern Christian Advocate Day. So writes W. M. J. Price, pastor, Alexandria charge.

Easter service was observed in full at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Moss Point, Miss. Collection \$40.00.—A. Davis, P. C.

Starkville Circuit.—We are succeeding grandly on this circuit. The officers and members read resolutions before the church expressing their gratitude because of the writer's return as their pastor. Some time since a surprise was tendered us, friends leaving many pounds and dry goods as a token of their regards. Easter was a success; we administered the Lord's Supper to 150 souls; four united with the church, and \$20.00 was raised. So writes J. M. Thompson.

A letter from Rev. J. M. Dudley, at Holy Grove, Miss., M. E. Church says: The time was short for preparations, but under the skillful management of Mrs. M. J. Blake the programme was carried out. Those participating made quite an impression on the large audience. Sater day is being looked after with much interest by our people at large in this place. The mothers and fathers listened attentively to every word spoken. We have a pastor known in person as Rev. N. N. Sidney. This is his first year at this place, but he seems to be winning his way to the hearts of the people. He spoke briefly of our grand old church. Collections for the day \$23.90; for benevolence \$17.90; pastor \$6.00.

Please publish my second quarterly conference which was held April 4th and 5th. Rev. W. E. Mask, P. E. presided. Reports show success; one subscriber for the Southwestern Christian Advocate; collection \$12.20; 96 partook of the Lord's Supper. So writes H. Y. Saulter, Goodman, Miss.

A letter from West Point, Miss., saying Easter was observed in the grandest style, programme carried out in full, a crowded church, good singing and a splendid collection of \$20.54.—J. W. Wimbush, P. C.

P. W. Baldwin, of Carthage, Miss., writes: My first quarterly conference was held March 21-22. Rev. J. C. Houston, P. E., preached two able sermons and administered the Sacrament to a goodly number. Reports showed the circuit to be in fair condition. We are to make this a year of success in church work, etc. Collection \$20.50; paid presiding elder \$15.00.

Plaquemine, La.—Hurst Chapel, M. E. Church; the Easter Sabbath was a grand one and was carried out according to the programme. The church was beautifully decorated. Little Ida Goins is organist. Collection \$11.95.—Rev. E. C. Goins, P. C.

Birmingham, Ala.—Enon M. E. Church. Our Easter service was grand; we used the programme with much success. Missionary collection \$7.00. So writes B. G. Smith, Pastor.

St. Paul M. E. Church of Texarkana made Easter a grand day. The church was tastefully decorated. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Mattie Burns, Misses L. A. Bryant and Lizzie Holloway led the work. Collection \$51.40. So writes W. Hartley Jackson, Pastor.

Elliott, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held March 21st, with Rev. W. McDonald, P. E., in the chair. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. The elder preached a large and attentive audience on Sunday, after which a goodly number bowed at the Communion table. The collection during the quarter was \$21.45. The grand old Southwestern was not forgotten; we secured several names who assure us that they will take it forthwith.—G. J. Dobson, P. C.

L. J. Hogan, of Wallisville, Tex., writes: We had a grand time on Easter Sabbath. The Sabbath school met early headed by the superintendent, to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior; everything was carried out to the letter. Collection for the day \$24.55.

Vicksburg, Miss.—"Observances of Easter," was a success; programme successfully rendered. Collection during the day \$50.00. Fraternally, Wm. Mc Morris.

S. D. Troupe, of College Hall, writes: Easter Sunday was a grand day on this work. The programme was carried out to the letter at all the churches. Our singing, led by Miss Rosa E. Wilson and Mrs. Haze, will never be forgotten. W. E. Isaiah and J. A. Slate rendered good services, which made the occasion grand. Collection \$16.00.

Wm. Bell, of Cranford, Miss., writes: Easter was celebrated at this place for the first time in its history. It was a day of great joy; many speeches and addresses and essays were delivered. Our collection for the day was \$11.25.

Rosedale, La.—Easter Sunday was a grand day at Hartzell Chapel, in the estimation of the church and Sunday school. The programme was carried out according to direction. Collection during the day was \$16.75. I. R. Scott is the pastor.

Maysfield and Port Sullivan.—Rev. H. Swann, P. E., was in the chair, also preached Sunday. Collection for the elder \$10.55; for the pastor \$30. 65; for mission \$3. 85. Total amount \$54.05; 53 commended. Our motto is "success." So writes Tena Livingston.

E. E. Kirly, P. C., of Griffin, Ga., says: Easter passed off as never before. Dr. I. C. Murry, of Gannon school of Theology preached the sermon Sunday on the resurrection of Christ. Dr. I. C. Murray and our elder, J. P. Wragg, assisted in giving communion to 109 at 3 o'clock. Prof. I. L. Bagger, Sunday school superintendent, showed himself worthy as Sunday school superintendent. Collection \$20.55.

W. M. Lester, of Bellfontaine, Miss., says: My quarterly meeting was held March 28-29th, with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., in the chair. Sunday was a grand day; souls were made to rejoice. Collection \$11.50.

Sunday was a glorious day with us at our first quarterly conference with our presiding elder. At 11 o'clock the elder preached, after which the Lord's Supper was taken by thirty-two. At 3 o'clock the Sunday school assembled; notwithstanding the hard time, we were divided in classes. So writes Bro. J. H. McNeill.

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**"CANCELED BY REASON OF A BLACK SKIN."**

From certain press dispatches, the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is reported to have voted adversely on a recommendation that the ensuing General Conference elect a colored man as bishop. In the reported discussion, a great many things unfavorable to the colored people were said by several of those who participated in the discussion. We took the reports with the usual allowance, notwithstanding some of our Southern papers gleefully commented upon the statements first sent over the wires, and rather applauded what they considered a resentment on the part of our great Eastern Conference of what is popularly called in these parts "Negro domination." Indeed, some of them were disposed to charge the Negro's friends in the Conference with "stirring up the color line," etc.

Taking even the more charitable view of the statements, we were somewhat surprised that the question of the election of a colored bishop should engross the attention or reach the discussion stage of the staid old New York Conference. But, since the question has been going the rounds, and is giving evidence of a yet more vigorous perambulation among its friends and others, the New York Conference is to be congratulated on having so mild a time with this much vexed question. The sainted fathers and not a few of the sainted mothers of many of the brethren composing this august body of Methodist preachers are upon record as favoring the social, moral and intellectual advancement of their brethren and sisters in black. They did discuss this question; if not the Episcopal phase of it, they nevertheless favored their investment with all the dignities, rights and privileges to which they were entitled under a common bond of Christian fellowship. We would remind all who are disposed to discuss this ever recurring question, that the people directly interested have no fears as to the result when it is discussed upon its merits. It certainly seems reasonable that a question involving, as it does, so much that is vital to the social, moral, domestic and spiritual welfare of such a respectable number of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church should have earnest and faithful advocates. It is equally reasonable to expect that much more progress should be made toward a final and satisfactory adjustment of the relationship involved.

We are not surprised that there is opposition to the election of a colored bishop, notwithstanding the unanimity with which conferences and other bodies adopt the declaration of the General Conferences, that "color is no bar to membership or office in the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Reports from various Eastern journals show that during the discussion before the New York Conference, Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., the only colored member of that body, and a very creditable representative of the colored membership in the church, ably and earnestly presented our case in equity, securing the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we declare that merit, fitness and character shall be the qualities upon which preferment shall be predicated, rather than the accidental and incidental matter of race and color."

"Resolved, That we again reiterate the declaration so clearly expressed by the General Conference of our church that color is no bar to membership or office in the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Now, the doctor is to be congratulated on his success in securing the adoption of these resolutions. It should not be forgotten, however, that there is a vast difference of opinion as to the interpretation put upon such resolutions. The "merit, fitness and character" and "color no bar" arguments have been amazingly and amusingly used at times against the colored brethren who aspire to the highest office in the gift of the church. The colored brother has been in the church for more than a century. He has been in

sympathy with every movement looking toward the salvation of men. As a slave, his fidelity to all her interests was remarkable. His power of assimilating the doctrines and polity and spirit of Methodism was one of the marvels of the times. As a freeman, he has grown with the growth of the church, entered into its spirit and sentiment. As a Christian, he is strong, enthusiastic, positive. As a promoter of righteousness and a possessor of the salient traits which go to make up the sum of Christian manhood, he compares favorably with others having the same advantages of training and of moral and ethical culture.

We are about ready to believe that a fair and honorable study of the history of the colored man in the church, even during ante-bellum days, and since that time to this day of our Lord, will inevitably lead to the discovery that he has "merit, fitness and character" enough to justify the outlay of the church's most unlimited confidence.

Some of our good brethren who are the molders of opinion are usually conservative on this point and are disposed to make concessions slowly, as in the case of the admission of lay delegates to the General Conference, also the admission of women to membership in our highest tribunal. But the laymen were admitted and we trust the women will be also without a cloud upon their right to admission.

This question ante-dates them all. The one almost unsurmountable obstacle is that of mere pigment. It would be a gracious act on the part of the sons of Wesley if they would rise above every mere subterfuge and settle this question at once and for ever.

Commenting upon the action of the New York Conference on the DeLull resolution, the staunch and always consistent friend of the black man, the Western Christian Advocate, says: "But we all know that color, if it be black, is a bar to the Episcopal office, and that though 'merit, fitness and character' of standard grade be not wanting they are canceled, by reason of the black skin in which they are contained. The writer holds that, given merit, fitness and character in black, the color itself constitutes the deciding reason why we need a black bishop at this juncture in our history more than any one of another color." We have not read or heard a more cogent and comprehensive argument. Our esteemed confrere, Dr. Moore, takes the reasonable Christian view and his logic is withal irresistible.

**A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.**

The late decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of the two colored men, John Gibson and Charles Smith vs. the State of Mississippi, will, in all probability, give great comfort to those white people who persistently refuse to tolerate colored men in the jury box.

The plaintiffs in error sought to have their cases transferred from the State courts to the Federal Court, alleging that there was a denial of justice, because no men of color had been summoned to sit upon the jury. The State courts denied the petition for a transfer, hence their appeal to the Supreme Court. Justice Harlan sustained the decision of the State courts, holding that, while the statute and fourteenth amendment to the Constitution was intended to secure the colored race the same justice as is accorded to the white, the law and the amendment were only applicable when it was made to appear that the Constitutional enactments of the State were of a character to deny the right to the Negroes. It did not appear that this was the case in Mississippi, and the United States Supreme Court could not interfere to regulate the method of procedure in the State courts.

Without entering into the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused, it is our opinion that the attorneys for the accused had a very clear case before the highest tribunal of our land. It was clearly proven that in panneling the jury in each case, no colored person was chosen. Proof need hardly be asked that there was a deliberate purpose on the part of the persons charged with that responsibility to absolutely ignore the colored man as a juror. This is the cold truth, that the sheriffs and other court officers who have charge of the impaneling of juries will not select colored men. The persistency with which they deny such intent is one of the most gigantic mysteries of the age. Of course, there is no constitutional enactment on the statute books of the State of Mississippi denying the right of jury service to

Negroes, yet they do not serve, and for the simple reason that they are not chosen. It is the easiest matter in the world to keep Negroes out of the jury box in Mississippi. It is one of their sovereign rights. There is no enactment against it, nothing for it, so there it is. And what is the Supreme Court or the Federal government going to do about it? Why, simply render its decisions upon what it does not prohibit. The fact is that the amendments to the Constitution, so far as the black man is concerned, are not worth the paper they are written upon without the moral sentiments of high minded and noble people behind it. And this will apply to State, Federal and Supreme Courts as well.

Meanwhile, the black man is expected to be an intelligent and a loyal citizen, notwithstanding the rights which he fought and bled for are now almost exclusively in the hands of those who at one time sought to pull the fair fabric of our Constitutional liberties to the ground.

**THE GREAT FORWARD MOVEMENT.**

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All honor to the friends of the Southwestern who are determined to make our hearts rejoice. Pledges from our loyal constituents are coming in with every day's mail. We are yet shouting happy because we feel that victory is nigh. At least, the old ship moves out into deep water. We must not cease our efforts, but rather increase them. If the work of canvassing continues as it has during the past three months, the Southwestern will stand upon a firm self-supporting basis before the close of another quadrennium. To all who are interested in the Southwestern's future we give the following facts:

Texas Conference—Wade Hamilton, 30; L. L. Hogan, 10; Aaron Taylor, 10; W. L. Duncan, P. E., 25; F. Parker, 10; Tenola Edwards, 10; J. Jones, 10; John W. Hall, 10; W. H. Jackson, 10; W. H. Logan, P. E., 25; Wesley Fletcher, 10; A. C. Culbreath, P. E., 25; M. C. Gillespie, 10; S. E. Ewing, 10; E. Mischeaux, 10; C. S. Curtis, 15; total Texas Conference, 220.

West Texas Conference—Harry Swan, P. E., 25; A. J. Lynch, 10; B. F. Smith, P. E., 20; A. Jackson, 10; Wm. Reed, 20; J. W. Weakley, 10; A. S. Bethany, 15; total West Texas Conference, 110.

North Carolina Conference—Previously reported, 240; M. Munday, 20; J. D. Murphy, 20; G. F. Hill, 16; total, 296.

Tennessee Conference—Previously reported, 298; C. E. Alexander, 10; H. W. White, P. E., 25; J. P. Price, 15; Joseph Harrison, 25; total, 373.

East Tennessee Conference—Previously reported, 170; Harrison Harris, 10; E. Knott, 10; W. T. Morly, 10; J. P. Moore, 10; G. W. Ziegler, 25; total, 235.

Total pledges to date: Upper Mississippi, 1,365; Louisiana, 1,362; Mississippi, 1,002; Savannah and Atlanta, 1,272; South Carolina, 2,000; North Carolina, 296; Tennessee, 373; East Tennessee, 235; Central Alabama, 632; Little Rock, 60; Texas, 220; West Texas, 110; Lexington, 1,140; grand total, 9,967.

The results thus far are very highly gratifying. We are within sight of the 10,000, and by the next number will have passed beyond the line. Let it be remembered also that the names on our pledge cards represent the substantial and progressive men of the Conferences named. They will be heard from hereafter. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Let the whole brigade sing "We're Crossing the Line."

Some men are so afraid that another will be lifted up by their commendation, and so make self look smaller, that they never are honest enough to express gratitude. Such are only judging others by their own unspeakable littleness. They act as though act as though they were on a "teeter board," and if the other man went up a little it must be that they would be forced down. Shame on the niggardliness of our human nature, that cannot endure seeing another mortal made happy by receiving his just dues! The thorn that hurt the most in the Savior's brow was that one of ingratitude.—Roland D. Grant, D. D.

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## Our Barometer.

The figures are very significant, as indicating a splendid week's work for the Southwestern. As usual Mississippi heads the column, distancing all competitors. We hope our readers will put an eye on this column and thus see where the largest amount of activity in the canvass is displayed. However, "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the mighty"—the fittest will survive. Come on brethren; we are fully able to go up and possess the land for the paper. The following shows a most magnificent canvass for the week ending April 18th:

Mississippi and Upper Mississippi..	27
Louisiana .....	8
Central Alabama .....	8
Texas and West Texas .....	6
Atlanta and Savannah .....	4
North Carolina .....	4
South Carolina .....	3
Tennessee and East Tennessee .....	3
Little Rock .....	2
Delaware .....	2
Indian Territory .....	2

Total ..... 69

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## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Resolved, That we as preachers, assembled in the capacity of an institute, under the direction of President W. P. Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, have received lasting benefit from the visit of Dr. Thirkield. That his instructions in sermon building and on preaching, generally, has been helpful in every particular.

Resolved, further; that we will do all in our power to encourage worthy young men to attend Gammon.

Respectfully submitted,

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T. G. Montgomery,  
D. J. Price,  
H. Taylor,  
C. D. Shallowhorne,  
C. Monroe,  
C. Monroe,  
T. J. Johnson,  
William Porter.

On Thursday night, April 16th, quite a number of the members and friends of Haven Chapel, led by Rev. Frank Walker, the efficient pastor, surprised Rev. Pierre Landry, the genial and popular presiding elder of the New Orleans South District. It was a happy affair, nicely planned, and the donations were worthily bestowed.

## OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Gospel in All Lands for April, (published by Hunt & Eaton, New York; price to cents) should be read by all who are interested in the religious and educational welfare of the South. It contains articles as follows:

"A Christian View of the Relation of the Races in the South," by Rev. L. M. Duntun, D. D., president of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.

"The Negro in the Profession," by Rev. W. H. Croghan, D. D., professor in Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

"Negro Physicians," by G. W. Hubbard, M. D., Dean of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

"The Various Methodisms in the South," by Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

"The Methodist Episcopal Church in the South 1864-1894," by Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

"Pioneer Educators of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South," by Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., vice-Chancellor of Grant University, Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Our Theological Schools in the South," by Rev. W. C. Thirkield, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

"Relation of the Afro-American to the Evangelization of Africa," by Rev. J. Braden, D. D., president of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.

"A Bugle Blast from Southern Education," by Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D.

"What Our Church has Done in the South and What Remains to be Done," by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D.

Also several other articles of interest and value.

The Gospel in All Lands, for March, contains a report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for year 1895. It will be sent free to all Sunday school superintendents and presidents of Epworth Leagues who send their address to Hunt & Eaton, New York.

An article entitled "The Young Man and the Church," by Edward W. Bok, raised a storm of discussion among the clergy when it was published in "The Cosmopolitan" a year ago. Mr. Bok has most of the blame for the non-attendance of young men at church upon the minister, and it is this statement which caused the pulpit to rise against the author. Mr. Bok has added what he calls "An After-word" to this publication. "The Young Man and the Church" is published at 30 cents by Henry Altemus, of Philadelphia, and is for sale by all booksellers.

What has been generally accepted as a wise and practical article for young men anxious to succeed in business is the entitled "Young Man in Business," by Edward W. Bok. Mr. Bok's article has been reissued in booklet form, bound in white and gold, at 30 cents, by Henry Altemus, of Philadelphia. It points the way to success.

The first of the series of papers on South Africa which Prof. James Bryce, M. P., is to contribute to The Century, appears in the May number. He cor-

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rects the general impression that the country has little natural beauty. Portions of the highlands he compares to Switzerland and the White Mountains, and he says that one can never tire of the charm and variety of color in the landscape. Harry Stillwell Edwards writes a sketch of Georgia entitled "Mas' Cral-fud's Freedom."

Ben H. Ridgely, United States Consul at Geneva, Switzerland, in the May Scribner's narrates a great many of the amusing incidents that enliven the otherwise routine duties of the Consul. The curious ideas that the travelling American has in regard to the duties of a consul are told with inimitable humor, and illustrated.

The number will also contain five complete short stories by Octave Thannet, Brander Matthews, Gertrude Hall, J. W. Roosevelt, and W. J. Henderson.

The Season for May, has the newest designs for ladies' and children's toilettes. There is, as usual, the Art Decorative department; new patterns and new kinds of pretty ornaments are fully shown and described; \$3.50. The International News Company, New York.

The May number of Harper's will contain an article on Mark Twain, by his intimate friend, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, of Hartford. Most appropriately, the paper will abound in anecdote; and its interest will be enhanced by a portrait, engraved by Florian from the latest photograph of Mr. Clemens, and other illustrations.

The exhibition of the Academy of Design and the Society of American artists will be fully discussed in one of the April issues of Harper's Weekly; and readers of that journal may expect before the end of the month, articles on the following subjects: The University of Pennsylvania, with a bird's eye view of the buildings; the War in Cuba; the Egyptian Expedition to the Sudan, and the Venezuelan Boundary Question.

It seems that we have genuine pygmies living in the United States, for some were brought here from Africa as slaves, and villages of their descendants are still to be found in the South. Appleton's Popular Science for May is to have an article by Dr. James Weir, Jr., in which the peculiarities of these little people are described, with two portraits of an old man of the race. Pending Problems for Wage-Earners will be discussed by A. E. Outerbridge, Jr. He warns wage-earners to beware of socialism and other errors in seeking the advancement they desire.

During the month of April Harper's Bazar will furnish valuable information to women on the changes of fashion incident to the season, and will give particular attention to wedding toilettes, brides' and bride-maids' gowns, and everything belonging to a church or home wedding. Children's clothing in illustration and description, with full details as to summer dresses and hats for

various functions. A serial story entitled "A Young Couple," by Mrs. Burton Harrison, will begin in the number for April 25th.

The Fifteenth International Christian Endeavor Convention will open in Washington, D. C., Wednesday evening, July 8th, with twenty-two meetings in twenty-two of the largest churches in the city. These opening meetings this year will be even more carefully planned than ever before, and the excursion managers will do well to time their arrival in Washington so as to give their delegations ample time to "unpack and wash up" before the hour of beginning the programme.

Delegates and visitors to the General Conference should go via the Big Four route, between Cincinnati and Cleveland.

## THE WILEY UNIVERSITY, MARSHALL, TEX.

Order of Exercises for Commencement Week, May 7-14, 1896.

May 7-8—Written examination, 9 a.m. to 4:20 p. m.

May 8—Exhibition of Primary Department, 7 p. m.

May 9—Passing of Classes from 6th Grade and Preparatory Department, 7:30 p. m.

May 10—Annual Love Feast, 9:30 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. C. P. Westbrook, D. D., 11 a. m. Annual Sermon by Rev. W. L. Duncan, 3 p. m. Epworth League Meeting, 7 p. m.

May 11—Oral Examination, 9 a. m. to 4:20 p. m. Scott Literary Society Exercises, 7:30 p. m.

May 12—Reading Grades, etc., 9 a. m. Oratorical Contest for Gold Medal, 7:30 p. m.

May 13—Field Day; Drilling Contest, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Alumni Meeting, address by H. T. Walker, Esp., 7:30 p. m.

May 14—Commencement Day, address by Hon. R. L. Smith, A. M., and presenting Diplomas, 10 a. m.

## HOWE MISSION WORK.

Monroe District—Dear Editor: I wish to speak of the work of my district. I have made, with few exceptions, my first round for the year, and found everything in excellent condition. Auxiliaries are doing well under local officers. Unusual interest is being manifested in the work. Elder Chinn held our first quarter March 25th. We had a nice time. Our pastor is carrying on the work with success. Yours for the work, Mrs. C. C. Frazier, District Manager, Ouachita City, April 18, 1896.

# CHILDREN'S DAY,

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## HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

To the Ministers of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

Dear Brethren: You must raise all your benevolent funds at once and forward them to the different stations, except that money for the next hall. The conference ordered it to be taken on the second Sunday in May and forwarded to Dr. Libby at Holly Springs. We hope and pray that each minister will attend to this at once. There are two or three of the ministers who have raised all the assessments that have been placed in their charge and have sent it to the different stations. Thank God for that. May every minister in the above district follow suit. Also remember, brethren, you have pledged at the annual conference for the Southwestern. See to it—that the paper is placed with every family in your charge. Respectfully, W. McDonald, P. E.

## KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: I want us to try and put the district in the first class of the Missionary Society and all of the other societies of the church. I trust that every pastor observed Easter and secured a good collection for missions, and, if so, we will be all right at the end of the year, if we continue to push our business. Brethren I see light ahead on the benevolent side. Always use the first part of plenty of time and we will always be on time. Do all that you can for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Yours in Christ, Owen Hyppsher, P. E.

## SHUBUTA DISTRICT.

First District for Shubuta District will convene in Pearlinton July 15, 1896, at 9 o'clock, a. m. All the members of the District Conference are expected to be there at the roll call.

I trust that each pastor will push the canvass for the Southwestern until the number pledged is raised and the cash sent in to the office. Fraternally yours, J. M. Shumpert.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: The small-pox scare is about over now. Bring up the benevolence; send in the subscribers; remember your pledge; save souls for Christ. The District Conference this year will convene at Vanceville; the date will be fixed later. God bless you in your work. Yours truly, H. James, P. E.

## FOREST CITY DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: You and myself have been greatly hindered in the prosecution of our work since the adjournment of the annual conference. The small-pox and sickness has prevented you from doing what you desired. Only one church has been built; one parsonage built and one church ceiled and finished. I have been confined to the sick room caring for a sick wife, who has been sick with typhoid malarial fever since March 13; also, four of my children have been sick. Children are well, wife better, but still in bed. The probability is that this will be a short conference year. Let us redeem the time and work with new vigor. Let Children's Day be the best of all the days. Gather in the people; visit all; open new fields; plan your quarterly conferences for times of refreshings. I desire that you plan to use every moment of the presiding elder's time to an advantage for yourself, benevolence and the cause of Christ. Organize Epworth Leagues, Junior Leagues, Epworth Guards and new Sunday schools. Scatter the Southwestern like thistle seed; broadcast it over the land; send and get sample copies for seed. "The King's business demands haste." J. W. Jackson, P. E.

## JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: I trust that every Sunday school observed Easter Sunday, by taking a collection for mission. Our Sunday school convention will convene at St. Augustine May 28-31. Programmes will appear later. Please begin to prepare at once for Children's Day—June 14th—and remember that the church recognizes every pastor and agent for the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and it is therefore your duty to see that every member of your official board subscribe for it. Yours for success, J. Grant, P. E.

## NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: I trust you will do your very utmost to present reports of increased work at the second quarter in

preparatory to our District Conference. Remember your "Southwestern Christian Advocate" and our benevolent collections. Let us pray God's blessings upon our General Conference. All who can ought to subscribe for the "Daily Advocate" in order to be better informed as to this great church. Yours, H. J. Wright, P. E.

## NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Remember the Sunday school convention and Epworth League convenes this year in the town of Caldwell, July 8th. Every pastor, Sunday school superintendent and president must be present. Let each pastor begin in time to select his best material. We want your best to represent the departments. We shall have the very best subjects for the occasion. We shall notify each pastor in time of the number we want from each work—not less than five. "Look up, lift up," is our motto. Yours for victory, W. L. Duncan, P. E.

## LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Dear Editor: My wife has been sick since March 13th, with typhoid malarial fever, and is now convalescent. Hope to be out in a few days and shall make the old Southwestern go. My children are getting up; four have been down. God is on our side. I have been in the sick room for four weeks. Yours truly, J. W. Jackson, P. E.

Blood purified, disease cured, sickness and suffering prevented—this is the record made each year by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## Other Notes From the Field.

Bellefontaine, Miss.—The good people of Dumas Chapel surprised the pastors, bringing them many good things for which the writer feels grateful.—M. Lester.

Rev. C. L. Johnson says: Easter was a grand success. Our Sunday school and grand choir were at their best. Missions, \$22.00; Advocate, \$3.00. Total \$25.00.

The good people of Opelousas are elated over their success on Easter day. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Richards. Six have been added to the church this year. Collection better than ever.

St. Martinville, La.—The Lord is blessing the old M. E. Church at this place. Our revival was a grand blessing. Forty-one souls have been added to the church and the good work still goes on. Some one hundred and eleven partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection for the day \$26.80. This brings joy to the pastor.—J. W. Turner.

Word comes from Rev. A. S. Williams thus: Our first quarterly conference, held by Rev. F. L. Feagan, P. E., was quite successful and we had a grand time. All reports showed signs of progress. The cause of Christ and the Southwestern was well represented. The pastor's report showed that he had received twenty accessions to the church. Grand total collection \$116.00 to date. Our motto is 100 addition; \$100 for benevolence and 50 subscribers for the Southwestern.

To test coffee, put a spoonful gently on the top of a glass of water. If the coffee is pure it will not sink for some minutes, and will scarcely color the water, but if chicory is mixed with it, it will sink to the bottom at once, rapidly absorbing the water and also giving the water a dark, reddish tinge.—New York World.

The Dairy an English paper, calls attention to the superiority of cream and butter to cod liver oil, especially for young people (growing quickly). Nervous invalids, all who suffer from wasting disease (such as influenza) and are often condemned to a course of cod liver oil, which, however, seldom agrees with a weak digestion.

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press.....	5:50 p.m.	press.....	7:30 a.m.
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No. 7, coast acc.....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....	9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex.....	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.....	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.....	7:50 pm
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1896.

## "FAITH."

Luke 17:5-10.

Golden Text—"Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

The awful facts of the last lesson silenced the Pharisees. Jesus then began to teach His disciples. The first ten verses of this chapter should be studied together. In them the Saviour speaks of offending, forgiving, believing, working and healing.

I.—Offending. (2) The word disciple here should be understood to include the publicans and sinners, who were very changeable.

1. The offences are the deeds, words, gestures and smiles that may cause others to transgress law, omit duty, harbor wrong thoughts or retain evil designs.

2. The offenders are those who persecute Christ, corrupt His doctrines and lead licentious lives. Offenses will come because the world is wicked, and man is free. But woe unto the person who brings them about.

3. His punishment will be worse than that of a felon. Jehovah's laws are as a mill stone, hell is as a bottomless sea, and everlasting banishment is like being cast into it.

II.—Forgiving (3-4). 1. "Take heed to thyself." The disciple should be very careful that he give no just cause for offense. Every emotion, affection and desire should be closely watched. Every word and deed ought to be weighed before spoken or performed. They should be peace lovers and peace makers. Yet they may not surrender right conviction.

2. "If thy brother trespass against thee." If he interfere with thy rights as a citizen, a parent, or a disciple, then (1) "Rebuke him." Not in malice, or revenge, but in love. "Go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." If he will not hear thee then take with thee one or two witnesses and then (2) "If he repent, forgive him." If he expresses sorrow for the offense and desires pardon, grant it. But if not, then harbor no malice, and let him stand forgiven to that extent that thou canst pray for him and desire him well. "Let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." Only those who forgive need hope for forgiveness.

III.—Believing (5-6). 1. The request—"Lord, increase our faith." It is not stated why they expressed this desire. It is likely they felt their need of it. One with great faith would not cause others to offend, and would ever have a forgiving spirit. The faith here desired "is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It is both a gift of God and an act of the creature. It is increased, not by miraculous power, but by use. It is strengthened, as the muscles of the body are developed, by activity. The cry of every saint should be—"Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief."

2. The answer. The disciples had some faith, but it was very small or weak. They desired that it be added to, or increased. All power is from God. The ability to work miracles is a result of the union of the Divine and human will. If any one has such power, he should not tempt God with it, or use it in any way to make a display, but only for the betterment of man. This sycamore, or black mulberry, tree is an apt representation of the kingdom of God; the place where it was then growing was the Jewish church, and the sea, into which it might be planted, was the Gentile world.

IV.—Laboring (7-10). 1. Working through the day in the field. The Jews plowed, sowed, reaped, kept flocks and cultivated vineyards. We are the servants of God. Life is a field of labor. We should give Him our time from morning till evening, or from youth till age. We should work in self, home, church and world.

2. In the evening when the servant comes in from the field these are still household duties to be done. So in the evening of life, when we can no longer bear the burden in the heat of the day, let us do what we can in the household of faith. Never resting from labor till life is completed and God says it is enough, come up higher.

3. All that we can do for God's cause is, reasonable, for He is our Creator, Benefactor and Redeemer. He has given to us life, food and salvation. We must not think we can do more than our part. There are no works of supererogation.

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V.—Healing (11-9). This passage is likely out of its connection. Most commentators place it after verse 56 of chapter 9. The time of the departure of Jesus was near. He was on His way from Galilee to Jerusalem. A village of the Samaritans would not receive Him. He then probably turned southeast and traveled along the border between Galilee and Samaria. As He was entering a certain village, unknown to us, "there met him ten men that were lepers."

1. The disease. Leprosy is in many respects a type of sin. (1) It begins in the center and works its way to the surface. It is deep seated in the bones, joints and sinews long before it is seen on the outside. So sin is deep rooted in our nature ere it is noticed in our words and acts. (2) It is subtle. A person may be afflicted and slowly dying with it, and yet not know it. Sin is deceptive. It smiles, invites and destroys. It is possible to be dying with it and yet not be conscious of it. (3) It is defiling. Those who are afflicted with it are excluded from the society of those who do not have it, and are compelled to cry out unclean if any one comes near them. Sin excludes from heaven and from the society of the pure on earth. (4) It is contagious and hereditary. Sin, as a disease, is as catching as measles, and we inherit a disposition toward that which is evil. (5) It is incurable. So far, man has not been able to heal those who are afflicted with it. Sin cannot be removed by man. The observance of law, or the use of ordinances are not sufficient. (6) It works death. The person afflicted with it dies slowly, joint at a time, till life is extinct. Sin destroys gradually. It shortens this life, increases the horrors of death and destroys through all eternity.

2. The cleansing. (1) The afflicted. "They stood afar off." The law excluded them—"He is unclean; he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be" (Lev. 13:46). God's divine law excludes those who are unclean because of sin from heaven. Without the gates shall their habitation be. They said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." They did not know just how to address the Saviour. They did not name their desire, but beg only for mercy. They receive all they ask for and more too. The sinner who desires to be saved must plead with God for salvation. (2) The Saviour. "And when He saw them." He saw their need. Wretched indeed was their condition. Yet they were no worse than the sinner of to-day. He saw their desire. They were intensely anxious to get rid of their disease. If they had been self-satisfied they would not have been healed. The unsaved must earnestly desire to be saved or they will be lost. He saw their faith. It caused them to obey. When He said to them: "Go show yourselves to the priests," they asked no questions, but arose and went. Their faith secured their desired blessing, for "as they went they were cleansed." Jesus beholds the need, desire and faith of the penitent sinner, and when all are as they should be He blesses his soul.

3. The healed. As they went on their way to where the priests dwelt, they were cleansed. One of them was a Samaritan, and when he realized that he was made whole he returned glorifying God. He fell at Jesus' feet and gave Him thanks. The nine continued on their way. Notice—(1) It was faith that caused the ten

to be healed. (2) Some who are saved are more thankful than others for God's blessings. (3) All should glorify the Lord for His work of salvation. (4) Jesus observes our omissions of duty the same as our acts of praise.

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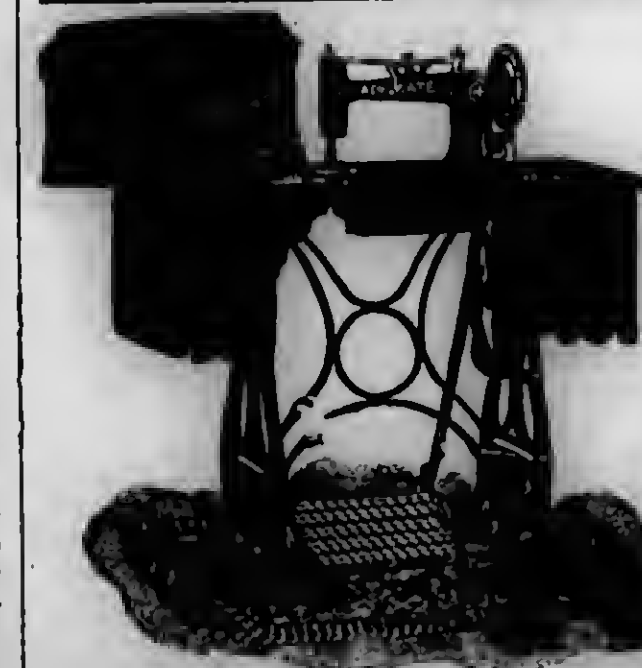
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## HOME AND FARM.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCHEON FROM LEFT-OVERS.

**Rice Pudding.**—Put one-third teacupful of rice into a pudding dish, with two tablespoonfuls of moist sugar, a pint and a half of milk, and an ounce of butter in small pieces. Place a few thin slices of bread and butter over the top, grate over them a little nutmeg and bake in a slow oven.

**Luncheon Cake.**—Take three eggs, reserving the white of one for frosting, one and a half cupfuls of sugar, half a cupful of sifted flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one cupful of seeded raisins. Flavor with lemon and bake in a moderate oven.

**Fried Potatoes.**—Mash one cupful of boiled beans smoothly, add them to two cupfuls of mashed potatoes, mix well together, season with salt and pepper, form with a large spoon into balls, slightly flatten them on both sides, and fry in hot butter until a light crust is formed on top and bottom. These are excellent.

**Potatoes a la Marie.**—Peel raw potatoes, then cut them around, as an apple is peeled; let the parings be as near the same thickness as possible, and the longer they are the better; put them in the frying basket and plunge into boiling lard. When they are a golden brown drain them in front of the fire, dish on a very hot plate, sprinkle with salt, and serve immediately.

**Fish Cakes.**—Remove all skin and bones from the fish that was left from dinner; mash the fish smoothly; add a little butter, pepper, salt and mace, a few bread crumbs, and a well-beaten egg. Form the fish into small, round cakes; dip each one into a beaten egg and then into fine bread crumbs; fry in boiling lard to a pale brown; drain and serve very hot. Garnish with fried parsley.

**Fowl and Rice Croquettes.**—Put one-half cupful of rice in one pint of stock, and let it boil gently for one hour; then add two tablespoonfuls of butter, and simmer it till quite dry and soft; when cold, make it into balls, hollow out the inside, and fill with minced fowl delicately seasoned; cover over with rice, dip the balls into beaten egg, then into bread crumbs; fry them carefully to a nice brown, and serve hot. Garnish with fried parsley.

**Pop-overs.**—Mix together two eggs, two cupfuls of milk, a pinch of salt, and two cupfuls of flour. Have the pop-over irons sizzling hot, put a large spoonful of the batter in each, and bake in a very quick oven. It is economical and pleasant, when preserving, to make more syrups with pears, plums, peaches and cherries than will be required with the fruit. Bottle the syrup by itself, and it will be found delicious to eat with all kinds of hot cakes.

**Kidney Omelet.**—Remove all fat and cut the kidney into tiny dice. Fry it in a little hot butter, with a teaspoonful of finely minced onion, for ten minutes. Be careful that it does not burn. Make an omelet with five eggs, two teaspoonfuls of flour, salt and pepper, and a small cupful of milk. Beat the whites and yolks separately, add half a teaspoonful of baking powder to the flour, and mix all well together. Pour the mixture into a very hot and perfectly smooth frying pan, in which has been melted a lump of butter; just before it is ready to fold place the kidney in the centre.—The Housekeeper.

**Extra Early Potatoes.**—The potato is a hardy plant when it is protected from actual freezing. Indeed, the tubers will survive without injury when the ground in which they lie is actually frozen. This immunity is due to the fact that the water in the potatoes holds some matters in solution and solutions do not freeze at the actual freezing point of pure water. Thus, in the South potatoes may be planted during February or early March, when the ground is free from frost and dry enough to turn a good furrow. The seed is put in in the usual manner, but covered with a double ridge as a protection against the possible freezing of the soil. As soon as the risk of frost is over, the ridge is leveled down with the Acme harrow, leaving the surface in the finest condition; a light, sloping tooth harrow is used after that and until the potatoes are too large. If danger of a late frost is imminent, a furrow is thrown over the young plants, or this may be done anyhow, as it encourages root growth and certainly increases the product. This method is used only for the early crop, the main planting being made in May and up to the first of July for succession.

The seed may be kept in the very best condition and quite dormant until July by putting the tubers two feet in the ground and covering them to exclude air. Where the ground is deeply covered with snow and never frozen during the winter, as in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, the planting may be done as soon as the crop is harvested, the seed being perfectly safe in the ground. The yield is increased fifty per cent by this method.—American Agriculturist.

## OUR WOMEN'S ROUND TABLE. BY OLGA.

I would be glad at any time to have communications for this column from the women of the race. There is a splendid field opening to more and more of our leading women, in which they can distinguish themselves as real true helpers of woman kind. In these days when masculine women and feminine men aspire to places where they can so seriously effect the moral and social condition of the race it should be the duty of every true woman, old or young, to stand for the development of our homes and for the protection of the virtue of the women who represent them. I am sick and tired of the gush and sensational vapors of some of our women who, unfortunately, have the reputation of being great writers, authors, etc. The really great woman is already here, and greater women are to follow. Yet the highest criterion of greatness is character. The woman who not only writes and speaks fluently, but who is also pure and noble and high-minded, will establish a reputation for character and nobility that will be a potential agency in the uplifting of her sex. When I hear it reported that this young woman, or that old woman, are not particular as to their associates, when there is a disposition on the part of the unmarried woman to appreciate the society of married men, almost exclusively, and vice versa, I am of the opinion that such would-be leaders are obstacles to the uplifting of their sex. Let it be remembered that a smooth, oily tongue, fine dress and a reputation for erudition do not alone constitute the true lady. I would call attention of our young ladies to the necessity of watchfulness. The happiness and well being of the coming generations depends upon them. If they are weak, vacillating, giddy, vain, and merely superficial, they will stamp their character upon those who shall come under the influence of their training. The weal or woe of the race is in their hands; therefore, let the women of our race watch. The celebrated Thomas Wentworth Higginson pays this splendid tribute to just the kind of women the world and the race need. Speaking of her, he says:

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## HEALTH IN OLD AGE.

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(From the Union, Port Jervis, N. Y.)

But a short time ago, in a distant part of the country, we heard of a cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which seemed almost marvelous, and more recently another substantial evidence of their value reached our ears. Being of an inquiring turn of mind, and wishing to know just how much there was in the story, a reporter was sent to interview the person said to be thus benefited. If the narrative as it had reached our ears was true, it was only simple justice to let it be known—if it proved untrue, it would be well to know it.

The person alluded to above as having been thus greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills is Mrs. Jane Hotalen, of Hainesville, N. J., a pleasant hamlet in Sussex county, about fifteen miles from this office. The reporter had no difficulty in finding Mrs. Hotalen. It was nearly noon when we reached her pleasant home, a double house, one part of which is occupied by her son. She is a pleasant-faced old lady, looking to be about sixty-five, but is in reality seventy-two years of age. After a few preliminary remarks in explanation of the call, she was asked if she had any objection to giving us the details of the case and how she came to try this now famous remedy.

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"When were you taken sick and what was the nature of the malady?" was asked.

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"Have you had any return of the trouble?"

"Not as yet, though at my time of life, seventy-two, it would not be surprising if I should have. If it comes, I should at once begin the use of the pills. I suppose I inherit a tendency to troubles of this kind—my mother died from them."

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The reporter thanked Mrs. Hotalen for her courtesy and bade her good day. It is not often that one can witness such a complete recovery from such a pertacious trouble at such an advanced age, and such instances cannot fail to produce a profound impression. Readers of the Union may rely on the absolute accuracy of all the statements here given—nothing has been exaggerated, nothing withheld.

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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley  
**UNWEARIED EARNESTNESS.**

Father, I stretch my hands to thee;  
No other help I know;  
If thou withdraw thyself from me,  
Ah! wither shall I go?

What did thine only Son endure,  
Before I drew my breath?  
What pain, what labor, to secure  
My soul from endless death!

O, Jesus, could I this believe,  
I now should feel thy power;  
And all my wants thou wouldst relieve  
In this accepted hour.

Author of faith! to thee I lift  
My weary, longing eyes;  
O let me now receive that gift;  
My soul without it dies.

Surely thou canst not let me die;  
O speak, and I shall live;  
And here I will unwearied lie,  
Till thou thy Spirit give.

How would my fainting soul rejoice  
Could I but see thy face!  
Now let me hear thy quickening voice,  
And taste thy pardoning grace.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27). This high standard of the Christian religion is happily within the reach of all who desire to seek it. The true Christian religion is pure, and undefiled, in contradistinction to the rites and ceremonies of the heathen, or the mere tradition of a church whose greatest distinction was its ponderous ceremonial. Looking after the fatherless, caring for the orphans and widows, contributing of our earthly substances to provide means for the amelioration of the condition of the lowly and illiterate are, indeed, important steps toward the standard; but there are yet greater requirements—"to keep himself unspotted from the world" is the summum bonum of Christian excellence. Nothing but a constant indwelling Christ can accomplish this. With joy, therefore, we point to the "Lamb of God" which taketh away the sin of the world."

The kind notice of Bishop B. F. Lee, of the African M. E. Church, which will be found in another column, is highly appreciated. The good bishop has had several years of experience as the official editor of the excellent Christian Recorder, and knows just how to say a word of encouragement.

Our congregational brethren in Florida have bearded the lion in his lair. In spite of the infamous "Sheets law," they have gone right forward in their school work. We learn that some of their teachers have been arrested, which will bring the matter before the Supreme Court, which we trust will have backbone enough to declare the Sheets infamy unconstitutional.

Presiding Elder E. M. Collett, of the North Carolina district, sends greeting to the Southwestern with his personal pledge of twenty-five cash subscribers. Verily the tide is rising.

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Go, not to conquer men by force, but to work on their hearts, make them disciples, docile pupils in the schools of Christ.—Schaff.

## THE NEGRO AT HIS POST—A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

The overwhelming defeat of ring rule in New Orleans was one of the most remarkable events in the political history of Louisiana. The Citizens' League, after a most exciting campaign, and in the face of the most corrupt and unscrupulous methods on the part of the party in power, administered such a rebuke as will not soon be forgotten. But by far the most significant event was the attitude of the Negro voters. For months, every year, certain Negro-hating journals had sought to make the impression that the Negroes were unreliable, purchasable and without conscience in political matters. Indeed, these papers actually encouraged the most disreputable measures by which to eliminate the black voters entirely. To make matters worse, certain colored men claiming to be leaders, were known to have bargained with the ring bosses to deliver the colored vote in consideration of a certain sum. The colored ministers of the city organized a movement to defeat these hoodlums and to turn the influence of the large colored vote in favor of good government. They succeeded admirably. Out of 12,000 registered negro voters, at least 9,000 voted for the Citizens' League candidates, and this they did without bribery or political intimidation. The Negro voter can be relied upon all the time to cast his suffrage and his vote in favor of good government. He has been sorely pressed in this Southland, but he has nevertheless given evidence in every case of his devotion to the interests of our American institutions. He is American in every sense of the word, and if not intimidated and otherwise corrupted by his more highly-favored white fellow-citizen, invariably stands up for the American Sabbath, temperance and all moral reforms. If he is occasionally found with the hoodlum element, if he is numbered at times among the bribe-takers, it is because he is no better and no worse than the white men who do such things. It is gratifying to know that there is a large number of the better class of colored men who repudiate the methods used by the curb-stone politicians and who cannot, under any circumstances, be induced to sell out to any party, clique or faction.

We would not have our white fellow-citizen believe that a few so-called leaders, men who live alone by their political wits, can control the Negro vote. It has been time and again demonstrated that the pastors of the colored churches wield an influence not at all equaled by these would-be bosses, and that almost without exception, these real leaders give that advice which is at all times best for the whole people. It will be a good thing for the men who aspire to public office to know these facts and govern themselves accordingly.

The victory throughout the State is no less significant in that it shows that the real issue was not predicated upon that bugaboo of Southern politics, "Negro domination," but a good government for all the people. Strange to say, the New Orleans Times-Democrat, one of the leading Democratic journals of the South, after summing up the results, says:

"Last Tuesday's election showed heavy losses to the Democracy of the State, and the unfortunate feature of these losses is the fact that they occurred mainly in the white parishes. There are twenty-five parishes in Louisiana which have in them a majority of white voters, or rather of white males over 21 years of age. Instead of carrying these parishes by 49,472 majority, as the Democracy ought to have done, and as it did in the old fight against the Republicans, it has actually lost them by 5,347. Twenty of these white parishes went Republican and only five Democratic, and in this section of the State, where the voters are three whites to one colored, the figures are almost reversed on the State ticket.

"We mention these things because it is well to understand them, and not to falsely explain the

results of last Tuesday and attribute it to the negroes. As far as can be calculated from the table we have given above, at a minimum, 27,600 voters in the white parishes of Louisiana have become dissatisfied with the Democracy and have gone over to the Republicans."

We have always claimed that there was really no fear of Negro domination in the South, and hence the partisan cry of white supremacy was the clever trick of a class of second-rate politicians, distinguished chiefly for their lack of the knowledge of political economy and for their intense hatred of the Negro. Of course, this rallying cry on the part of the shrewd party managers has served to embitter the hoodlum and foreign elements, and we might add, as well, the smaller fry of the dominant political party, against the Negro. But the revolution has come, and it is fitting, eminently so, that it should begin in Louisiana. Many Negroes have been driven from their homes, and, in some instances, put to death because they were suspected of even thinking about or hoping for an era of better government. Thousands of colored voters wisely refused to put their lives in jeopardy on election day, seeing that all the election machinery, with other agencies, were in the hands of those who had been protesting loudest against Negro domination and in favor of an amendment which, if passed, would practically eliminate them from politics in the State. Thanks be to God, the Negroes will not be charged this time with coming to the polls in hordes and gangs and casting their ballots against the interests of their employers and others. But it would have been far better for those who desire to rescue the State from the hands of those who seek only the spoils of office to have called on their most faithful ally, the black man, and to have guaranteed to him the same protection as was given by the Citizen's League of this city. There would have been no bloodshed, but a common triumph of the best men and the best principles, as in the city, would have been the cause of a common gratitude on the part of law-abiding and liberty-loving citizens, regardless of color.

All honor to the black men of New Orleans. We are perfectly satisfied that if the Negro voter is given a fair and honorable opportunity he will prove to the whole country that he is among the most reliable, loyal and faithful citizens.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The approaching General Conference, which will convene in Cleveland, O., on Friday, May 1st, promises to be one of the most important meetings in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are several great questions which promise to engage the attention of the body, prominent among which are the removal of the time limit, admission of women as delegates, the perfection of plans for the support of superannuated preachers, the readjustment of Episcopal residences, the election of bishops, autonomy for or foreign mission work, etc. The Conference will, no doubt, be very conservative on all these great questions and the church will doubtless have further cause for confidence in the men chosen to represent her great interests in the General Conference.

## THE PLEDGES, THE PLEDGES!

They are coming in all the time. We have on our list the names of more than six hundred Methodist preachers with not a few laymen who are pledged to help swell the number of our subscribers. And our barometer shows every week that these faithful workers are loyally and earnestly pushing the canvass. This work will not stop. We will be satisfied with nothing but success. We must assuredly be self-supporting by the close of another quadrennium. Watch the column and read the names of our brigade this week, and be inspired to join the glorious company.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## DR. THIRKIELD AT WILEY UNIVERSITY.

According to previous announcement through the Southwestern, the first Preachers' Institute was conducted at Wiley University, April 6th and 7th, by Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary. The doctor came in good time and preached the Easter sermon at the University Chapel on Sunday morning. It would do injustice to the sermon and preacher to attempt to give the mere outline of the discourse. Suffice it to say, the immense audience went away with a deeper realization of the wonderful truths of Christianity. On Sunday night the doctor lectured to the Epworth League upon the saving power of the League.

Monday morning the Institute proper began, with a goodly number of preachers from the various districts in attendance. The session were full of enthusiasm from the very start until the close, and preachers who had never been to Gammon found themselves seated at the feet of our modern Gamaliel, not of Judaism, but the exponent of our glorious Methodism.

On Monday night the college chapel was packed with anxious hearers to listen to the doctor's lecture on Greece, which was illustrated by stereopticon views. We passed through both ancient and modern Greece, and felt at home with the philosophers and orators of those wonderful times.

Tuesday morning our college chapel was unusually crowded, and well it was, for to have been absent would have been a lost opportunity. In matchless eloquence and apt illustrations, the doctor electrified all on the subject: "The Making of a Man." Every student of the University, as well as the faculty and others, caught new inspiration from the burning word-pictures as only Thirkield can paint them. The Institute was full of interest during the day in the study of Paul's writings. In the afternoon, Prof. R. S. Lovinggood read a paper on the "Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa," which was highly appreciated by the audience. Tuesday night closed the much too short session of the Institute, and all crowded the chapel to hear the lecture of Dr. Thirkield on "Africa." This was also illustrated by views on the canvas. Thus closed one of the most profitable and inspiring assemblages ever held at Wiley University, the good effects of which can not be estimated.

Resolutions of thanks and good wishes were offered by Rev. F. Parker, the benediction pronounced and sadly we bade good-bye. J. H. Reed.

## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON THE NEGRO.

Whereas, The New England Conference has ever been the outspoken friend of the Negro; and

Whereas, At the present time there is evidently a demand that his friends should be pronounced, and their attitude toward the issues of to-day clearly defined; therefore

Resolved, That we still believe in the teaching of the Apostle Paul, that God hath made of one blood all nations of men; and of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We, therefore, hold that there are no races doomed to perpetual inferiority, and that it is the mission of favored races to aid in advancing races, for the time being less favored, toward the highest possible usefulness and leadership. We protest against shutting the door of opportunity and privilege in the face of any man because of the color of his skin. In the question of privilege, we believe that personal worth and personal fitness should be the determining factors, and that every man in our Christian Republic should have a fair chance, religiously, politically and socially, and every position be open to him for which he may prove himself worthy by his personal character and attainments. This we believe to be the logical outcome of the Sermon on the Mount, to bring about the full realization of which we should constantly and most earnestly strive. We gladly acknowledge that these principles apply to Boston and the North, as well as to the South, and we stoutly affirm that the farther North their violation occurs, the greater is the outrage and the severer our condemnation of it.

We are profoundly gratified by the growth of a fraternal spirit between the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We have been delighted

with the distinguished visitors from the latter Church, who have honored us with their presence, and we hope for the frequent interchange of such courtesies. While we may differ from these brethren in our views about the Negro, we believe them to be sincere followers of our Lord and Saviour, and recognize in them brethren beloved. We understand that practical problems confront them which are difficult of solution, and wish to judge them with that charity which we crave when judged ourselves. We hope for such closer affiliation between these two branches of Methodism that all friction and folly in the arrangement of Church work, and especially in Church Extension and Missionary movements, may be reduced to the lowest possible terms. We, however, confess with all frankness—and frankness we believe to be absolutely essential to all real Christian unity—that we are utterly opposed to any organic union between the two bodies, if it should involve the loss to us of our colored membership or the abridgement in any particular of the rights and privileges which these colored members now possess, or to which they are entitled.

To these colored brethren we extend greetings in the Lord, and assure them that the time-honored regard for their race manifested by the Fathers of the New England Conference finds a hearty response in the hearts of their Sons in the Gospel. We rejoice in the great work accomplished in the South by the educational institutions of our Church, and believe they never have been more needed than they are to-day.

We therefore bespeak for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society the hearty and generous support of our people, and, as preachers, pledge to its officers our personal sympathy and our co-operation in raising the amounts apportioned to our charges. We congratulate the general secretaries, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., upon their efficient management through a quadrennium of peculiar financial difficulty, and rejoice with them in the hopeful outlook. Inasmuch as Dr. Hamilton is one of our own number, we may be permitted to express without invidiousness, our high appreciation of his faithful devotion to the interests of the colored race, and of his fearless championship of New England ideas.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the minutes, and a copy be furnished to the editors of Zion's Herald, the Christian Advocate, the Western Christian Advocate, the Epworth Herald, the Nashville Christian Advocate, and the Epworth Era, and the chairman of our delegation to the General Conference.

Unanimously adopted by the New England Conference, April 6, 1896. James Mudge, Secretary New England Conference.

## OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Methodist Times, Cleveland, of 17th inst., is an exceptionally valuable and beautiful number of a bright and able weekly. It is full of useful information concerning the approaching General Conference.

In the Youth's Companion for April 23d Andrew Carnegie tells how he served his apprenticeship as a business man, in an article which will prove stimulating to every boy and stirring to every friend of boys. Mr. Carnegie started in life as so many other successful men have done, without a penny; and has amassed a great fortune, which has been wisely and generously drawn upon for scores of public purposes, designed to benefit his fellow-men. In this article he has told the story of his early struggles and successes in a delightful manner, which will make his paper an inspiration to every boy who reads it.

The choice of food for a cow kept for butter-making is one of cost more than anything else, and, as some foods are higher than others for the quality, it is best to consider this. As a rule there is nothing better for the making of good butter than a mixture of corn and meal and wheat bran in the proportion of three parts of the former to two of the latter. If the cow is well fed on pasture or has ten pounds a day of this mixture may be given, or somewhat less at first, as a basis for a test as to the effect of it on the product. And, as long as the cow increases the product with profit, the food may be increased. Thus it is a question of what the cow will digest profitably, and when this point is reached, the ration may be considered fixed for that cow.



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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## PALATKA DISTRICT, FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—The results of our labor for the past quarter are very gratifying. Our pastors returned to their work from the annual conference with a determination to press the claim of the church as they never did before. Thus far, they have done well, and if we continue to advance in the future as we have during the past, we will bring up a grand report to the next annual Conference. Please permit me to ask, however, the renewal of your promise to bring up your charges in the first-class ranks along all lines. Devote one Sabbath in each month to some one of our benevolent enterprises, present their claims, tell the people of their benefit to us, and give them an opportunity to contribute to their support. Keep the Southwestern Christian Advocate before your people, organize a working club, and offer a prize to the one bringing in the largest number of cash subscribers. Let success be our watchword and every dollar for every purpose our motto. Take advantage of the revival seasons and see to it that the crowds of anxious souls that are now crowding our altars are early made acquainted with the saving grace of our blessed Saviour. Grace, peace and love be multiplied.—S. A. Hugger, P. E.

## BRISTOL, TENN.

Brother Pastors:—I shall ask you to help me to hold the third round of quarterly meetings so that I can hold all the fourth round myself and spend a Sunday on each charge. Push your benevolent collection and try to put the Southwestern Christian Advocate in every family on your charge.—E. Provine, P. E.

## NOTICE TO THE HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Our Sunday School and Epworth League Convention will convene at the town of Lovelady, June 18th to 21st, instead of June 11th to 16th, which will be the third Sunday closing, instead of the second Sunday, which is Children's Day. Dear brethren, send and get your Children's Day programmes and have a grand time on Children's Day.—Yours for victory and Christ, A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

## NOTICE TO DADEVILLE DISTRICT.

The District Conference will meet at Sylacauga, August 26-30. All pastors are expected to stay over Sunday at the place of conference. All of the exhorters, local preachers and pastors are to take part in holding forth the word of life.

Delegates from the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues are to share in the literary work of the conference.

Please send your strongest young men and women. The programme will appear in due time.

In reporting finance, report from the last annual conference and not from the last District Conference. We want to know what the district is doing now.

See that every dollar of benevolent money is raised. Let us collect as much as 40 cents from each member for these claims. The Dadeville District raised \$30 for missions last year; just what our little church at Oxford raised. Brethren, if we cannot do better this year, let us bring the Dadeville District to amend. We can do better. God help us to do

so. Let us stand by the Southwestern.—H. N. Brown, P. E.

## WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

The small-pox has played havoc with the work on the West Tennessee District. I have been quarantined, but have not missed an appointment; but the people are scattered throughout the district. Preachers and presiding elders are suffering financially and have been since Christmas. However, I am not discouraged as the general outlook on the work is good.

We must take the large cities and we can if we have the money and the right men for the place. We must take the centers or give up the work. I am projecting the (church) building of four churches in the central places of the district, namely: Lexington, Memphis Mission, Humbolt and Dyersburg. These are large and promising places for our church. I have become personally responsible for \$500 for a church which we are buying from our white brethren at Lexington, and a good bishop of our church has become responsible for \$100, and another member of our church for a smaller amount—read and do likewise. At Memphis a few of our friends are paying rent for a hall in which they are doing mission work, and who held a revival at the mission last week and had three conversions. H. W. Key, P. E.

## TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Navasota, Tex.—I see "victory" in the near future for the Southwestern. It is growing better as well as increasing. I shall do my best. You can safely depend on me for twenty-five subscribers this conference year.—Yours for success, W. L. Duncan, P. E., Navasota District, Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren: Please collect at once and forward General Conference money, the Annual Conference minute money, the Benevolent money and subscribers for Southwestern and get ready for District Conference which meets at Lake Charles, August 12, 1896.—S. E. H. Morant, P. E., Alexandria District.

Dear Brethren:—Let us make a great struggle for the paper. Send off Easter money and get voucher, as the bishop advised. Don't fail to have the Children's Day, June 4th, and send the money at once to Dr. Payne, so each charge can come out in the educational manual. District Conference convenes at Spring Hill, Tenn., July 21-25.—S. B. Danley, P. E.

## SAVANNAH CONFERENCE, WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Remember Children's Day, June 14th. Have the programme on hand in time and we can make a grand rally throughout the district on our benevolent money for educational purposes. Now is the time for us to work for success, for that is just what is expected of us, and we cannot afford to come short of this, for this is a progressive age and we are in a progressive church. So let us keep pace.

The Sunday school convention and District Conference will convene together at Statesboro, Ga. The programme will be out in time. So let us meet it with full reports of conversions and every dollar of benevolences that can be raised.—Yours in Christ, R. R. O'Neal, P. E.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Cynthiana, Ky.—One penny from every church member and lover of Christianity is all we ask to pay the debt on Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Cynthiana, Ky., Lexington Conference. Pastors are requested to present this matter to their people. Every church responding to this appeal or persons giving larger amounts, the name of giver and amount given will be published in the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Donations may be sent to Mr. J. S. Withers, cashier of the National Bank, Cynthiana, Ky., or to the pastor, T. R. Fletcher.

F. Smith, Mitchellville, Tenn.: My second quarterly meeting was a grand success. I was not able to be present owing to illness, but the meeting was held and the Lord was present in power. All things are moving along.

Macon Circuit.—Our first quarter was held with profit to all of its members. One hundred and seventy-three partook of the Lord's Supper. Fifty-two dollars and sixty cents was taken in the Conference. Three cash subscribers for the paper. The Macon Circuit is in fine religious spirit at this time. I will send in all of my twenty-five subscribers soon. Dr. H. R. Revels, the presiding elder, seems to be very happy over the work of the Macon Circuit.—S. H. Nevils, P. C.

Brenham (Tex.) Circuit.—Easter Sunday, April 5th was a success, with programmes, Easter eggs and Bible reading. Collection, \$4.—R. J. Campbell, P. C.

Ft. Smith, Ark.—Easter service at Mallileu M. E. Church was a rejoicing day for our Methodism, spiritually and financially. The committee of sisters beautifully decorated the church. The Easter programme was carried out by Prof. Kidd, Sunday school superintendent, and his faithful corps of teachers and officers. Too much praise cannot be given to the children, who acted well their part, and the church members, who worked so faithfully with their prayers and moneys for our Missionary Society.—Rev. John Qualls.

Harmony Grove, Ga.—Our Easter exercises at this place, April 5th, were carried out with great success. The first quarterly Conference also convened on Saturday and at 11 o'clock Presiding Elder J. C. Hunt preached an instructive sermon. The speaking as well as the singing reflected great credit upon those engaged. After the exercises, addresses were made by G. W. Hapson, Eldr Hunt and others. The collection during the day was \$24.48.—G. W. Hapson.

Lonoke, Ark.—Rev. W. O. Emory, D. D., was with us and held our first quarterly Conference on the 4th and 5th. The presiding elder preached three soul-stirring sermons on the Sabbath. We had a good quarter. Dr. Emory was well pleased with the reports and his lecture to the brethren will be long remembered. Dr. Ross, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was with us. Our prayer continue to go up to the good Lord in behalf of our well-beloved ex-presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Morris, that he may do much good for the race and people at White Chapel, Little Rock. We are in the midst of good people and the Lord is blessing our labor. Our Sunday school has increased up to date from seventeen to fifty-two. Pray for us. I can see the dark clouds moving back and the old M. E. Church taking her proper place. We sin—"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace."—C. A. Taylor.

Morgan City, La.—Please give space for an item of news from Union Chapel, M. E. Church. Friday night, March 27, was a grand time. The ladies of the church, under the supervision of Sister Josephine Crockett, wife of our much beloved pastor, gave a birthday party. The enterprise netted \$8.85, which was given to the Trustee Board in an appropriate speech by W. S. Hawthorne. The ladies comprising the committee were Sister Josephine Crockett, Miss Sarah L. Crockett, of Franklin, La., and niece of Rev. Crockett; Miss Theresa Burke, Miss Mattie Burke, Miss Pearl Thomas, Miss Gertrude Thomas, Mrs. Clementine Johnson, Mrs. Matilda Thomas, Mrs. Minnie Bell and W. S. Hawthorne. Miss Sarah L. Crockett, niece of Rev. Crockett, must not be overlooked in the distribution of thanks given the committee for their appreciated services. On Easter Sunday the services were carried out and all pronounced the occasion a

happy time. The sum of \$1 was taken up and forwarded to the proper authorities by Rev. Crockett.

Meridian, Miss.—Our Easter exercises were grand. Both of the churches, Haven and Rose Hill, had their churches decorated and the programme was carried out nicely. Our offering for the Missionary Society was \$5. Every department of the church is well organized and the presence of the Holy Spirit is felt at every service. Two received by certificate.—L. J. S. Bell, 1942 Seventeenth avenue.

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## THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

We were shown recently the room of a beloved saint of the Lord who had left her place vacant here and gone to the fellowships of heaven. Everything remained just as she had used it; the change of an article of furniture or a book would have seemed an intrusion upon the personality which still seemed to reign there. The dearest object of all in the characteristic surroundings was the well-worn Bible, which lay upon the arm of the easy chair in which she was accustomed to sit and read it. How much the dear book said to us! It held the secret of all that calm faith, unquestioning trust, unflinching patience, gentleness and love which made that life a benediction to the household and to the world. We knew she had read it and believed it with simple confidence as the word of God. Doubts as to the authorship or authenticity of any part of it never troubled her reverent soul. She took the "sincere milk" and the "strong meat" just as it was given, and "grew thereby," and how she helped others to grow too! It was not the literary quality of the word, although she could appreciate that well, nor the poetic beauty of its psalms, nor any question concerning its human construction, which had made it the most interesting volume in the world to her; it was the heavenly manna she gathered from it, feeding the life of her soul. The dear old Bible! What a treasure it is when we have learned to read and love it in that simple, reverent way!

The illustrations of its inherent power, through the Holy Spirit, to bring men and women to the knowledge of God are many. While questions are raised here and there as to whether we shall keep our faith in the entire book as a divine revelation, such incidents as the following, which is taken from a recent report of the American Bible Society, may be reassuring to any who need establishment in the faith. The missionary who gives the incident, E. P. Dunlap, D. D., is personally known to us:

"One day I listened with deep interest to a native evangelist while he told me about an old man he had met in a fishing village some fifteen miles from my home, who he believed was converted through reading the Book of Jonah. I sought the old man in his home. He gave me a hearty welcome, saying: 'I am so glad you have come to teach me.' He then related in a simple manner the story of God's wonderful dealings with Jonah. This was all he knew of the true God, but he was moved by it, for he showed me how he had destroyed the altar in his home, at which for many years he had worshiped the picture of a heathen god, and then joyfully exclaimed: 'I now worship Jonah's God.' The Book of Jonah was the only portion of the Bible that he had seen. The Holy Spirit had evidently led him, through the reading of it, to worship the true God. His heart was prepared to receive the Gospel. It was a pleasure to declare it unto him, for he seemed to drink it in, and at once declared his faith in Jesus. He was baptized, and became a humble disciple and bold witness for the Master; and when the little church was organized in his village he was chosen to be an elder. Now almost eighty years of age, he remains a faithful worshiper of Jonah's God, through the Lord Jesus Christ."—Christian Advocate.

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**THE "SOUTHWESTERN" AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

Our readers will doubtless be glad to know that we will make arrangements to give a resume of the business of the General Conference each week, so that those who cannot attend this great meeting will be able to form some conception of the important work to be done there. We hope our brethren will push the canvass and give the paper a much larger circulation. Important questions concerning our Southern educational and church work, and others concerning our vast membership will come up for consideration. Our people need to be thoroughly posted with reference to these matters. The Southwestern proposes to help them in this respect. By all means circulate the paper. We will edit the paper at long range for the next three or four weeks, but have arranged for our correspondence and other business at the office as usual.

#### "SOME FACTS OF HISTORY."

Under the above caption that nestor of Southern editors, Dr. E. E. Hoss, writes hopefully, manfully and impressively. Indeed, the Advocate, under his able editorial management is by far the leading paper of the Southern M. E. Church, and is becoming more and more the exponent of the newer, and better Southern Methodism. Of course, the great question in the M. E. Church South, as in the M. E. Church, is the social, moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the "brother in black."

The doctor insists that Southern Methodists have not wholly neglected the "spiritual welfare of the colored people since the close of the Civil War, and is very justly impatient with many of his own people who ignore the facts of history, because the echoes of unfriendly criticisms from without." He states further that it is not his purpose to affirm for one moment that the Methodist Episcopal Church South has, during the past thirty years, done its full duty to the "brother in black." Our opinion exactly. Nor are we disposed to put the whole responsibility of this very palpable neglect at the door of this great church. The whole white South, regardless of denomination, has with but few exceptions, so to speak, almost invariably overlooked the moral training of the colored people. The good doctor will admit, that those of his own and other denominations, who were engaged in the very humane work, have generally been in the minority. Fair and impartial study of the history of our Southland during the past thirty years will put the student in possession of such facts as will enable him to "reckon the exact measure of delinquency involved."

The doctor denies the allegation "that the colored people who were members of the M. E. Church South were contemptuously thrown off to themselves in 1866. At that time, there were 227,000 colored members in communion with that church whose spiritual interests were looked after by some of the most faithful and devoted ministers of the church, several of whom receiving an inspiration from their dusky brethren, have since occupied the most eminent positions in the religious and literary world. At the close of the Civil War, when the social, civil and religious institutions of the whole Southland had been well nigh overturned, scores of people representing other denominations "swarmed over the whole territory," using all sorts of methods for the purpose of proselyting these already scattered people. No one, conversant with the facts will deny that some of the methods used then, since and now, add numerical strength to some of the competing denominations, have not been, and are not, conducive to their growth in moral strength. We assert without fear of successful contradiction, that the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South was to gather in the scattered outcasts,

who in the very nature of circumstances were almost homeless and friendless. It was eminently fitting that the great church which had conscientiously believed in the emancipation of the slave, should be among the first to offer to the freedmen the benefits of her pure Gospel, and the advantage of a Christian education.

Our friends in the North and in the South should know that out of the 170,000 colored communicants, who left the M. E. Church South, but a very small number, comparatively speaking, cast their fortunes with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Agents of the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion, and other denominations were at work in behalf of their respective churches, even before the close of the war, and it is entirely safe to say that quite a large proportion of those colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were absorbed by those ambitious denominational rivals who have in turn charged the Southern Methodist Church with being a slave-holding church, and the M. E. Church with being an organization in which the rights of the black constituency were entirely ignored. Such arguments, in the hands of designing and unscrupulous denominational partisans, have been used against our church with more or less success. So that it will appear that our Southern Methodist brethren do not have a monopoly of the misrepresentations. But the doctor proceeds, "to save the remnant, we set up the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," and challenges for proof to the contrary. And we would add, too, pander to the caprices of some who could endure the presence of the Negro in the church, as a slave and a freedman; but as a freeman, never.

As one of the despised race, we have given particular attention to the relations existing between the two great Methodisms since the late Civil War, that these relations have been strained, no fair and impartial student of history will deny. The Negro has surely been the "bone of contention." Efforts to educate and elevate him to the dignity of citizenship have surely been resisted. If we have been able to interpret the spirit and sentiment of the church it has not only desired but sought the co-operation of all evangelistic Christians in the special work. If "the Negroes of this present generation have been systematically taught to hold such views of the Southern people" as to prevent their co-operation in the work of their elevation, we hazard nothing when we say that that instruction has certainly not been imparted by those who have sought to make the Negro a man and a brother. But the reasons are so self-evident that no argument is needed to show the attitude of the churches on this question.

No quarter of a century of our country's history, nor, perhaps, the history of civilization, can present a better record of heroic devotion to the cause of the oppressed than the one just closing. It is a picture that ought to meet the most obdurate heart; there was urgent, imperative need; the illiteracy of the freedmen was desperate. It was a menace to the happiness of the whole country. The South, prostrate, stricken, bleeding, could not, even if it desired, relieve the distress and meet the wants of those whom it once held as chattels. Thanks be to God, the magnanimous Christian North with the great Methodist Episcopal Church in the forefront, came to the rescue, to educate, Christianize and life up the poor, illiterate freedmen. That page in our country's history will shine on with increasing lustre while time lasts. We need not particularize; we need not speak of the ostracism, the social isolation, misrepresentation, persecution and often the death of those brave, conservative, Christian men and women who came to the Southland to help their brothers in black out of the depths of illiteracy to Christian manhood and citizenship. It hardly seems reasonable that they should meet with oppression in so humane a work, yet it has nevertheless. We have some graves down here beneath which sleep the precious dust of martyrs to the cause of human amelioration; they are sacred shrines to which a grateful race pays its humble devotion; there are other grand heroes here, brave consecrated men and women against which Southern society, aided and abetted by people who professed to stand for the religion of charity, have directed and encouraged a system of ostracism and isolation as bitter as death. But a change is taking place for the better. It is coming slowly but surely, and we will hold it as an omen of the dawning of the better era, when the leading journal of the strongest religious force in the South says:

"Let us not cease to bestow our cordial and kindly approval upon all those who in church and school are making such noble efforts to ameliorate the social and religious conditions of the colored people. To maintain toward them an attitude of sullen indifference is unchristian to the last limit. They are our Lord's servants, and deserve our heartiest commendation. May God help them abundantly, and crown their self-sacrificing toils with unending success. From our heart of hearts we give them greeting, and pray that their hands may not grow weary nor their spirits faint."

#### OUR CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE SCHOOLS.

Our brethren in the plucky little Central Alabama Conference are to be commended for their interest in the education of the masses. Some of the brethren are in favor of establishing another school nearer the centre of the State, giving some very good reasons why this should be done. There are other brethren, however, who feel that such a movement will be detrimental to the interest of the school already established at Huntsville. There has been considerable correspondence, some of which has been characterized by rather stormy language. One of those letters unfortunately found its way to the columns of the Southwestern, was published, and has provoked a reply. Now we are in a dilemma. We cannot indorse this controversy, and we do not like to deprive any of our correspondents of the right of defending themselves when assailed. We regret that we allowed the first letter to appear. Absence in the office and a great pressure of business caused a temporary relaxation of our usual vigilance in such matters, and the letter slipped through. We ask pardon. We have been importuned to publish other letters in reply; this will only increase the confusion. For the sake of peace we must decline to continue the discussion. We make this suggestion in the interest of our church, our educational work and of that peace alone which can exalt our Christ and our Methodism. Let the whole matter be brought before the annual conference, which may recommend that the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society look into the matter, and adjust things in such a way as to give the largest satisfaction to the largest number. Furthermore, that prayers and supplications be made that our kind Heavenly Father will open the hearts of the people interested to the necessity of providing the most ample facilities for the enlargement and establishment of our educational work. Huntsville Academy can and ought to be made stronger, while the contemplated movement for another school is worthy careful and prayerful consideration.

Meanwhile, in the interest of our work in the State we must decline to publish letters which impugn the motives of the friends of Huntsville Academy or the proposed new school. Let us have peace.

Our distinguished contemporary, the Conservator, of Chicago, is in every way a faithful conservator of the welfare of its rapidly increasing constituency. We recognize to some extent the very able service which it renders to our people in all sections of our common country, and desire to endorse without reserve its timely suggestions pertaining to the uplifting of the race. Its heroic service in bringing about a better sentiment, which it is hoped will eventuate in the entire abolition of lynching in this country, meets our approval in every respect. It is possible, however, in the discussion of measures, principles and persons, that there may be differences of opinion, and the Conservator has the happy faculty of expressing its difference in the King's English, terse, incisive and in a spirit which wins our admiration. The Southwestern's statements concerning Miss Francis Willard's visit to the South and her work in the interest of the colored women in that section were inspired by a letter from Mrs. Parks, of Atlanta, Ga., and were, no doubt, truthful in every respect. Mrs. Isabella Parks is one of the first white ladies in the South, has given the matter much study and thought, and speaks out of the fullness of a consecrated heart and brain. Would that all white ladies were as deeply interested in their colored sisters as she.



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## Our Barometer.

The figures are very significant, as indicating a splendid week's work for the Southwestern. Texas heads the column. We hope our readers will put an eye on this column and thus see where the largest amount of activity in the canvass is displayed. However, "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the mighty"—the fittest will survive. Come on brethren; we are fully able to go up and possess the land for the paper. The following shows a most magnificent canvass for the week ending April 25th:

Texas and West Texas.....	20
Central Alabama.....	12
Tennessee and East Tennessee.....	10
Mississippi and Upper Mississippi.....	9
Louisiana.....	8
South Carolina.....	5
Little Rock.....	2
Lexington.....	2
Savannah and Atlanta.....	1
Central Missouri.....	1

Total..... 70

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## AN APOLOGY.

We ask the kind indulgence of our friends for the tardiness and general appearance of this issue of the Southwestern, on account of an accident. In carrying the forms of the paper from the composition room to the press room, the entire eight pages were "pied"—in other words, entirely destroyed—necessitating the present delay in going to press and the general appearance of this issue.

## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

The Easter services on the first Sunday at Simpson Chapel were good and successful, reflecting much credit upon the energetic superintendent, Mrs. Ada E. Lavigne, and her worthy assistant, Miss Sarah Augustus. Too much praise cannot be given Misses Mary Ford and Liatta Marshal, teachers and organist, for the able manner in which they carried out the programme and worked faithfully with the little folks to make it a complete success, and they succeeded nicely. Ten were added to the church. Last Sunday was a great day. Twelve adults and two infants were at the altar for baptism. The presiding elder, Rev. Pierre Landry, preached to the class at 11 a. m. a doctrinal sermon on baptism, which was received gladly by all. At night five were received in the church. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 275 persons. The presiding elder, Revs. Wm. Davis, our pastor at Nashua, and J. Nicholas, of A. M. E. Church, assisted the pastor. Two cash subscribers for the Southwestern. Mrs. Rev. Pierre Landry has been very sick, but at this time is recuperating. We closed our protracted meeting with 19 converts and 35 added to the church. Rev. J. Smith, the great evangelist, our preacher at Cotton Port, labored with us faithfully ten days, and did untold good, and people appreciated his service by shaking his hand when he left and giving him \$6. The contest between the males and females of the church closed Sunday. The female company, Abby Edwards, captain, raised \$36.60; and the male company, J. Jules, captain, raised 28.50. Class C, of Sunday school, led in collection Easter.

A cyclone struck the parsonage of First M. E. Church, W. R. Butler, P. C., at 1924 Sixth street, Friday night, April 24th, and there was nothing left but enough good things to last the P. C. and his family for quite a while. Cyclones are dangerous, but Providence changed the destructive elements in this one and it proved beneficial in every way. The Steward sisters, of First M. E. Church, led the storm, with officers and friends of the church. Please allow me space in your valuable columns to extend thanks to this band of noble Christian women. They are not only looking after the P. C.'s interest, but also the interest of the church. In a few weeks a fine pulpit set, which will cost \$145, will be put in our church by the Steward Sisters. Mrs. M. Thompson leads this little band. We are pulling ahead through the hard times to pay off church debts. Three subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate this month.

Mount Zion Sunday school is flourishing. Rev. T. G. Montgomery reports a splendid collection Sunday for the purpose of paying for the organ used by the school. The amount was \$30. Services were largely attended all day. Three came forward for prayer at night.

First Street Church is reported by Rev. W. R. Butler, pastor, as doing splendidly in all respects. The editor of this paper preached Sunday morning.

## What They Say About the Southwestern.

Waco, Tex., April 18, 1896.  
Dear Friends and Brethren:—I am well pleased with the Southwestern Christian Advocate on whatever terms. It is clear, strong and liberal; firm, spirited and Christian; pure, orthodox and Methodist. Its success is a contradiction to a notion sometimes expressed that the sensational and political elements are necessary to give success to church papers. The fact is, church papers can no more fill their proper place publishing political and sensational matter than ministers can preserve respectability in political activities.

I leave this interesting field—Texas and Louisiana—21st inst., probably never to see it again, going I know not whither, but, by Divine grace, where

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From Rev. B. L. Crump, of Benton, Mississippi Conference: "This list makes sixteen subscribers I have sent in since Conference. I am trying to fulfill the pledge of twenty-five, so I may soon be ready for another pledge of greater magnitude. I am doing all I can for the Southwestern. I want to see it in the homes of every family."

If you do not get as many subscribers from the Dadeville District as you should, it shall not be my fault. I am trying to make the brethren feel that they are neglecting the means of grace not to take it.—Your brother, H. N. Brown, P. E.

The grand old Southwestern is growing very popular. We desire to make it one of the leading journals of the church. We can do so; we will do so.—Yours for the work, W. H. Hundley.

Rev. C. L. Johnson, Marion, Ala.: Last Sunday was an odd Sunday. I took as my subject "The Literature of the Present Age," and lectured three times, holding the Christian Advocate up as my ideal periodical. We have planted the seed and we hope to reap largely in the future. We are now discussing the matter of organizing a Sunday school reading room here and putting a number of Advocates in it.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

Sister Alice Curtis, the loving and devoted wife of Rev. W. S. Curtis, was born at Trinity, Trinity county, Tex., Nov. 26, 1865, and died in the home of her mother in Houston, Tex., Feb. 25, 1896. She was 30 years 2 months and 25 days of age at her death. Her parents moved to Houston when she was but a small girl. She was converted and joined the church during the year 1877, and lived a consistent Christian life nineteen years. She was married to Rev. W. S. Curtis Nov. 26, 1890, since which time she was appointed with her husband to serve the people at Harrisburg, Columbia and Jefferson, Tex., where many good and lasting deeds were accomplished for God.

Bro. Curtis feels that his success as a minister in leading precious souls to Christ and in building up the church and cause which he represents is greatly due to the true, faithful and untiring efforts of his late wife.

Two weeks previous to her death he was called from his charge at Jefferson to her bedside, where he remained until after she had landed safely on the other side of the great river. She died happy. A soldier is gone.

A few minutes before she breathed her

last sweet breath of life she said to her husband to be faithful and go to all your appointments and serve the people the best you can. She spoke cheering words to her anxious relatives, who saw her sleep away in Jesus. Her funeral services were conducted at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church by Revs. Wm. Bartley, P. E., E. Lee, W. Hamilton, A. G. Scott and F. Parker, in the presence of a large congregation.

She leaves a husband, mother and many friends to mourn her loss.

F. Parker.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Hempstead, Texas.—On April 2, H. C. Davis and Amanda Funchard, Rev. H. S. McMillan officiating.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

New Orleans, La.—On April 19, Bro. Siplo Gallagher, of Wallien Chapel, aged 62 years. On April 21, Joseph Armstrong. Both died in the faith. Stephen Priestley, Pastor.

Marshall, Tex.—Rev. Eljah Blair, known throughout the Texas Conference as Father Blair, has gone to his reward. He was about 84 years of age, and had preached many years. His last illness extended through two or three weeks, but he was patient and perfectly resigned. He called his children about him, and divided his earthly goods between them. In an interview with his presiding elder and other brethren, he said: "My work is done." He passed away in much peace. He was our oldest superannuate. I. B. Scott.

Winona, Miss.—Sister Zeph Cook, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, died March 30, aged 78 years and 11 months. J. W. Parks, P. O.

Carthage, Miss.—Sister Alice Phillips, a faithful member of Eddy Ann Church, died on January 26th, leaving a husband, six children, a mother and a host of friends to mourn her death. Sister Amanda Langston, a true Christian, died on Feb. 26. She was a member of Wesley Chapel for over 100 years, and leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn. P. W. Baldwin, Pastor.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Jesse Lyles departed this life March 17, in full triumph, aged 39. She had been a member of the church since she was 8 years old. Jesse P. Price, Pastor.

Stark, Fla.—Nancy Edwards fell asleep March 15. She was a devoted member of the M. E. Church for more than nine years. She lived to 30 years of age.

Hillville, La.—Sister Mary Allego, aged 28 years, died March 16, in the faith. She leaves her husband and eight children to mourn. Also, on March 23, Bro. Aaron Brazier departed this life in the faith at the age of 64 years. He leaves his wife and children to mourn. E. H. Clark, Pastor.

Sister Alice Blackwell, a faithful member of our Church, departed this life March 11th, aged 18 years. She leaves three sisters and two brothers and a father and mother to mourn. She died in full triumph of faith. E. D. Cameron, Pastor.

Enterprise, Miss.—Sister Mathilda Logan, the mother of Rev. A. B. Logan, after lingering four or five months, died in full triumph of the Christian faith on March 28. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 45 years. Also, at Stonehill Station, on March 29, Bro. Norman Woolvorton, a good number of the M. E. Church, passed to his reward in heaven. N. Toole, Pastor.

Alexandria, Tenn.—Sister Edna Sellers, aged 78 years, departed in peace March 10. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 70 years. Robt. H. Johnson, Pastor.

Hempstead, Tex.—Bro. Jake Freeman, a very consistent member and true Methodist, died Friday, April 13. Full particulars will be given in due time for publication. H. S. McMillan, Pastor.

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## EXTRACT FROM AN ADDRESS

By Prof. Wm. H. Crogman, ('76) at a Meeting in Atlanta, Commemorative of Bishop A. G. Haygood.

Six negro colleges and seminaries are represented here in the persons of teachers and pupils. We, too, have come to lay, as if it were, upon the bier of Bishop Haygood our tribute of profound respect and gratitude. He was our friend—the truest, staunchest, bravest, strongest, most pronounced friend that has yet arisen for us on Southern soil. He loved us and we love him. He advocated our cause. He wrote for us, spoke for us, prayed for us, endured the malignant criticism of men for us. Who knows, but, in a measure, he died for us? Fifty-seven years of age! It is not common for men of temperate habits and intellectual pursuits to die at fifty-seven. Who knows but the superabundance of work and the multiplicity of cares incident to such a life produced the strain that hastened his death? But be this as it may, we, nevertheless, thank God that he lived, that he lived in our day, that we knew him, that we are permitted to be co-workers with him, to have his advice, his co-operation, his sympathetic touch. He came upon the scene of action at a time when these schools sorely needed a strong representative in the person of a Southern man, a man whom his people knew and would trust, a man who would put these institutions before his people in their true light, not distorted, not blurred, not as somebody would have them, but as they really are, with the work they are really doing. Bishop Haygood did this. He did it well. He did it manfully. He did it effectively; so effectively, indeed, that the whole current of feeling with reference to negro education in general and these schools in particular, was perceptibly changed, and has remained so up to date. How can we ever forget or too much appreciate his earnest pleadings in our behalf? Speaking on "Negro education," at Montague, Tenn., August 2, 1893, he said:

"Give them all, black and white, the keys of knowledge, and let them unlock as many doors as they can. I pity the coward who is afraid to give a human being this chance. Little danger is there that any race will rise too high, that any individual of any race will learn too much truth." Again he said:

And lest by some possibility there should be some misapprehension as to the truth I hold, let me say:—I believe in giving the opportunities of Christian education to the negroes for the same reason that I believe in giving the opportunities of Christian education to white people—that is, because they are alike human beings, and by natural, God-given right should have the best opportunity God's providence allows them for becoming all that they are capable of becoming. So long as I believe in Jesus Christ and His Gospel I cannot stand on a lower platform than this. Yes, good friend! And so long as you believe in Jesus Christ and His Gospel, so long as the human heart responds to kindness to unselfish devotion, so long shall we remember thee and love thee!

He lived to see negro education a cheerfully accepted fact in the South—a thing regarded necessary to the welfare and development of both races. He died, and left the South discussing not the question, shall the negro be educated? but, how shall he be educated so as to fit him best for the duties and responsibilities of American citizenship?

In the death of Bishop Haygood the nation has sustained a great loss. Influential in the church, influential in the cause of education, he was no less influential as a peacemaker between the estranged brethren. Coming upon the stage of action at a time when sectional rancor was intense, when there stood confronting each other a "solid North" and a "solid South," he became at once the golden clasp that, spanning the dismal chasm, drew nearer together these frowning solids. His memorable Thanksgiving sermon, preached November 25, 1890, went through this land like the dove bearing in its mouth the olive branch of peace and reconciliation to brethren tossed on the turbulent waves of sectional strife. Both sections immediately recognized in him a man entirely too large and magnanimous to retard the progress of the republic and endanger the happiness of posterity for the sake of nursing petty sectional spite. "We are to do the work of to-day," he exclaimed in that sermon, "looking forward and not backward. We have no divine call to stand eternal guard by the grave of dead issues."

Such, in brief, was the life and influence of this good man upon his age.

Born near the middle of the nineteenth century, with its palpitating activities and enterprise, he could not live in the past. His spirit was the spirit of the age—vigorous, alert, direct, upward, Catholic. His writings and preachings will now remain as the best possible exponent of the intensity of his feelings on all matters pertaining to the improvement of his fellow-beings. In these utterances one seems to feel the very swellings and hrobbings of a heart yearning for a betterment of human conditions. It was, therefore, with singular appropriateness that he named one of his books "Pleas for Progress."

In conclusion, are there not some profitable lessons which we might learn from the life of this good man? What were some of the elements of success in him? Were they not even these—large sympathy, large humanity, large faith, and undoubted sincerity? Men who disagreed with him, still respected him for his evident sincerity. It was this quality, indeed, that gave to his utterance the force and weight of prophecy. Though not an orator in the usually accepted sense of that term, men listened to him with fixed an undivided attention, and the phrase, "hanging upon one's lips," had, in the case of Bishop Haygood, more than figurative force. Simple and natural on the platform as on the street, a man of few gestures, utterly devoid of that disgusting mannerism so characteristic of those who would supply in attitudes what they lack in thought, he spoke with directness and force to human hearts and human consciences, and men inclined their ear to catch the smallest word. His very language was an indication of his sincerity. A terse, simple, vigorous, pure English style, such as he possessed, and but few besides himself and Lincoln have possessed in this century, is ill adapted to the concealment of sophistries. Let us again thank God for Bishop Haygood, and let us all endeavor to emulate his royal virtues.—The Bulletin.

## MOUNTAIN-TOP SOULS.

The psalmist said he would lift up his eyes to the hills. Of course he added: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

I am glad I had the opportunity of lifting up my eyes last summer and gazing on the marvelous sunset on the Jungfrau, and of lifting up my eyes to see the beautiful sunrise from the top of Mount Pilatus, that range of the Bernese Alps touched by the first rays of the sunrising. Shall I ever forget the sight?

But there are other hills, mountain peaks, I love to look at—mountain-top souls, where graces not in rills, but in cataracts, roll. I am so glad we have had a range of these spiritual mountains in the Christian Advocate of late; but I lingered longest in holy memory over the sketch of dear Nathan Bangs. I know him; I loved him. He was often at my father's house when I was a girl, and he urged me to give myself wholly to the Lord and be sanctified to God. He often came to tea with dear old Rev. Robert Seney. I can see them now at the table; for no matter what we had for tea, they never had anything but two big bowls of bread and milk. One was so solemn—Dr. Bangs; Mr. Seney was merry. The experience of Dr. Bangs, as related in the Christian Advocate, moved my heart, and it seemed as if I could hear the tones of his voice repeating his favorite hymn:

"He wills that I shall holy be;  
What can withstand His will?  
The counsel of His grace in me  
He surely shall fulfill."

How simple hearted he was! How very free from all thought of self-interest, from love of money! As I laid down the paper I said: "After all these years his memory is so fragrant, and yet he was not what we would call an interesting man." Why was it? O, he was so holy! He had one dominant purpose, and that was to bring the church into the promised land. How he loved to read: "A land of corn, and wine, and oil, Favored with God's peculiar smile, With every blessing blest;  
There dwells the Lord our Righteousness,

And keeps His own in perfect peace,  
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But he was not so great that he could not tell his experience. He used to take me over to the Tuesday meeting at Dr. Palmer's, when he was stationed at old Sands Street Church, and as I laid my paper down I said to myself: "Have we many ministers to-day who will be remembered forty years from now, and will grateful tears start to the eyes at the remembrance of them?" No merely wonderful sermons will do it. Nothing less than an intensely holy life, nothing less than love for souls and the absence

of self will do it. O, how few of our ministers to-day are so overflowing with perfect love that they come to our houses and urge us to leave the wilderness and enter the promised land; who beseech us, not by words merely, but by the tones of their voice and the look in their eyes, to be holy, the Lord's! Never can I forget the tones of the voice of Bishop Janes at a camp meeting when urging us to go up at once and possess the land. He leaned toward us and said: "You can sleep in the land to-night." I thank God for the holy ministers who are urging on the blood-besprinkled band. I am glad for all the teachers in every church who not only preach, but feed the flock. I only am wondering how many of our ministers to-day will have it said of them forty years from now, He made me love and hunger after holiness, and he led me into the experience. Time is getting short with some of us. How very small some things will look to us very soon. He that winneth souls is wise. He that lives for less, or he minister or layman, is foolish.—Mrs. Margaret Bottomé in New York Advocate.

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## LESSONS ON PRAYER.

(Luke 18:9-17.)

Golden Text.—"The Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13.)

We may introduce this lesson by remarks, first, on the coming of the kingdom of God, (Luke 17:20-37) and, secondly, on the parable of the Unjust Judge. (Luke 18:1-8.)

1.—The parable of the Pharisee and Publican (9-14) teaches humanity in prayer. 1. The person who prayed. (9-10). The word parable is derived from the Greek word parabola, which signifies I throw against, or place beside, in order to compare. It is an allegorical representing something real, from which a moral is drawn (Webster.) Jesus often taught this way. The class addressed were those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others." They were likely not Pharisees or Apostles, but a sympathizing self-righteous company who followed Jesus. Those who compare themselves with others and decide that they are better than those about them make a grave mistake. One may be the best man in the locality and yet be lost. By the word of God we stand or fall. No good person ever despised, or counted as nothing, another. We usually show weakness, jealousy and hatred, when we endeavor to make it appear that we are indispensable and others are of little worth. Let our works, and not our tongues, praise us. The place where they prayed was the temple. It is written, "Minchouse shall be called an house of prayer for all nations." (Isa. 56:7.) In the temple sacrifices and prayers were daily offered. Prayer was the object of their visit. When we pray we petition to God, through Christ, aided by the Holy Spirit, for things agreeable to His will (Watson). It is God's will "that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting," (1 Tim. 2:8.) They should "pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks," (1 Thes. 5:17.) The persons who prayed were a Pharisee and Publican. The word Pharisee means separated. They were the leading sect of the Jews, and strict observers of the Laws of Moses. They also had many traditional laws they held in high esteem. They taught that the world was governed by fate; that the soul was immortal; that the body would be raised from the dead; that there were future rewards and punishments; that God was obligated to the Jews; that they were justified on the faith of Abraham; and that there were angels good and bad. The Publicans were the collectors of the Roman revenue. They had many opportunities to be dishonest, and, as a class, they used them to good advantage. They often charged more than was due them; they brought false accusations in order to secure hush money; and they detained and opened letters on mean suspicion (Smith). They were hated above all others by the Scribes and Pharisees. Yet there were some good persons among them. Zaccheus and Matthew were Publicans.

2. The prayer they offered (11-13). The Pharisee stood likely in the court of Israel, and the Publican standing probably in the court of the Gentiles. The condition of the heart is much more than the position of the body when we pray. Standing, (text) sitting, (mentioned one time only, 2 Sam. 7:18) kneeling, (Luke 22:41) and prostration, (Matt. 26:39) are all taught as positions of the body in prayer. But the weight of testimony favors kneeling. (1) The prayer of the Pharisee. The language indicates that he took his position, placed his feet, gathered his bright robes with broad fringes about him, and "went on with his prayer." He stood with, or by, himself, and prayed thus to God. There is more praise than thanksgiving in his prayer, and the praise is of himself more than of God. "An old Jewish saying is quoted, that a true rabbin ought to thank God every day of his life. (1) That he was not created a gentile. (2) That he was not a Publican, and (3) that he was not born a woman" (Vincent). This prayer has two parts: (a) He thanked God for what he was not; he was not an extortioner; he did not obtain things by violence; he was not unjust; he secured none of his possessions by cheating or

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defrauding; he was not an adulterer; he had never violated marriage vows. The publicans were accused of them. Thus while he prayed he condemned his brother worshiper. His sin lay not in injuring others, but in exalting himself, and in putting a low estimate on those about him. (b) He told God what he was doing. "I fast twice in the week, namely, on Monday and Thursday." Fasting will do no good unless it be accompanied with humiliation and prayer. "I give tithes of all that I possess." He likely gave a tenth part of his income for religious and charitable purposes. This was according to the law of Moses. (Numbers 18:21). Zaccheus gave the half of his goods to the poor, (Luke 19:8) and the first converts sold their possessions, laid the price at the Apostles feet, and distribution was made as everyone had need. But the best rule for us seems to be that given by St. Paul to the church at Corinth—let everyone give "as God hath prospered him." (2) The prayer of the publican. (a) He was "standing afar off." Like the Pharisee, he stood apart, but unlike him he felt himself unworthy to draw near to others. The words point to a sense of shame which kept him away from the crowd of worshipers. He was true, penitent, and felt unworthy to approach God. (b) He "would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven." When the Pharisee prayed he lifted up his face towards heaven, extended his arms, and turned the palms of his hands upward, as if to receive the things he asked for. But in this prayer there is no effort at display—no spirit of self-importance. It is the prayer offered in childish simplicity that secures the blessing. (c) He "smote upon his breast." This was an expression of grief, and an emblem of the stroke of death, which he felt that he merited at the hand of God. (d) He prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Literally, "the sinner," or like Saul of Tarsus, "the chief of sinners." He realized his condition, confessed his sins, and begged for mercy.

3. The result of prayers. (1) The Publican—"This man went down to his house justified." See here the Pauline nature of this Gospel. To justify, is to forgive. This Publican was pardoned, cleaned and adopted into God's family. He was saved because he believed, repented and prayed. (2) The Pharisee—Jesus does not say he was condemned. The passage indicates that he sought legal justification; such as the holy angels now have, and such as man would be in possession of had he never sinned. All efforts at this kind of justification are vain. He did not confess sin, neither did he ask for pardon, therefore, he was not forgiven.

II.—Jesus blessing children (15-17). According to Matthew and Mark these verses immediately follow the discourse on marriage and divorce. Jesus thus sanctifies the bonds wedlock and its legitimate offspring. (1) The parents brought unto him infants. These were young children; they are called infants; they were brought and He took them up in His arms. Their design in bringing them was "that He should put His hands on them and pray." (Matt.) They no doubt believed it would be an omen of good fortune to their children. (2) The disciples "rebuked those that brought them." They were forever making mistakes. When Jesus said: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees," they supposed He thus spoke because they had taken no bread. When He called the death of Lazarus a sleep, they

said "Lord, if he sleep he will do well." When He said He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things, Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him. They saw one casting out devils in Jesus name and forbade him. They desired Jesus to send the multitude away that they might go. He did not confess sin, neither did he ask for pardon, therefore, he was not forgiven. Saying prayers is not praying—haughty spirits never enter the Kingdom of God.

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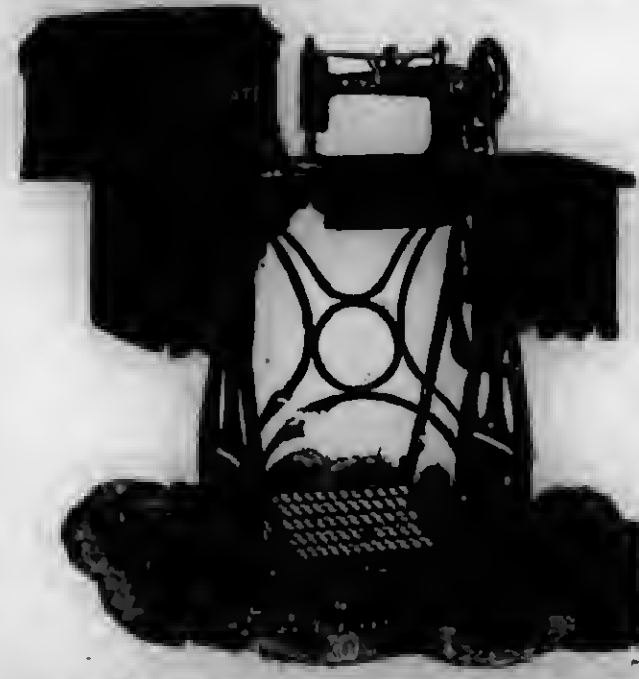
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## WOMAN'S ROUND TABLE.

BY OLGA.

The women of to-day are in great need of repose. A period of inanition, of healthy stupidity, would be a blessing to thousands of alert, nerve-tearing women, who are trying to keep at the head of the procession, without any regard for the effect it will have on the future condition of the species. This constant struggle to be in evidence, to cultivate their tastes, to be self-supporting, to create a position for themselves, to gain "higher education," is literally burning the candle at both ends, if not physically and morally cutting their own throats. In theory, nothing can be more admirable than this development of ambition in womanhood; in actual practice, it is slowly but surely wrecking her, by changing the original scheme of nature. No one wishes to deny woman's mentality, or to belittle the intellectual facts which she has accomplished since the present craze for equality began to rage, but there have been strong and brilliant women in every age, and it is nothing novel for them to shine, only now the aggregation has increased until the exception is the rule. As though to exhibit this new power to do whatever man can do, she has plunged headlong into nearly every avenue of labor, and lunging out a shingle in all the professions, arts and sciences, becoming the rival of her natural protector, who at first gallantly draws to one side, and then rudely gives her no quarter. They are in the field together, and the best—wins. This is now the accepted relation of the sexes. Delightfully independent on the one hand, rather alarming on the other. But this is not the case in point; the world has finally adopted the new order of things, and the pendulum must swing back before there is any general appreciation of the responsibility that woman has incurred. The real danger to her lies in her misuse of this sudden freedom. She has for example rushed into club life with an enthusiasm that amounts to almost frenzy, seizing on the least excuse to flock with her kind, under the title of the club. It is as though she had determined to avenge her neglected sisters in past ages, and to show wicked men that her organizing ability was as capable as their own. At all events, her resources are unbonded, for women's clubs can be no longer counted, in fact, fresh ones start up every day, and the old ones live on forever. The result of this excessive sociability has been the federation of clubs, and, if the truth were spoken, that dignity has only added fuel to the flame. A writer on this subject recently had the hardihood to declare that women were being clubbed to death, that so much of their vital force was expended in conducting the business of the least important organization, it was most likely there would be a new disease called clubbism ere the twentieth century dawned. But the clubs need not borrow trouble on this score. Their chief danger lies in overproduction, and in being obliged to drum up recruits, and to dun those members who like the fun of joining, but are too impecunious to always pay their dues. It is the greatest pity that human nature should be so fond of what is "new," otherwise many good things would not be run into the ground as they are, and lovely women would not be "the wreck" she says she is. Instead of continually rushing along with the crowd, we advise her to try that "bon repos" which includes less of the frills and more of the common sense of living, if her life is worth living at all.

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English Edoy.....		30 31
June		
Mill on.....	6 7	St. Leon.....6 7
Wayne-born Sta.....	13 14	Mt. Vernon.....20 21
Augusta Station, Mla., and Harlem.....		26 29
July		
Waynesboro Circuit and Excelsior.....	4 5	
Wadley and Belleville.....	11 12	
Thrill.....		18 19
		R. R. O'Neil, P. E.

## Shreveport District.

Second Round.	May	
Shady Grove.....	1 2 3	Grand C. ne.....6 7
Manfield.....	6 10	Mournoy.....16 17
Longstreet.....	21 22 23 24	Fairfield.....30 31
June		
Rocky Mount.....	5 6 7	Vanceville.....13 14
St. James.....	1 17	Brownlee.....19 20
St. Paul.....	25 26	Round Grove.....27 28
July		
Bodcan.....	4 5	Milton & O'dau.....11 12
		H. James, P. E.

## Knoxville District.

Third Round.	May	
Tazewell circuit.....	2 3	Ru ae'ville cir.....9 10
Newport.....	16 17	Morri town sta 23 24
Wo. ay Creek circuit.....		30 31
June		
Knoxville.....	6 7	Knoxville sta.....13 14
Clifton and C. Creek circuit.....		20 21
King ton circuit.....		27 28
July		
Ebenezer.....	4 5	
		Owen Hypaber, P. E.

## Forest City District.

Second Round.	May	
Newport.....	2 3	Jonesboro.....6 7
Jacksonport.....	9 10	Angata.....13 14
Anver, no.....	16 17	Pa estline.....23 24
Clarendon.....	26 27	Bilukle, cir.....28 29
Brinkley station.....		30 31
June		
Cotton plant cir.....	3 4	Cotton plant sta.....6 7
Batevil e.....	13 14	Oak Forest.....20 21
Matilda.....		27 28
July		
Park Place.....	1 2	Bled oo.....4 5
Marvell & Helena.....	11 12	Crawford-ville.....18 19
Forest City cir.....	24 25	For at Cit, sta.....25 26
		J. W. Jackson, P. E.

## Palatka (Fla.) District.

Second Round.	April	
Got on Plant.....		25 26
May		
Ocala.....	5	Santos.....8 10
Ponosehor.....	16 17	Sauford.....16 17
Deland.....	9	West Palm Bush.....16 17
New Smyrna.....	23 24	Palatka.....30 31
June		
Lakeland.....	6 7	Alatua.....13 14
Myers.....		17
July		
Tampa.....	2	Ylar City.....3 4
West Tampa.....	4	Port Tampa City.....8
Key West, Newman Key West, Chuan Chapol.....	10	Mis lon.....13
Twin Lake.....	11 12	B medie.....18 19
Orange L. ko.....	23	Reddick.....25 26
Citra.....		27
		S. A. Huger, P. E.

## Shubuta (Miss.) District.

Second Round.	May	
Heidelberg, by A. B. Logan.....	2 3	
Elieville.....	6 7	
Estabatchee.....	8	
Hat leeb. rg.....	9 10	
Perkinson.....	D. F. Dudley.....9 10	
Anasta.....		13
Lumberton.....		14 15
Poparville.....		16 17
Quilman.....	C. H. Brown.....30 31	
June		
De Soto.....	G. W. Heam.....6 7	
Shubuta.....	A. J. McNeil.....6 7	
Shubuta cir.....	A. L. Logan.....13 14	
Waynesboro.....	A. J. McNeil.....13 14	
Ba in.....	O. H. Finmore.....13 14	
Chlorca.....	C. H. Brown.....30 31	
Escalawa.....	27 28	Moas Point.....28 29
July		
Ocean Springs.....	12	Handboro.....4 5
Bay St. Louis.....	8 9	Pass Chris lan.....11 12
Pearlington.....		18 19
		J. M. Humphert, P. E.

## Gainesville District.

Second Round.	May	
Old Town.....	2 3	Fort White.....4 5
Frederickville.....	9 10	Hermaraville.....13
Sanpulsat.....	16 17	Gordon.....19
Lawley.....	21	Hagno.....30 31
June		
Liberty Place.....	3	Long Pond.....6 7
Pinville.....	10	Peasat Plains.....13 14
New River.....	17	Cedar Keys.....20 21
Otter Creek.....	22	Adamsville.....23
Galvesville.....		27 28
July		
Micanny.....	4 5	Free Canaan.....11 12
Rechele.....	18 19	Arrend ndo.....15 26
Phenix.....		29
		J. P. Patterson, P. E.

## Bristol District.

April.		
Greeov llo.....		25 26
May		
Shell Creek.....	2 3	Enral Retreat.....9 10
Jonesboro.....	16 17	Gate City and Vir.....20 21
Martin.....	30 31	gins City.....23 24
June		
Chilhome.....	6 7	Glad Springs.....18 19
Abingdon.....	30 31	Bristol.....27 28
July		
Montgomery.....	3 5	Mountain City.....11 12
Warrenburg.....	18 19	Fall Branch.....25 26
		E. Provine, P. E.

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## Almost Crazy.

## THOUGHT HER CHILD WAS GOING TO DIE.

The Terrible Ordeal of a Mother—Her Little Girl Almost Faded Away—Saved in the Nick of Time—A Story that Will Touch the Heart of Every Mother.

(From the Journal, Detroit, Mich.)

A very grateful mother is Mrs. A. L. Hartness, of 676 Grandy avenue, Detroit, for the wonderful cure which her daughter has received by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Said Mrs. Hartness: "Yes, my daughter's life has been saved by using Pink Pills, thanks to a kind friend who recommended them to me."

"Blanche was sick for over three years. She had the care of the best physicians procurable, and no expense or trouble was spared to give her relief. She was so thin that she was fairly skin and bones, her digestion was out of order and she had the most awful headaches. We gave up all hope of her recovery. Her long, thin, listless face made me nearly crazy, and we did everything in our power to give her strength and induce her to take an interest in anything."

"One day a friend told me about the Pink Pills, and Mr. Hartness went down town and got three boxes. She had taken about one box, when, to my amazement, one morning I heard her playing on the piano. I could hardly believe it, for it had been over a year since the piano had been opened."

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"She thinks nothing of a spin on her wheel over to Mt. Clemens or Pontiac, and is as well as she ever was."

"I had a girl living at our house who was a great sufferer from impoverished blood, and who received instant and permanent relief from the use of one box of the pills."

"If this information can be of any use to help some poor sick one, it is given with the greatest of pleasure."

The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills state that they are not a patent medicine but a prescription used for many years by an eminent practitioner who produced the most wonderful results with them, curing all forms of weakness arising from a watery condition of the blood or shattered nerves, two fruitful causes of almost every ill to which flesh is heir. The pills are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, all forms of weakness, chronic constipation, bearing down pains, etc., and in the case of men will give speedy relief and effect a permanent cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of whatever nature. They are entirely harmless and can be given to weak and sickly children without the slightest danger. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

## Arizona and New Mexico.

Tucson and Phoenix are remarkable examples of what the hotel conditions will do with that region which, to our school days, we were taught to believe was an irredeemable desert. It is true our instructors did not know, or failed to tell us, that there, 20 years ago, the Spaniards located, and in some localities carried out large irrigating systems in this section. Their early settlers soon discovered that the wealth of Arizona was not alone in its mines or its vast forests, but that the soil was fertile and that its climate was such that from two to three crops a year could be grown. All the valleys throughout Southern Arizona offer unequalled inducements to the agriculturist; its thrifty towns and cities afford opportunities for commercial enterprises such as one could find anywhere else in the country. In the vicinity of Phoenix there are great orchards of citrus fruits, vast vineyards, and large fields of waving grain. Tucson, like many other enterprising cities of Arizona, is upon the main line of the Southern Pacific, while Phoenix is readily reached from Maricopa, where direct connections are made, and a short ride will readily bring the tourist in the vicinity of the Salt River Valley.

The Detroit and Cleveland Steam Navigation Company's steamers are now running daily (except Sunday) between Detroit and Cleveland. When traveling East or West, North or South, try to arrange to take advantage of these luxurious steamers between Michigan and Ohio. If you are contemplating a summer outing, write A. A. Schantz, G. P. A., Detroit, Mich., for illustrated pamphlet, which gives full information of a trip to Mackinac via the Coast Line.

## THE MAN WITH THE PITCHER.

The man whom God sends meets the man whom God has sent. Providence is mutual; it works through numerous agents. Co-operation advances the cause. An Andrew finds a Peter; a Peter's life links in with a John's; a Paul discovers a Timothy—so the historical nexus is maintained, as career chains or to career. But the co-operating agent is not always a conspicuous character but oftener an obscure laborer. The man with the pitcher is encountered more frequently than the man with the halo about his head and with a lyre in his hand. The average man is the frequent man; and the average man—when you take enough of him—is the chief maker of history, though his name may appear least often upon its pages.

The disciples whom Jesus sent to prepare the Passover were to find their mission assisted by the steps and signs of a man who would meet them, bearing a pitcher of water. The singularity of the circumstance that the water carrier was in this case a man, and not, according to the universal Eastern custom, a woman would make identification easy and lend conclusiveness to the augury. This man with the pitcher was a sent man as much as was Peter or John. He had a mission with his pitcher as much as they with their Gospel. A common earthenware vessel could do service for the Lord, as I announced the Lord's messenger. Possibly from that very pitcher Christ and His apostles slaked their thirst when entered into the house within the upper room; but its chief mission was accomplished when it guided Peter and John to their performance of the King's errand. So every heaven-sent laborer is preceded by the forethought of the divine preparations, and encounters at every stage of his journey some sign or token indicating the divine will concerning him. The man with the pitcher is always there.

But the man with the pitcher is not always followed. Providential signs are frequently disregarded; greatly to the ultimate spiritual cost of blind or perverse believers. And then a certain amount of moral intuition and eager alertness is requisite in order to sure discernment of the signs which God has forethoughtfully placed along the roadways of life. They alone are guided who look for the guides; and oftentimes, perhaps, the pitcher or bearer does not stride along the open highway with conspicuous dignity and importance, but modestly stands in some doorway, retires among the shadows of some bystreet, where only the sharp-eyed will discern him and only the spiritually-minded be tempted to follow him. God's messengers are all about, but they are not always where men look for them nor do they invariably lead whither men would go. But the man with the pitcher is a safe guide. Though he may lead to a humble dwelling, he conducts to where the Master will eventually be, and to that scene where the truest peace will be found, in a divine presence. God makes no mistakes in His guidance; only they mistake who never ask the Lord to be their guide.—New York Observer.

## Have You Smoked Too Much?

## Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

It will relieve the depression caused thereby quiet the nerves and induce refreshing sleep.

## QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH AT CLEVELAND, O., MAY 1ST.

Those who anticipate attending the Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church, Cleveland, O., May 1st, should bear in mind the direct route to that city is via Cincinnati and the Big Four Route. All trains of the Q. & C. Route and the L. & N. Railway from the South make direct connections in Central Union Station, Cincinnati, with through trains of the Big Four Route, with elegant coaches, parlor cars, dining cars and sleeping cars to Cleveland. The famous "Southwestern Limited" is in this service. Full particulars as to time of trains, rates, etc., will be cheerfully furnished on application to D. B. Martin, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, or E. O. McCormick, Passenger Traffic Manager, Cincinnati, O.

Remember that the "Big Four" R. R. at Cincinnati makes close connection with all Southern trains. It is the best route for Cleveland. The depot is near the seat of the Conference. Street car lines make it accessible to all parts of the city. See that tickets read via the "Big Four." Excursion rates to Cleveland May 12th.



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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.  
**BEGINNING THE LABORS OF THE DAY.**

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labors to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
In all I think, or speak, or do.

Thee will I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray;  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The bishops issued an address asking public and private prayer throughout the church for the General Conference during its sessions.

Miss Francis E. Willard sailed from New York April 21st, by the American line steamer Paris, for Southampton, to attend the annual convention of the World's Women Christian Temperance Union, of which she is president.

The commencement of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute occurs Thursday, May 28th. Hon. John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, delivers the commencement address, and Hon. Wm. C. Oates, the Governor of the State, is also to be present.

During the General Conference five lectures on patriotic subjects will be delivered, as follows: May 6, Capt. C. C. McCabe, "Bright side of life in Libby Prison;" May 13, Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., "Company D, the Die-No-Mores;" May 16, Hon. William McKinley, "Washington;" May 20, Bishop C. H. Fowler, "Lincoln;" May 23, Bishop John P. Newman, "Grant."—N. W. Christian Advocate.

We are in receipt of a letter from Brother Frank M. Eakin, of Clow, Ark., stating that through the aid of the Southwestern, the Academy at Clow secured as teacher the services of Rev. H. P. Strong, of Pine Bluff, Ark. The school opened on April 14th, with twenty-two pupils and an encouraging outlook. Mr. M. F. Strong will teach until October, when Rev. H. P. Strong takes charge.

The management of the proposed American University in Washington, D. C., the movement of which was organized after consultation with wise and trusted educational leaders of our mighty American Protestantism, report that in spite of the financial depression of the last three years, the total assets amount to \$1,040,000, and that additional assurances of assistance that are not yet put in definite form make the prospects of the University hopeful, indeed; its friendly constituency is already large, and its successful inauguration is made secure.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, says in a late article on "Christianism and the Negro," in Zion's Herald: "Southern born and bred it gives me satisfaction to bear my brotherly testimony to the Christlike toils of such men as John Wilbur Turkfield. These two they alone are worthy, acquainted with which they are represented upon the roster of the same cause. This makes a vote

## GENERAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH.

(Associated Press report condensed.)

The General Conference opened its first day's session promptly at 9 o'clock a. m., May 1st, in Central Armory, Cleveland, O., with the venerable Bishop Bowman presiding. The Armory was as brilliant as a hall of a political convention. Three thousand people were in the hall when the meeting was called to order. On the floor were delegates from old Norway and Sweden, from tropical India and Japan, and nearly every country on the globe. Bishop Bowman announced that the Bible used in the services is the one which was used by John Wesley in his study in England. This historical treasure was presented to the conference some years ago.

Bishop Ninde read from this book the 103d Psalm. Bishop Vincent read the hymn, after which prayer was offered by Bishop Foster. Bishop Foster's prayer was that personal ambition might be stifled, and that harmony should rule. The Rev. Wm. Burt, of Rome, Italy, followed in a reading of the Scriptures, after which Bishop Taylor, of Africa, read the hymn. Rev. Dr. Kirkham, of Drew Theological Seminary, offered prayer, which closed the devotional services.

When the devotional exercises were over a little flurry occurred in the convention by reason of the call on Secretary Monroe to call the roll. It was thought that this action would precipitate the contest of the seats for women. When the name of Lydia A. Timble was announced a delegate was immediately on his feet and made a motion that this name be omitted until a committee determine whether her election was legal. For a moment it looked as if the fight had started. Bishop Bowman, however, refused to entertain the motion, as he declared the convention was not organized. The tumultuous applause which followed the ruling of the chair indicated the strength of the woman suffrage faction of the delegation. As the other names of the women delegates were called no exception was taken. The secretary continued to call the roll. The conference decided to fill the vacancies from the reserves, and to adopt the rules of the last conference.

The question of the rights of laymen on the floor of the convention was raised by the presentation of resolutions that laymen should have the same right to choose the committee on which they would serve as the ministers. The resolutions were overruled.

Bishop Bowman ruled them out of order, still contending that the organization of the convention had not been perfected.

Mr. Planet, of North Dakota, moved that a committee on credentials be appointed. This brought Dr. Buckley to the front, who challenged the rights of women to seats in the convention. A scene of wildest confusion followed, in which Bishop Bowman threw up his hands in despair and exclaimed: "Are we in Congress, or are we in a Methodist conference? Good Lord, brethren, can we not stop this hooting and howling. The Lord help us!"

The question was finally disposed of by referring all questions of eligibility to a special committee consisting of twenty-eight members. This committee is made up of two delegates from each conference district, and is being selected this afternoon. The committee will report Monday, and in the meantime the women will be allowed seats in the convention.

In the afternoon district conferences were held and members of the committee of thirty-one were appointed. Of the fourteen district conferences seven declared unconditionally for seating the women delegates and two others gave one delegate to the same cause. This makes a vote

of 17 to 11 in the committee in favor of seating the women.

Bishop Foster presided at the second day's session. He delivered a lecture on order and it was evident he did not desire a repetition of the first day's disorder. A committee of 18 were appointed on constitution, 15 by districts and 3 at large. It is said that this is one of the greatest questions that will come before the body and the broaching of the question caused a flurry. Dr. Belt moved the appointment of a committee of laymen and clergymen from each district and three at large to consider the feasibility of simplifying the benevolences. Dr. Warren read the episcopal address which was 10,000 words in length. It embodied an exhaustive review of the work of the past four years. It contained reports concerning missionary work, Sunday school, church extension, Freedmen's Aid work and on the subject of discipline, and concluded as follows: "The world will come to see this when human thoughts grow large. Abhorrence of sin will be measured by the cost of redemption therefrom. Men will become great as they are holy. Godlike as they labor for most men, and for more than world-wide interests. Then shall national diplomacies not pertain merely to little islands, but to universal brotherhood. We shall cease to regard the Gospel of Christ as a theory, a system of doctrine, a pardon once, a bestowal of joy, a means of getting to heaven; and regard it, as Paul did, as a power of self, and work for others unto salvation, present and eternal. Then shall the church, redeemed, not by corruptible things, as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, go joyfully and triumphantly to the accomplishment of the great commission given to it by the Master in the hour of His ascension, to 'go in all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

The conclusion of the address closed the second day's session.

Bishop Fowler presided at the third day's session. The bishop's sermon was a powerful arraignment of the higher critics of the Bible, showing by Biblical and scientific arguments that the mass of criticisms passed upon the Scriptures were without foundation. The woman question was to come up the first thing on Monday morning and regret that we will be unable to give the result in this issue of the Southwestern. However, it is known that the majority report of the committee will hold that the women delegates are eligible to seats, and will be presented by Dr. A. G. Kynett. The minority report will be submitted by Dr. J. M. Buckley, and will consist of arguments based on Biblical and constitutional grounds against granting the privilege of delegates to the women.

## THE PLEDGE BRIGADE.

Yazoo City, April 28, 1896.—Dear Editor: As I failed to make a pledge at Conference, count me for ten cash subscribers to the grand old Southwestern, for it is help to us along all lines of our work.—W. L. Lamb, P. C.

Brother N. R. Clay, pastor at Okolona, Miss., writes that he has a fine and loyal set of members, and that a few weeks ago the sisters, led by Sister Clay, decided to give what they called "a palm supper," and through this effort they raised for the church \$44. The church is alive spiritually and financially. They collected in ordinary collections in one month, more than \$75.

We have received the programme of the Minister's Institute and District Conference of Greenwood District, Upper Mississippi Conference, to be held at Winona, Miss., June 2-7. Rev. Mask is presiding elder, and B. R. W. Parks and W. H. Hunt are members of the committee.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A GEORGIA LETTER.

Douglasville, Ga., April 26, 1896.—Mr. Editor:—Will you please allow space in your valuable columns for a word or two from this section of the moral vineyard?

Douglasville is a small, but progressive and enterprising little town situated in one of the most healthful locations in North Georgia. Her people, both white and colored, are energetic, progressive and enterprising. There are four colored churches in the town. A very comfortable school house for the education of the colored youths. There have been two factories in operation here, and another is to be erected at a cost of \$60,000 during this year. By an accident one of the factories got burned down the other night, but it will be rebuilt again in a few months.

In speaking of the churches and their works, I'd like to say that some of the pastors are ever up and doing. Rev. W. A. Mitchell, pastor of the M. E. Church of the Rome District of this place, is proving himself to be not only a leader in the pulpit, but a model preacher of the day, such as is needed all over these broad lands. His church was in need of a parsonage and he did not say to his members build it for me, but with a will of industriousness and true Christian spirit he got his square, plane and hammer and said "come help me if you will to build, and if you don't help me, by the will of God I will build it myself." So a few months ago he went to work and by this time the parsonage is completed and his family snugly situated therein, he doing nearly all the work himself. Preachers like those are the ones we need and the times demand. May the Lord bless such leaders and inspire others to do such good work for the cause.—Respectfully, W. G. Knox.

## ROANOKE (Ala.) LETTER.

The first quarterly conference was held here the 17th to 19th inst., beginning Friday night with love feast. Quite an interesting sermon was preached Saturday at 11 o'clock. Sunday morning opened with the busy hum of the bright eyed boys and girls. All eager to be first at Sabbath school. Having had good lessons, reviewed by the Rev. H. N. Brown, P. E., 11 o'clock found presiding elder in the chair. A soul-awakening discussion was delivered.

Time and patience were taken to remind each officer of the conference that the Southwestern Christian Advocate should and must be taken, especially by the officers of the church.

Rev. S. H. Viel, P. C., spared no pains in working for the church. A portion of his apportionment has already been raised and sent to Central office. The presiding elder's salary is \$16.25 per quarter; \$14.85 of this was raised. The congregation was larger than has been for years; people coming as far as twenty miles. We, too, want to join the throng in carrying the Southwestern to victory.—Yours for the cause, P. P. Wright.

## TUSKEGEE (Ala.) NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Commencement Occurs on Thursday, May 8th.

The West Publishing Co., of St. Paul, Minn., has donated twenty-two cases of type to our printing office.

Six hundred and forty acres of land, known as the Batelle Place, situated thirty-one and a half miles from the town of Tuskegee, have been donated to the school by the daughter of Mr. Batelle.

The Senior's Model Home, begun in the early part of the term, is now completed. The Senior young women will occupy this building in which it is intended that they will receive instruction in the science of model housekeeping.—Isaac Fisher.

## AN APPEAL.

Water Valley, Miss., April 30, 1896.—Mr. Editor: We want to appeal through the columns of your paper to the brethren of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi conference who love and are interested in forwarding the cause of Methodism in our South Land for their assistance in erecting a church here at Water Valley. We have bought a lot, on which we intend to build, in a very desirable position of the town. We are to make a payment on the 4th of July. We want to raise \$100, and humbly ask the presiding elders of both conferences to send as much as \$20, and each pastor \$1. Brethren, please send your contri-

bution at once to Rev. W. H. Golden, at Water Valley. He will acknowledge receipt of same through the Southwestern. Brethren, unless you help us at once we will miss an opportunity to lay the foundation for a good church at this place. So for the sake of humanity and in the name of God and Methodism, come and help us.—W. McDonald.

## DUTY TO OUR PARENTS.

The first duty to our parents is obedience; we should always treat them with the highest respect. It is said that Solomon, seeing his mother approach him, caused a seat to be placed at his side for her. While he was in his splendor and enjoying the luxuries of earth, he did not forget to reverence his mother. But how often do we let selfishness and conceit so completely take possession of us, that we forget to honor our parents. When we stray from the path of rectitude and are called therein by our parents, we should at once heed the admonition and return as did the prodigal. An ill-behaved and disrespectful child is a burden rather than a pride to his parents. We cannot too highly appreciate the loving and tender care of our fathers and mothers for they were deprived of the opportunities that we now enjoy.

I cannot refrain speaking of the wonderful progress we have made since freedom.

We, not like the children of Israel, wandered not in the wilderness forty years, but two hundred and fifty. We have been breathing the atmosphere of freedom but thirty years, and so great is our advancement that it would take but the historian to tell. When we consider the condition of our brother in the benighted jungles of Africa, who has not yet been able to enjoy these excellent opportunities, we say we are blessed. We should honor, love and obey our parents perfectly.

Let us thank God for having moved the dark cloud that so long prevented the sun of freedom from shining on our parents, that we can now sit at the shrine of intellect.

"With books, or work, or healthful play,

Let your first years be passed:  
That you may give, for every day,  
Some good account at last."

—George E. Brantley, DeSaird, La.

## AMERICAN ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

To the Southwestern Christian Advocate:

A brief notice was given to the press some time ago informing the public that the Board of Directors of the American Anti-Saloon League had fixed upon Washington, D. C., as the place, and December 8th to 10th as the time, for its 1896 convention.

As annual meetings of bodies entitled to representation in this convention are now being held throughout the country more rapidly than they can be reached individually by mail, it is requested that you repeat above notice for the benefit of all who are interested and for the good of the cause.

It is earnestly desired that representatives may come to this national convention from all parts of the country and from all bodies entitled to such representation.

The provision in the constitution of the League as to representation in the convention is as follows:

Article VIII. Representation in Annual Conventions.—Representation in such annual conventions shall consist of ten delegates from each National Organization, five delegates from each State organization, and two delegates from each religious temperance organization holding annual conventions, such as a conference, presbytery, synod, association, lodge, division or any other body co-operating with this League.

Copies of a leaflet containing the constitution and appeal of the League, with revised lists of the executive committee and Board of Directors, can be obtained free of cost on application to the secretary, post office box 92, Washington, D. C.

Yours for the suppression of the Saloon, Jas. L. Ewin, Secretary Am. A. S. L.

## To Offer a Reward of 100 Dollars

for a case of catarrh that cannot be cured created the suspicion that the article so advertised is a humbug. Do you know of any such reward being paid? My Bros. do not promise rewards in order to sell their well-known "Cream Balm." They offer the most effective medicine, prepared in convenient form to use, and at the lowest possible price, 50 cents per bottle. A honest and effective remedy, which is absolutely free from narcotics or other harmful drugs.



## Which have

you an eye to,

quantity or quality, when you buy something to make washing easy? If it's quality, you want Pearlina. In effectiveness, in economy, and above all in its absolute harmlessness, no matter how or where you use it, there's nothing to compare with this, the first and only washing-compound.

What difference does the quantity make, after all? If you spend five cents or ten cents or a dollar for an aid to washing, don't you want the thing that will give you the most work, the best work, and the most certain safety for that amount of money? That thing is Pearlina.

Send it Back Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearlina." IT'S FALSE—Pearlina is never peddled, and if your grocer sends you something in place of Pearlina, be honest—send it back.

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JAMES PYLE, New York.

The pope having found that many thousands of American Catholics stubbornly refused to obey his command to withdraw from the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Sons of Temperance, declaring that they would rather withdraw from the church, has sent out an explanation of the order, which in effect says that Catholics may join these secret societies if they wish. This is virtually a square backing down upon the part of the "holy father," and shows that intelligent Catholics in America no longer recognize the supreme authority of the pope in matters of conscience.—Religious Telescope.

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## PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Our Conference Course of Study and How to Help Our Preachers to Master It.

(Conducted by Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., Wiley University, Marshall, Tex. Reported by Rev. J. H. Reed, A. M.)

One of the prerequisites to the development of sound scholarship is the systematic arrangement of a regular course of study, or curriculum, with unswerving adherence to the principles of every branch until the pupil will have completed such a prescribed course, thus entitling him to graduation from the same. The ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church is based upon the same principle, as to the intellectual preparation of those who are called of God and of the church to preach the everlasting Gospel, for the salvation of the world. This is, indeed, fitting since man in every avocation of life in these latter days make special preparation for the duties incumbent upon them in order that they may attain to the best possible results. We live in an age of investigation, when every impulse of the human mind is influenced and stirred by the wonderful events, constantly recurring and flashing in rapid succession before our gaze; hence, Methodism, the most aggressive force of the past century, must keep pace with the march of the world's ecclesiastical thought. Our world-famed itinerancy must hold its bearing upon the theological thought of the twentieth century, whose gray dawn now appears over the hill tops of the orient. In the judgment of our General Conference, a regular course of study has been prescribed, the completion of which entitles the candidate to elder's orders, a diploma granted by the Annual Conference, which makes said candidate eligible to the highest office or station in the gift of the church. When we consider the conference course it is all that could be desired by the church to sustain a sound ministry. Broad in its scope, comprehensive in doctrine, and liberal in thought, affording a platform upon which might stand the combined ministry of Protestantism, with Catholicism thrown in for good measure. It is designed to prepare the minister at every step of his progress in the conference. His field of operation is circumscribed by this requisite course upon which he must be examined. Yet his research is not exclusively limited, for the truly progressive minister of the Gospel, even in the midst of his studies prescribed by the church, will keep abreast with contemporaneous thought and grasp truth from a thousand sources.

In all work, the first important thing to do is to acquire the necessary means to accomplish successfully and satisfactorily the work demanded. It seems almost unnecessary to say that a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church should get his books as per our discipline, and yet this is evidently one of the weak points in our itineracy. The lines have never been drawn and this want of the proper means for intellectual discipline has dwarfed the possibilities of an aggressive ministry—the need of the hour. In this particular, where lies the cause of this lack of a strong ministry, is the ruinous effect? Can we attribute it entirely to the rank and file of the ministry and say they lack the proper ambition to cultivate their entire being for the work committed to their hands? Not wholly; though this is true in many instances. But the real truth is they have been made the victims of a weak system. May we not say that favoritism has played its part in advancing many an incompetent subject to his own detriment? Here is presented the almost insurmountable obstacle in the way of a progressive ministry throughout our Southern conferences. We do not hesitate to estimate that nine-tenths of the members of our conferences have never acquired the books required to complete the four years' course of study, and yet the same old system is in vogue in the conference committees of examination. There can be no real assistance rendered until a consensus of opinion obtains by the ministry itself that our present system is defective in the operation. First, the diagnosis of the case, then the remedy. When our work was first organized in the South, the old pioneers who laid the foundation in blood and tears, were excusable for their want of the proper means to rightly prosecute the great work placed before them, on the ground that the angels of battle had just begun to stir. As we are, a generation from that time, it behooves us

tem and adopt new methods, the burning demands of the time in which we live. So that our prosperity may rise up and honor our memory, sacred because of its material accomplishments for the church and nation. Then let us pause and look about us and we shall readily see that the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Another defective agency that militates against the true mastery of our conference course, is the lack of a proper foundation, throughout our itinerant ranks, upon which to build such a system of theology as is contained in that course. In facing this fact we should look it squarely in the face, without regard to censuring the weak or praising the strong. It must be acknowledged that our course of study cannot be mastered unless the ministry bring into that study a mind, made susceptible by former preparation, to take in all the intricacies of the theological and doctrinal discussions of past and present ages. It should be prepared to watch the trend of events in every department of human thought and thus be enabled to wrest from the grasp of unbelief the strongholds of earth's populations and destroy the cruel reign of the world's heathenism. This, I repeat, is not brought into our study. The next question is if not, why not? And readily a thousand excuses arise in the lines of our soldiery—want of opportunity, circumstances, family connections, and many other things are brought to play as an excuse for this want of bringing a mind into our study. But we cannot drag them up by force of arms. In the face of the foregoing facts, how can we best assist our preachers in mastering the course of study? The answer to this question should not be based upon fine spun theory, but rather upon principles, practicable, and tangible. Granting to my fellow laborers their right to any other honest opinion, I make the following honest, humble suggestion, accepting willingly any better suggestion as a substitute:

1. Let the presiding elder on every district in our conference, not only advise but make it a part of his official duty to see to it that every preacher under his administration, secure the books regularly in the course, and make it one of the requisites of his standing in the Annual Conference.

2. Organize preachers' meetings at the most convenient and centrally located points on the district and let the preachers, both rural and city, meet as often as determined by that body for mutual interchange of ideas and helpfulness, in the place of walking around caucusing in groups to kill a brother.

3. Disband the Conference Examination Committees and organize a Conference Board of Examiners. Let this board prepare the questions in each year's study. Let there be on each district a specified time for examination of candidates for advancement in the conference course. This should be a written examination and the papers submitted to the conference board of examiners whose duty it will be to grade the same and make the proper report when each candidate's name is called in open conference. A record of these grades should be published in our conference minutes from year to year until such persons have graduated from the conference course. This, no doubt, seems more like compulsion than assistance, but the world has long since learned the lesson that free moral agency cannot run counter to inexorable law in the universe, without destroying the agent. Men and races and nations have been and are dealt with according to their advancement in the civilization of humanity. We must first teach a child how to study, before expecting research and scholarship. The duty is upon us; the work demands it, and something must be done to raise the standard of our ministry.

4. Let no man be considered for admission on trial into our Annual Conference unless he possess that degree of intelligence and qualification which will enable him to successfully grasp the four years' course of study as laid down in our law. This may be called a repetition of the discipline, but upon this single point we need line upon line and precept upon precept. Here a little and there a little. Close the door and let him who knocketh enter because of his gifts—his intellectual gifts, his moral gifts, his hopeful promise, to say nothing of his graces and usefulness. In fact, if we would trace the source and origin of this destroying element in our present ministry, this unfitness for true leadership, we must go back to the stewards' and leaders' meeting where the first step is taken toward our gulf. Our preachers have ascended to the momentary im-

pulse of some good brother, wanting in sound judgment, and many a drayman has been taken from his high calling—the dray—and pushed into our ranks without the semblance of preparation for so great work. The quarterly conference in turn winks at the mistake of the stewards' and leaders' meeting; the district conference passes it by; the annual conference consents and the body becomes unwieldly in a mass of poorly prepared men. This may look like censure, but not so. It is verily the defect of our system that taxes the minds of presidents of our theological seminaries, presiding elders, devoted pastors and all who labor for the highest success of our glorious Methodism. This is the question that calls forth our present assemblage, the preachers institute, and every phase of our work should be dispassionately discussed and judiciously planned for. How can we help our preachers to master the conference course, find its solution in the answer to the question, how can we help our preachers to master the examination of the State Board of Education? The one class must bring to bear all the powers of a cultivated mind in order to keep step with the educational march of the nineteenth century, so must the other in the ecclesiastical world.

The State keeps constant watch over the intellectual ability of its teachers; the church must keep an eternally vigilant watch over those in whose hands are intrusted the spiritual destiny of the world. The State fosters institutes and teachers associations in order that our army of educators may keep in touch with the best methods of instruction and master the difficulties of pedagogy; the church must nurture and maintain more widely scattered theological and Biblical institutes so that even the rural circuit rider may be assisted in the course of study without which he can do nothing but beat the air and leave the masses spiritually and intellectually demoralized by reason of his presence and administration.

How help our preachers master this course? Set to work speedily the agencies that will incite the major part of our ministry to realize the importance of their high calling and make them consecrated men and not mere time servers. Men with convictions backed by the courage of their conviction; men with nerves of steel and unswerving devotion to the cause of Christ; men with a disdain to the foibles and fashions of this mammon-ridden age and who will not bow before the unholy alters of worldly custom; men who feel that in this rampant and excited age leaders must have hearts of lambs in innocence, but hearts of lions in their devotion to duty. Let these high ideals and holy aspirations run through the ranks of our ministry like an electric shock and the problem is solved as to the mastery of the conference course, for they will not study simply to pass examination before a conference committee that has not prepared a single question to ask them, but rather will they grasp every truth within reach, and reach out after the deep things of God because they are ambassadors sent and commissioned by the chief executive of the universe to treat with nations of the earth on terms of salvation and peace. This is the mission of the Christian ministry, the realization of which thousands assaying to preach have never understood. What would become of the nations of the earth if the various kingdoms and republics should send abroad envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary, men who had never studied the science of government and the genius of diplomacy? Every relation existing between civilized nations would be paralyzed and the most powerful governments would be made a laughing stock in the eyes of Statecraft. In this particular the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. The statesman must master unnumbered volumes and spend many a sleepless night in poring over the records of past national greatness and achievements in order that he may steer the ship of State safely through the dashing waves of political unrest; the counsellor at the bar becomes famous in the eyes of his clients and sends conviction home to the hearts of the jury by logical and unanswerable arguments, only by the mastery of Blackstone, Kent and many other legal authorities coming regularly into his course of study; the physician, the scientist, the artist, the mechanic, the naturalist, the musician, the painter, and even down to the pugilist and athlete, all make complete mastery of their various professions by closest application to the principles and regulations designed to develop each one to the highest point

of usefulness among his fellows. Shall the Christian ministry be less vigilant and industrious than these? Nay! In Paul's valedictory to Timothy, the minister must study, not for earthly glory and fulsome praise and approbation of men, not striving for the mastery of position and preferment, but study to show thyself a workman approved unto God that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Study, men, study the drift of the world's thought, study the signs of the times that point out the most wonderful events and above all study the magna charter, the sheet anchor of our spiritual liberties, the way-bill to Mansions in the skies—the Holy Bible.

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#### THE CAUSE OF WOMAN.

During the last quadrennium, all the Annual Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church have been called upon to vote upon the propositions to so amend the restrictive rules as to admit women as lay delegates to the General Conference. The two great propositions known as the "Hamilton amendment" and the "Baltimore-Colorado amendment," have been voted upon by nearly all the Conferences.

There has been quite a difference of opinion on the "Hamilton amendment" even by those who favored the admission of women, which has, no doubt, contributed very largely to the defeat of the proposition. We believe that the amendment proposed by Dr. Hamilton was proposed in good faith and, moreover, that it did more to bring out the real vote of the clergy than the other amendment, which was used so largely as a substitute.

As a rule, there has been no bitterness in the statement of the views of various champions, but rather an earnest and careful discussion in which the salient points on both sides of the discussion have been effectively brought out.

It is well, however, that our restrictive rules are so jealously guarded and protected by the required number of voters. Yet it must be remembered that this is a progressive age and the church, great as it is, must so discern the signs of the times as to adjust herself to the demands of this all important age.

The church is a great social compact and if we rightly interpret its spirit and genius and sentiment, it points to the absolute equality of all those who go to make up the sum of its interests and activities and zeal. This is the logical trend of the church and woman will play a more conspicuous part in its future development.

#### A QUESTION OF MORALS.

In an address on "The Afro-American Ministry in its Relation to Race Elevation," Rev. F. J. Grimke, D. D., a leading colored Presbyterian divine, utters some very cogent and pungent truths, which should be heeded. There has been too much of a disposition to deal in glittering generalities, and to laud to the very heavens, a few men of the race who have reached higher attainments, while the great masses have been too frequently neglected. It is no use to disguise facts. Hundreds, and thousands of Afro-Americans are yet very low down in point of morals, and the imperative duty is to change those conditions so that they will be just as good as the best of other people. It will go without saying that upon the preachers of the race devolves the tremendous responsibility of bringing about these much needed reforms. Upon this point, Dr. Grimke says:

"The work of the ministry should be mainly character building. But how much of the kind of preaching which tends in this direction is done by the 15,000 ministers in our pulpits to-day? Some of our ministers are highly educated, some orators of ability, some pure in character, some public-spirited, some endowed with great executive ability, which they are using for the public's good; others, while not educated, are men of much native intelligence, men of upright lives, men doing, in their several spheres, good service for the Master. With such a ministry all things would be possible to us, but, unfortunately, our ministers are not all of this stamp. Many are ignorant, many ungodly, many are bad men. The Afro-American pulpit is marked largely by emotionalism, levity and greed for money. Our ministry is not living up to its opportunities. The moral plane of the masses of the people is not high, and the pulpit is largely responsible for the fact."

#### A QUESTION RAISED.

The New York Observer is one of the ablest journals published by our Presbyterian brethren. We have watched its course on the questions pertaining to the advancement of the Negro with not a little interest. It has uttered brave, manly sentiments, and has contributed largely toward the creation of a better sentiment in favor of the black man within the great denomination which it ably represents. In its issue of April 23d, under the caption of "Negro Education," we find, among other remarkable statements, the following:

"One wonders what is the special lack in the Negro which prevents him from rising unaided in civilization, and makes his advance so dependent upon the guidance of a superior race. The brown and yellow races have, without contact with the whites, developed a civilization of their own, built cities, formed great and prosperous communities, and framed codes of laws under which peace and order have been maintained. But the blacks, with equal material advantages, have utterly failed to progress. The puzzle is the greater because they have shown their ability to step beyond purely animal conditions, are physically superior to the yellow race, and are by no means lacking in brain power. No one who has listened to Mr. Douglas, Dr. Blyden, or Booker Washington, will seriously insist that there is anything different in their intellectual qualifications from those of the cultivated white man. All around us are Negroes who have mastered the trades, the professions, the special knowledge of the whites; and if the race can produce individuals of this kind, the average Negro must have something of the brain force which made these attainments possible. Yet the fact remains that there is some mental lack which baffles discovery, but which prevents his growth in civilization, save under the guidance of a higher race."

These are, indeed, remarkable statements and whether true or otherwise are entitled to more than a mere passing notice.

It is not pleasant news to be told that there is a special mental lack which prevents the Negro's growth in civilization, save under the guidance of a higher race. We confess to a sense of shame when we are told that the race to which we belong possess no inherent virtues or moral strength, or force of character or social, and civil, and political, and intellectual basis by which it may enter into an honorable competition with other races for the mastery of this world, that the whole race has been, is now and will be for many many years, under the helpful surveillance of a higher, or superior race, almost discounts the progress which representative individuals have made, if it does not reverse the verdict of history; yet the statements will bear critical analysis.

American slavery served to crush out any virtue, or love of race, or strength of character which the unfortunate ancestors of the present race of Afro-Americans possessed, but when that appalling system stretched its hideous coils over a period of American history which marks more than seven generations of the life of the enslaved race, when almost all white men regarded the black man as a chattel, with no rights—social, moral, or political or domestic—which they were entitled to respect, when it was considered neither in politics or unsocial for the higher to debase the lower, until the mental sense was blunted and the faint and almost indistinguishable moral sense was vitiated, if not utterly destroyed.

From the nucleus which landed at Jamestown in 1620, there had been added in 1863 four and a half millions of souls. Not souls, however, in the eyes of the conscienceless patrons of the world's greatest infamy, but slaves, things, stock, estimated like horses, dogs and sheep, at so much per head. Neither Mr. Lincoln, our Martyred President, nor the brave men who fought, and bled and died, nor the equally brave who fought and survived the most cruel sanguinary conflict of all the ages, could form an adequate conception of what freedom meant to those millions of slaves. With the exception of less than a quarter of a million, including the free black people, the entire mass presented possibly the sorriest spectacle ever presented to the civilized world—illiterate,

immoral, rude—with but one thing to commend them to the favorable consideration of Christian people, viz: That, notwithstanding their terrible social and moral depravity, they possessed immortal souls. And now after the passing of only a short generation if it is asked why the Negro has not made greater progress, why there seems to be a "special lack," or a "mental lack" preventing his growth in civilization. The answer to this is given in the painful facts herein stated. But it does seem to us that a fair and dispassionate analysis of the Negroes present status with the advantages and disadvantages of freedom during only one generation, under the influences of the schools and of the Christian Churches would dispel any doubt as to his ability to take care of himself, and to successfully compete with the "higher race," or with any other race, under the same favorable conditions.

We agree with our learned contemporary that what the Negro needs "is a persistent and kindly education in civilization, protracted if necessary over half a century, the gradual kneading of his mind until the qualities which make the man are too fairly rooted for any reversion into savagery. Most of all, he needs Christianity, for it is the constant testimony of those who know the Negro best that with the acceptance of that creed he becomes a new man, ceases to be a creature of impulse, and has a future before him of his own making."

His superiors in civilization have indeed distanced him, yet a generation shows two million five hundred thousand communicants, hundreds of houses of worship with schools and teachers, and preachers, very largely the result of their own individual effort.

If, at times, they have had, and do now have the guiding hand of the superior race, it is because those who lead and guide believe that the strong should help the weak until he becomes strong enough to help himself. It gives us no little satisfaction to know that those who now help the black man believe that he will occupy a commanding position in the moral and social and intellectual world in the near future. We invite all facts in the case at all times.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. J. M. Bryan, Slidell, La., visited the office during the week.

Bishop Joyce will hold the conferences in Japan, Corea and China. He will be accompanied by his wife. They sail from Vancouver June 22d.

Rev. Jehu Holliday, pastor of Petsey Chapel, A. M. E. Zion Church, left last Tuesday, May 5th, for the annual meeting of his conference. He preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Mt. Zion Hall, corner Phillip and Liberty streets, this city.

#### GOOD WORDS.

Please find a subscriber for the Southwestern, and God speed her on her great mission—molding sentiment for the public mind, and advocating the principles of righteousness. God grant that she may score victory by the next Quadrennial, with Dr. Hammond as commander-in-chief. Your yoke fellow.—J. W. Wimbush, P. C.

#### EXCELLENT ADVICE.

We find in our exchanges, without credit, the following clipping which we commend to our readers:

A young man just starting upon his work in the ministry was one day talking to an aged minister in London, who had spent a lifetime in the service. The young man said:

"You have had a great deal of experience; you know many things that I ought to learn; can't you give me some advice to carry with me in my new studies?"

"Yes, I can," was the response. I will give you a piece of advice. You know that in every town in England, no matter how small, in every village or hamlet, though it be hidden in the folds of the mountains are wrapped round by the far-off sea, in every clump of farm houses, you can find a road which, if you follow it, will take you to London. Just so every text you shall choose to preach from in the Bible will have a road that leads to Jesus. Be sure you find that road and follow it; be sure not to miss it once. This is my advice to you."



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## Our Barometer.

The figures are very significant, as indicating a splendid week's work for the Southwestern. We hope our readers will watch this column and thus see where the largest amount of activity in the canvass is displayed. However, "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the mighty"—the fittest will survive. Come on brethren; we are fully able to go up and possess the land for the paper. The following shows a most magnificent canvass for the week ending May 2d:

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Louisiana.....	4
Texas and West Texas.....	4
Atlanta and Savannah.....	4
Central Alabama.....	1
South Carolina.....	1
Florida.....	1
Lexington.....	1

Total.....

## OUR BOOK TABLE.

One of the eccentric characters known to New York half a century ago was McDonald Clarke, "the Mad Poet." An illustrated article by William Sidney Hellyer, in the May issue of The Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, New York, recalls his vagaries, and many of his poems accompanying the article. Issued by the Monthly Illustrator Publishing Co., 66-68 Centre street, New York. Subscription, \$2.00 a year.

While looking over some old papers published in New Orleans in 1842, I found a short description of a batch of, presumably, freshly imported slaves. Among them were "six or eight small negroes, men and women, all of whom were under five feet in height." Thus we see that over a hundred years ago negritos were brought to America and sold as slaves. For all I know to the contrary, these little negroes had been coming into the country ever since slavery was first instituted.—Dr. James Weir, Jr., in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for May.

Some of the features of Harper's Weekly for May 9th will be: "The Exposition at Buda Pesth," with a double-page illustration and an article by Robt. Howard Russell; "The Tennessee Exposition," illustrated; "The Insurrection of Cuba," illustrated; and "Garden Trucking," by L. J. Vance, illustrated.

The last mentioned article will treat of the increasing industry of raising vegetables and fruits in the South for sale in Northern and Western markets during the winter season.

The Interscholastic Sport department of Harper's Round Table to be issued May 5th, will contain a description of the way to train for the Pole Vault and practical hints as to Pole Vaulting itself. This will be illustrated by photographic reproductions. In the same number Hezekiah Butterworth will contribute an Indian story of colonial days in Rhode Island, entitled "Tommy Ten Canoes." Mrs. General Lcw. Wallace will contribute a paper on Henry the Eighth in her series, entitled "The Tower of Many Stories." There will be an instalment of Marion Harland's short serial for girls, entitled "An 'Old-Field' School Girl."

With articles on photography, stamps, talks to girls, interscholastic sport, bicycle tours, any illustrations, and a comic letter from the chums, the programme of an excellent number is completed.

Harper's Bazar, to appear May 2nd, will be brightened by a variety of very beautiful toilettes suitable to the spring. Fans, parasols, and other dainty accessories of the costume of a thoroughly well-dressed woman will be described among this season's novelties, and there will also be a look at those indispensable requisites, gloves, shoes, and stockings.

Methodist Magazine and Review for May, 1896, Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months; single number 20 cents.

The up-to-date character of its articles is one of the features of this magazine. Thus we find in the May number a striking article by a native of Turkey, on "The Sorrows of Armenia," with ten excellent engravings. Another article describes the Triumphs of Christianity, especially in heathen lands, illustrated with numerous high-class engravings. A young Canadian, W. H. Seymour, gives a sketch with portrait, of the Baroness Langenau, an Austrian lady of wealth and position, who has become the protectress of the persecuted Methodists in Vienna, and sold her necklace for \$10,000 to aid its funds. "From Island to Island," is a stirring story of missions in the Southern Seas, by Rev. J. G. Angwin. The strongly-written tale of "The Elder's Sin," is concluded, and the illustrated story of Irish Methodists and Smugglers grows in interest. The departments of "The World's Progress," "Current Thought," "Recent Science," etc., have a portrait of "Tom" Hughes, a map illustrating the Egyptian campaign, and several timely articles.

The Review of Reviews—The chief contributed articles of the May number are Mr. W. T. Stead's character sketch of M. De Blowitz, the famous correspondent, which is the first in a series which he calls "Some Ambassadors of the People," a sketch of the late Thos. Hughes, author of "Tom Brown's School Days," by Charles D. Lasker,

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and Dr. Shaw's paper on "Vacation Camps and Boys' Republics," in which he describes a unique method of boy training; and the longest and most elaborate paper, under the title "Great Occasions in 1896," tells of sixty important coming gatherings at various points on the earth's surface, for educational, patriotic, musical, recreative and other purposes. Dr. Shaw's editorials under the title, "The Progress of the World," deal most largely this month with a comparison of the Spanish and American naval forces, the Cuban war, various foreign political movements of importance, and a general history of the past month's social progress. \$2.50 a year; 25 cents a number. The Review of Reviews, 13 Astor Place, New York City.

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## A SOUVENIR.

(From Western Christian Advocate.)

In his sermon Sunday evening, Feb. 16, 1896, on the "Safe Young Woman," Dr. Slutz quoted Mary Kellogg Carpenter's "Rules for Right Living" or "Things I Must Remember." They are printed in this form for general distribution as a souvenir of the sermon:

"1. That it is the object of my life to prepare my soul for the enjoyments of heaven, and to do all in my power to assist my fellow creatures in attaining the same end.

"2. That the eye of my God is at all times upon me.

"3. That I must keep a constant watch upon my thoughts, words and actions and hourly carry on the work of self-examination.

"4. Let the love of God and gratitude to my Saviour for what he has done for me be the predominant emotions of my soul.

"5. Let the example of purity and holiness, which Jesus has given us in his life, be my standard of virtue, and let this be the object upon which my mental eye is constantly fixed.

"6. Let me ever be striving to increase my stock of religious knowledge.

"7. Let me ever remember that prayer is the most solemn act in which I can be engaged, and let me never enter upon it with levity or without preparation.

"8. When I read the Bible, let it be as I would read a message directly from the Most High."

Put your signature to these rules and paste them in your Bible.

There are pious people who bow down to God three times a day, and spend the rest of their time bowing down to their circumstances. They believe that God is powerful, but they are sure that their circumstances are omnipotent. "I could be a better Christian for my circumstances." "I would do more but my circumstances are so bad." "Peo-

ple don't know my circumstances." If we could only realize that all our circumstances, however peculiar, are not a circumstance laid alongside of God's almighty arm!—Ex.

## SOME RURAL DON'T'S.

Don't starve your land, lest it starve you.

Don't forget to make deposits. Your farm is like a bank. All drafts will be honored if you keep your account good by frequent deposits of fertility.

Don't let your line fences get out of repair and have trouble with your neighbors.

Don't borrow if you can help it. If you do, return promptly, in good condition, or make it good.

Don't make a debt if you can possibly go without it. Interest has eaten many a man out of house and home.

Don't idle your time away. Usefully employ it, and you are on the road to prosperity.

Don't grumble, or look on the dark side of things. Cheerfulness brings health and friends, and leads to success.

Don't forget to let your wife and children have a little of the money they have earned to gratify their individual wants and tastes. It is only justice.

Don't forget to be temperate in all things; not only in eating and drinking, but in labor and pleasure, and in all the multifarious affairs of life.—Exchange.

## INTELLIGENT SELF-SACRIFICE

The Watchman, on this subject, says:

Many years ago, in one of the sermons at Yale College, President Woolsey dwelt with singular impressiveness upon the thought that self-sacrifice should be intelligent. Sympathy with others leads us to deny ourselves for their sakes; but true self-sacrifice is intelligent as well as impulsive; it is directed toward ends and by methods which reason approves. Recently this idea has come to control much of the best philanthropic work. We have come to see that thoughtless and unwise benevolence is one of the causes of the evils which philanthropy seeks to remedy. The same truth applies in domestic and social life. We can hardly be too solicitous to promote the happiness and well-being of others, but our efforts should always be intelligent. In many homes mothers and fathers sacrifice themselves for their children, and brothers and sisters for each other, in ways that do not benefit but injure those whose pleasure and welfare they have at heart. The self-denial may do those who exercise it good, but it does those who receive it harm. It is not selfishness, though it may be made an unworthy pretext for selfishness, for us to ask whether our self-sacrifice for another is going to benefit or injure him. One important sphere for the exercise of reason is the control of impulses. And the circumstances that impulses are good is not an excuse for indulging them without reference to the effect our action may have upon others.

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## ALABAMA.

Stevenson—Please find enclosed \$1.50 for our Easter; we raised for missions \$10.50. Our first quarterly conference convened April 11-12. Our well beloved presiding elder, Rev. I. Townsend, was at his post with a divine message, being accompanied by the Holy Spirit. We have raised for all purposes \$54.00.—B. S. Kirk, P. C.

Union—Elder Teague held Rev. W. F. Trammell's first quarterly meeting. He preached a soul-stirring sermon, after which seventy-six partook of the Lord's Supper. The church at Mt. Sinai was packed to overflowing. The claims of the Advocate were firmly passed upon every individual, and we are expecting new subscribers from this charge also. Total collections to date \$54.50.—Yours truly, M. E. R. Trammell.

## ARKANSAS.

Center Point—Easter was a success; raised \$16.25 for missions. J. E. Toombs, P. E., was with us Sunday; it was a high day with all. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$90.34. Epworth League is up with the times.—A. T. Stephens, P. C.

## GEORGIA.

West Point—A week's meeting, ending March 30th, at Bluford, M. E. Church, resulted in much good. A goodly number joined. Rev. W. F. Smith, D. D., helped us. Collection for March \$63.00. Easter was observed on the work. Mr. W. H. White, a white gentleman, presented the church with a beautiful lamp chandelier. Bro. C. H. Harris has given the pastor a year's supply of wood.—A. N. Jackson.

Hoschton—Our first quarterly conference was held by Rev. J. C. Hunt, P. E., on April 18-19. It was a grand success; four additions to the church—W. Sages.

Jonesboro—Our Sunday schools, four in number, have all rendered the Easter programme. The committee on the various causes have also been at work, and during the month we have raised for benevolences \$34.52. Our good people are at work and we expect to raise every dollar assessed to our charge.—A. P. Melton.

## OHIO.

Cleveland—I began my work here March 29th, under very encouraging circumstances. I am enjoying one of the most flattering beginnings in the history of my ministerial life. Success is perched on our banner. Cory Chapel is aglow with desire to work. The reception tendered myself and family Thursday, the 23d, was very commendable. We have had two accessions to the church. All departments of church work are in running order. We are anxious for the setting of our General Conference; ample preparations have been made for all.—W. H. Tate.

## INDIANA.

Boonville—Our first quarterly conference convened with Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., in the chair. Reports show progress; one conversion with four accessions to the church. Communicants nineteen.—W. H. Robinson, Pastor.

Cementville.—In one month on my new work, the Cementville Circuit, we have raised \$30.46. My P. E., Rev. E. L. Gilliam, was with us and preached on Sunday. We expect to build a new church at Corydon, and we are going to get ten new subscribers to the Southwestern. We have taken into the church, since I have been here, five, and baptized one child. Pray for us that our circuit may be better.—J. E. Warren.

## LOUISIANA.

DeSiard—Our Easter celebration at Mt. Sinai was grand. The programme was creditably rendered. Collection \$1.20. The work, as a whole, is prospering, and the future outlook is great. Our quarterly conference was held by Elder Chinn March 25th; quarterly love feast on the 26th. We had a nice time.—George Johnson.

DeSiard—The closing exercises of the Farmer public school took place in Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, 27th and 28th of March. All the classes from the alphabet up, recited with so much thorough-

ness that general satisfaction was given. Prof. Cason, our teacher, is doing a grand work here intellectually and morally. Elder Chinn delivered an able address at the close of the examination Friday evening. Some of our white friends witnessed the exercises and indorsed them highly.—George E. Brantley.

## MISSISSIPPI.

Shelby.—Our Easter programme was carried out. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Everett, preached the Easter sermon with great power. Collection of \$2.20 was taken. Our church is alive, also Sunday school.—J. C. Hall, Supt.

Pearlington—I am glad to say that our church here is truly alive under the administration of Rev. W. H. Smith. We hope to have a new church soon. Mrs. E. L. Smith, the wife of the pastor, is a power in raising money and is a great missionary worker.—Jas. Thomas.

West Point—Our first quarterly conference convened April 17-19, in St. Paul M. E. Church, Rev. H. R. Revels, D. D., presiding. Reports full and encouraging. I must say that our presiding elder is abreast of the times, and in activity and ability he cannot be excelled; he is known in the Upper Mississippi conference as the "Model Presiding Elder." He preached one of the grandest sermons, to which I have ever listened, and is more than an ordinary reasoner, and in his flight of eloquence one is carried to the "Heavenly Land." J. W. Wimbush, P. C.

Benton.—Easter was observed on the Benton Circuit with the following results: Mt. Pleasant raised \$9.25; Wesley's Chapel raised \$4.65; Double Springs raised \$2.35. The services at each church were interesting. Bro. J. A. Robinson, superintendent at Mt. Pleasant, deserves great credit for the manner in which he conducts his Sunday school. The circuit is now beginning to plan for Children's Day; we expect it to be the grandest day of the year.—B. L. Crump, P. C.

Marshallville Circuit—My quarterly conference was held March 21-22 by the writer. Our elder was absent on account of terrible storm; he was hindered from getting to the depot in time to board the train. Large numbers of official brethren were present with written reports which showed progress. This is my second year on this work. I have seated one church nicely. Nearly all the lumber on the ground to build another; have in hand \$90.75 to pay for the lumber. We also have money on hand for a new bell, which will be purchased soon. Collection this quarter, \$12.50 for elders; for all purposes \$90.50.—W. S. Leake.

Sallis Circuit—Our quarterly conference was one of the best that we have had on the Sallis Circuit, held March 28-29th, with Rev. W. E. Mask in the chair. He preached two sermons and spoke favorably of the Southwestern. We raised that day \$53; for all claims this quarter \$110.—G. H. Harvey, P. C.

McCool—Easter Sunday was a grand day. Programme was carried out to the letter. Collection \$7.—N. B. Blackman.

Yazoo City—Our second quarterly conference was a pleasant affair. Presiding Elder J. C. Houston, was on time. He spoke strong words in favor of the Southwestern. Collection for the quarter \$29. Easter was duly observed and proved a grand day. Raised \$5 for missions.—W. L. Lamb, P. C.

Summit.—Presiding Elder I. L. Pratt, held our first quarterly meeting on the 25th ult., with grand success, and preached an able sermon. Collection for this quarter, \$64; for presiding elder \$10.—Wm. Payne.

## TENNESSEE.

Martin—I can safely say that the church and people are waking up more and more to the duty that they owe to God and the church. Our Epworth League chapter has done much to revive a spirit of work in the church.—B. F. Anderson, P. C.

Nashville.—We know the friends of our pastor, Rev. C. B. Wilson, A. M., who is now on his fourth year with us at Clarke Chapel, M. E. Church, will sympathize with him when they learn of the death of his brother, Mr. A. D. Wilson, which occurred on the 24th, at Washington, D. C., who has been in the clerical department of the patent office for the past ten years. He was a bright promising young man, and was an earnest, bright student of Howard Univer-

sity, Washington, D. C., in past years. W. D. Pettus.

Gallatin—Our Easter services were a success. Pastor Rev. J. P. Price, preached an able sermon. The opening address was delivered by Miss Ophelia B. Bugg; closing address by Miss Ida F. Hughes. Collection \$12.06.—F. L. Harrison, Reporter.

## TEXAS.

Lodi—We are moving on in a solid phalanx against the foes of our Redeemer's Kingdom, marshaled by our efficient pastor, Rev. J. S. Furguson. Total addition to the church during the quarter, 63; raised for the ministry, \$87.30; benevolence, \$22.80; total, \$110.10. Subscribers to the Southwestern, seven.—R. A. Watts.

Houston—Our return to Trinity M. E. Church, as pastor for year 1896, meet the hearty approbation of both membership and friends of the church, which seem to preface another year's good work. The doings of the church thus far is simply delightful and gratifying; more than fifty souls have been added to the church, and yet they come. March was a finance month; more than \$400 was raised; \$50 for benevolence. Easter services were grand. Collection \$40. The Southwestern Christian Advocate comes as a cheering beam from a conspicuous lighthouse, full of admonition and instruction. I say, long may it live to bless the people. I believe in honoring my church—I am honoring the Lord. I hereby give my pledge, in addition to my own subscription, to do all that I can to send in a list of not less than thirty subscribers to the paper for the year 1896, and move that its present editor be re-elected by acclamation.—Yours as ever, Wade Hamilton.

Fort Worth—Our quarterly conference was held April 25th, with our presiding elder in the chair. Rev. C. I. Jones was with us, in the interest of the Sunday school, and we had a grand time. Our protracted meeting has been going on for the past week and four added to the church. Brothers, do not forget to send in the money you promised for the building of a church at this place. We want it ready for the district conference, which will be held here August 1st.—B. J. Goff.

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No. 7, coast ex.....8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....9:40 am
No. 1, lim. ex.....6:50 pm	No. 8, coast ex.....8:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....8:50 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.....7:50 pm
Sunday ex.....9:30 pm	Sunday ex.....7:50 am

## Texas and Pacific.

No. 52, Ft. Worth and Gal. ex.....6:55 pm	No. 53, Gal. ex.....8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Spgs express.....9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Spgs express.....7:20 pm

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## WOMAN'S ROUND TABLE.

BY OLGA.

One of the questions which comes to every thoughtful woman, who ponders the "outlooks of society" to-day, is this, how far am I responsible for the present state of my intercourse with my neighbor? In a piece half satirical, half in earnest, a protest comes from a writer in Harper's Bazar against the shams of modern society. Claims. In a playful manner they ridiculed a growing evil of our time, namely, the substituting etiquette for sincerity, formalism for friendship, engraved pieces of pasteboard for living fellowship. Can woman be silent when vital issues are at stake? The writer grants, "to sacrifice the reality of friendly intercourse on the altar of convenience is unfortunate on the one hand, while, on the other, to lose the chance for reading, for study, for work of any valuable and valued description is equally to be deplored."

Is it then, I ask, "Scylla and Charybdis"? Is there no passage through these rocks? May I inquire first, are the leaders of society usually those who are troubled about the loss of time for intellectual pursuits? b. granted they were, can a life of fashionable details, with its exacting non-essentials, ever help the development of the unfulfilled aspirations of the yearning soul? Does not the clear daylight of truth rather bring out more prominently the real issue at stake, namely, what do you put first in your life? What is that life for, or, in other words, the real question is what is your choice?

The other side, designated by this writer, "the old way," calls for time to entertain your friends, exchange views of every-day life? What is that life for, or, in other words, the real question is what is your choice?

The writer quotes from a correspondent who says: "I snatch time for my walks and visits. My work is done amid incessant interruptions, and I have the sense that life is frittered away in an endless stream of calls." Right here I ask again is this kind of country hospitality any more genuine than the conventional exchange of visiting cards and the stated number of teas, lunches and set days at home? What is it that makes the rocks of old time just as formidable as at present? The hidden whirlpool has the same source; its real name, under many disguises, is selfishness. The real reason a fashionable woman can not be too friendly is not want of time, but want of thought; she is not willing to sacrifice herself. The dwellers in a little country town are moved by the same spirit; they will not lay aside their individual tastes to accommodate a friend, for the carrying out of some pet scheme, is to them far more important than the feelings of their visitor. Do you ask in despair, what next? Why, the natural result.

In society a place is given you according to the number of your little cards; the style of your reception, etc., is all arranged, regulated for you. Yet even here society will only assign you the place of leader when by years of careful training you can either possess or assume "the art of pleasing." Do you say that I evade the real answer, that this only reaches the surface. This is from my intention. I ask you to gaze on the picture which must inevitably follow. The vain whirl of fashion's wheel has stopped, the life so full of detracting influence has compassed its purpose, their time is at last their own.

Look more intently. The fashionable woman's "art of pleasing" has failed. Now, alone, unpitied and unloved, the world stands aside their former favorite. Scornfully the little miniature world of a country town pushes into oblivion their former leader. Worse than all, in both cases, the soul has shriveled and shrunk, so that you feel compelled to exclaim, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" But larger questions occupy many noble women of today. Virtually they say by their actions, though I never tread fashion's velvet floors or lead their gay assemblies, my heart goes out for the poor degraded beings, sunk so low, yet one of my sex. I long that they all should have at least the womanly care of our police matrons, and that the frightened little children lost in our great city should have their fears quieted by the same matrons.

But there is yet a great need in our large city that no one yet has adequately met. I refer to the large army of woman typewriters and bookkeepers. Shall no woman rise to judgment like Deborah of old, and wisely plan and boldly execute the much needed reforms, so that in our city of brotherly Love their cry shall not be unheeded.

Do you hear what they say? O! Christian sisters make it possible for us to work modestly and safely in the offices of your husbands, brothers and friends.

## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Gainesville District Sunday School convention convenes at Starke, Fla., May 23-24. Rates fixed over the respective roads, F. C. P., etc. one and one-fourth fare, limited to the 26th.—J. P. Patterson, P. E.

## PALESTINE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Please secure your Children's Day programme at once and make Children's Day a success in every way. The Epworth League and Sunday school convention will convene at Hearne, Tex., July 2, 1896, at 9 a. m. Please prepare for the occasion. The programme will be out in time.—W. A. Fortson, P. E.

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Look after the benevolent collections. Raise your apportionment for F. A. and S. E., immediately and forward same to Dr. Mason, at Little Rock. The new hall for Philander Smith College must be built; we cannot afford to be laying behind. Push every cause of the church and take cash subscriptions for the Southwestern Christian Advocate.—Your truly, E. D. Spencer, P. E.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We are now entering upon the second round, that means that one-fourth of the year has passed; is one-fourth of our work done? If you have not raised your missionary money, raise it and send it in at once.

Get Children's Day programmes, prepare and make it the greatest occasion ever witnessed in your community. Don't forget Philander Smith College. Ask every member in your charge to give one dollar for our school.

Dear Brethren, I cannot understand why we have not a large subscription territory for the Southwestern. Let us keep this paper before our people; insist on the officers of the church taking the paper. Prepare for the two or three day's meeting in connection with your quarterly conference.

If you have not raised your general conference assessment, please raise and send it in at once.—W. O. Emory, P. E.

Rev. F. Parker, of Houston, Tex., writes: "I am always ready to solicit for the Southwestern as I am anxious to know that this paper does well. In addition to the names I have sent in to your paper from Houston, I will pledge myself to send in ten more names with the understanding that I will push the canvass for still others. I am with you for success."

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Hunterville, Tex.—Mr. Geo Murray and Miss Curah Jones. Revs. B. M. Taylor and Tenold Edwards officiating.

Mandeville, La.—Luoy Lucy to Mrs. Pauline Washington, on April 16. Alfred Vincent officiating.

Alexandria, Tenn.—S. Ball, of Liberty, Tenn., to Annie Sneed, of Alexandria, Tenn. R. H. Johnson officiating.

Navasota, Texas.—Mr. James McQueen to Mrs. Texana Blackbear, on April 9th. W. L. Duncan, P. E., officiating.

Hobbsville, La.—On March 26, Mr. Thomas Ned to Miss Adeline Nima, both of St. Charles Parish. H. H. Clark officiating.

West Point, Miss.—Rev. N. E. Johnson, a promising young minister of the Upper Mississippi Annual Conference, in charge of the Moon Valley Mission, Abbeville District, took Miss Lila Ford as a lifetime partner, on April 20th. Miss Lila is one of our leading young ladies prominent in society and church, and of one the best families of West Point. May success attend them through life. J. W. Wimbush officiating.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Came Circuit.—Sister Malinda Deacon, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life March 5 aged 87. P. S. Bowie, Pastor.

Paulding, Miss.—Sister Rose McCollum, a faithful member of Oak Grove, wife of John McCollum, died April 19, in full triumph. P. B. Anderson, Pastor.

Alexandria, Tenn.—On March 10th, Sister Edna Bellamy departed this life after having lived a consistent member of the M. E. Church for nearly forty years. A. H. Johnson, Pastor.

Mandeville, La.—Sister Mary Ann, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life March 10, aged 87. P. S. Bowie, Pastor.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Little Rock District.

Second Round.	May	
Fayetteville circuit.....	23	Port Smith..... 27
Van Buren.....	13 14	Center Bridge..... 17 18
Soligohatchie.....	20 21	Argenta circuit..... 23 24
Conway circuit.....	23 25	Morrilton..... 26 27
June		
Danville mission.....	4 5	Little Rock circuit, 11 12
Little Rock, Wesley.....	13 14	Lonoke..... 23 24
Chapel.....	18 19	Richwoods..... 25 26
July		
Little Rock, White's chapel.....	1 2	W. O. Emory, P. E.

## Pine Bluff District.

Second Round.	May	
Rison.....	9 10	New Edinburgh..... 16 17
Warren.....	23 26	Johnsville..... 30 31
June		
Monticello.....	6 7	Dermott..... 13 14
Morrill.....	13 14	Dumas..... 20 21
Avery.....	27 28	
July		
Torne.....	1 2	Pine Bluff..... 4 5
Pine Bluff circuit.....	4 5	Wilmot..... 8 9
Hensley.....	11 12	Gaines Landing..... 15 16
Sweet Home.....	18 19	Sherrell..... 22 23
A. theimer.....	26 27	
August		
		E. D. Spencer, P. E.

## Birmingham District.

Second Round	May	
St. Paul's.....	23 24	Adamsville..... 26 27
Enon.....	23 26	Johnsville..... 30 31
June		
Beaver.....	6 7	Woodlawn..... 9 10
Irondale.....	13 14	Mt. Pleasant..... 20 21
Warrior.....	23 24	Oriento..... 27 28
July		
Springville.....	4 5	Fort Payne..... 7 8
Attala & Gadsden.....	11 12	Cedar Bluff..... 13 14
Howell's.....	16	Centre..... 18 19
Anniston & Oxford.....	25 26	Oxana..... 27 28
August		
Heflin.....	2 3	Horse Creek..... 4 5
Taladega.....	11 12	
Wesley Prentissman, P. E.		

## Dadeville District.

Second Round	May	
Opelika.....	23 24	Adamsville..... 26 27
June		
Bluffton.....	6 7	Dadeville..... 12 13
Dadeville circuit.....	13 14	Alexander City..... 20 21
Sylacauga.....	by R. H. Fleming.....	20 21
Wedowee.....	26 28	La Mar..... 27 28
Tallahassee.....	by George McLemon.....	27 28
River's Chapel.....	by E. Frazier.....	27 28
July		
Ashland.....	4 5	Lafayette..... 11 12
Fredonia.....	by S. H. Viel.....	11 12
Roanoke.....	18 19	
Electio.....	by J. G. Sammons.....	25 26
Alexander City circuit.....	by D. R. Matthews.....	25 26
H. N. Brown, P. E.		

## Natchitoches District.

Second Round	June	
Boyce.....	6 7	Fairmount..... 13 14
Cho in.....	16	Pleasant Hill..... 20 21
Provencal.....	27 28	
July		
St. Paul.....	4 5	Lake End..... 6 7
Coushatta.....	7 8	Nabotson..... 10 11
Bedford.....	11 12	Compt..... 18 19
Alpha.....	20	Fort Jessep..... 25 26
August		
Columbus.....	1 2	Colfax..... 4 5
Cane River.....	6 7	Natchitoches..... 8 9
H. J. Wright, P. E.		

## Huntsville District.

Second Round.	May	
D. catar.....	16 17	Oakland..... 23 24
Atken.....	23 24	
June		
Huntsville.....	6 7	Centre Grove..... 13 14
Lincoln.....	13 14	Cedar Grove..... 20 21
Mt. Moriah.....	20 21	Triana..... 27 28
July		
Scottsboro.....	4 5	Lime Rock..... 8 9
Stevenson.....	11 12	Guntaville..... 18 19
Blountville.....	25 26	
August		
Courtland.....	1 2	Sheffield..... 4 5
Isaac Townsend, P. E.		

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearning searers. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the Southwestern.

DE Soto, Clarke Co., Miss., April 13, 1896.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me to inquire through the "Southwestern Christian Advocate." My mother's name was Esther Pulley, but, since that time, she was sold to a man by the name of Redding Richardson, who lived near Goddard, Wayne Co., N. C. My oldest sister, named Lucy Pulley, was sold to Larking, Edmon, who lived in Mississippi. Next to Lucy was Caroline Pulley, who was sold also, but don't know to whom. Next to Caroline was Violet O'Neil. The last child of the family that I can remember was named Dennis. He was an infant when mother was sold. I was the last of the family sold at that time. If any of the above named persons can be found, they will greatly oblige me. I was named after my father, Sam. Pulley, but now I am known by the name of SAM MOREHEAD.

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## A Terrible Ride.

From the Evening Times, Buffalo, N. Y. Along one of the dismal roads in Western New York, a man and wife were driving as rapidly as the darkness and inclement weather would permit. The rain beat down upon the rubber covering, and found its way into every crack and crevice.

One of the buggy were the wife, of Springfield, N. Y. Her body is familiar with the name. She is a well-known starting judge, who has become famous for his impartial and fair treatment of jockeys at the track.

It was about ten years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Jones took that fateful ride that came near costing her her life.

Mrs. Jones' clothes were thoroughly soaked before town was reached. There was no fire in their hotel room and she became chilled to the bone before the little blaze, the attendant started, warmed the atmosphere.

From that time on Mrs. Jones was an ill woman.

Her trouble—well it was about everything with which human flesh can be afflicted. She had a strange, queer feeling in her head, that felt as if several shot were rolling around loose on her brain. Her cannot describe the torture she suffered. Local doctors told her she had water on the brain.

A Times reporter called upon Mrs. Jones, who said:

"Ever since that terrible wetting I received, up to a year ago, I have been invalid. I have terrible neuragic pains in the head which often went to my feet and limbs. I was often in such a terrible state that I had to use a crutch to get around or else slide a chair before me to move about the house. I was very ill for five years, in spells, and never expected to get well. It was a blood disease I guess. One of the doctors I consulted said I had clotted blood in my head, and perhaps I did. He could not cure me, neither could several other doctors I tried. I also used many patent medicines, but they did me no good."

"My complexion was a perfect white, and my ears were so transparent you could look through them. My blood was turning to water."

"Look at me now, do I look sick?" The reporter was forced to admit that he had seldom seen a more perfect embodiment of health.

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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.

## THY SERVICE IS PERFECT FREEDOM.

Thy service is perfect freedom,  
Lo! I come with joy to do  
The Master's blessed will;  
Him in outward works pursue,  
And serve his pleasure still.  
Faithful to my Lord's commands,  
I still would choose the better part,  
Serve with careful Martha's hands,  
And loving Mary's heart.

Careful, without care I am,  
Nor feel my happy toil;  
Kept in peace by Jesus' name;  
Supported by His smile;  
Joyful thus my faith to show,  
I find his service my reward;  
Every work I do below,  
I do it to the Lord.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Our readers will find on the second page editorials that were detained on the way from our General Conference, and were too late for the regular editorial pages.

The article in our last issue headed "Preachers' Institute," conveys the idea that Dr. Thirkield delivered it before Wiley University, when in fact it was Prof. J. H. Reed.

It was ordered by the General Conference that 3,500 copies of the episcopal address be published by the Book Concern for free distribution; and that five copies be furnished to each delegate.

Rev. Wm. Henry Washburn, of Troy Conference and pastor of Trinity M. E. Church of Troy, N. Y., has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Livingston College of North Carolina.

Among the assignments of ministers to the various pulpits in and around Cleveland, O., for Sunday, May 3, we find: To Cory chapel, Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, and to St. John's church, Dr. A. E. P. Albert.

A resolution was offered and unanimously adopted congratulating Bishop William Taylor, missionary Bishop for Africa, on having completed the 75th year of his natural life, Saturday being the anniversary of his birth.

Of the seven Constitutional amendments submitted to a vote, only one, that changing the day for the opening of the General Conference from the first day in May to the first Wednesday in May, has obtained the necessary three-fourths vote.

Brother Julius J. Chilcoat, of Washington, D. C., writes: "I have read the Southwestern for many years with increasing larger faith in its lofty career for good, and hope it will continue so to the end."

The above is a sample of many similar words of encouragement received at this time from all portions of our patronizing territory, and we are glad to know that the Southwestern is becoming more and more a welcome visitor to the homes of our people.

It is rumored that Father Kolaczewski, pastor of the independent Catholic Church of Cleveland, Ohio, is in conference with Chaplain C. C. McCabe relative to the transfer of his congregation and church property to the M. E. church. The right to accept them lies in the quarterly Conference and to it the application will probably be made. The father has been an interested spectator at the General Conference and a close listener. He occupies a seat in Chaplain McCabe's private box, and follows the proceedings with interest.

## THE AMUSEMENT QUESTION.

There is some discussion going on with reference to the class of amusements that ought to be encouraged for the benefit of the young people of the church. Some of the younger, and not a few of the older ministers are advocating some reforms in the matter. That is to say, they feel that there ought to be some modification of the rules pertaining to amusements. Indeed, there are some who commend the races, private dancing parties, the theatre, opera, billiards and, under certain restrictions, card playing. The Southwestern believes in the old rules, not "ironclad," not having a tendency to drive our young people into other communions, as has been so often claimed, but otherwise. Our method in the past has been strictly conscientious, scriptural and sensible on this point, and we cannot see any reason why the church should recede from its time-honored and righteous position. The following extract from the talks of Dr. L. W. Munhall, a celebrated evangelist, is one of the most practical and sensible statements we have read. Let the people read, ponder, inwardly digest, and govern themselves accordingly:

Facts concerning dancing, card playing and theatre-going:

"It is a fact, That the three leading worldly amusements are card playing, dancing and theatre-going.

That the Bible demands that Christians shall be separated from the world. See Matt. 6:24; John 17:15-16; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17, etc.

That not a single evangelical denomination approves of these amusements; and many of them have formally declared against them.

That the unchristian people, when brought under conviction for sin, invariably believe that these amusements should be renounced.

That persons desiring to become Christians never want a dancing, card playing, theatre-going professor's assistance in learning how.

That the worldly-minded members of any church contribute little or nothing to the spiritual forces and work of their church.

That any Christian sanctioning these amusements is spiritually inert.

That unchristian people have little or no respect for the religious professions of church members who indulge in these amusements.

That the persons most difficult to win to Jesus Christ are the children of church members who approve of these pastimes.

That indulgence in these amusements has led multitudes to disgrace and ruin.

That no one, in the dying hour, wants one who loves these things to pray with them or speak to them of the life to come.

That church members given to these pastimes have little knowledge of the Bible and are seldom found in their church prayer meetings.

That if you are a Christian, and indulge yourself at all in these wordly pleasures, and, for the honor and glory of our glorious Savior and Lord, will at once and forever renounce them, you will have His sweet approval, the approval of your own conscience, and such joys as the world can not give. Matt. 19:29.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6:17-18.

An early friend of Dr. John G. Holland's father said, when dying, "Over cards I have murdered time and lost my soul."

Our bishops have visited and held annually one hundred and forty-one Conferences, at home and abroad.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH.

May 3.—Bishop Merrill, presided.

H. A. Buchtel, of Indiana, desired the episcopal address read in every pulpit. The conference adopted a resolution to send a copy to each pastor.

Dr. Mueller, of Cleveland, presented resolutions which pictured at length the horrors of war, and announced that the English speaking countries of the world had too much in common in the lives and treasures of their people in a bloody conflict. The resolution further reported in favor of an arbitration commission.

The exciting feature of the day was when Mr. Monroe presented to the conference a written statement from four women delegates to the effect that while they believed women were laymen of the church in the broadest sense of the word, yet they were unwilling to embarrass the conference and the church by insisting upon their personal rights, and expressed their decision to withdraw until the conference had taken decisive action. It looked as though this statement might solve the perplexed woman case, but it did not.

No sooner had the communication of the women delegates been offered than Dr. Kynett, chairman of the committee on eligibility, submitted the majority report of the committee. It briefly announced that the committee had decided that the women were entitled to seats in the convention. Several delegates arose to defend the report, but there was a universal demand for the minority report. It was a lengthy document, and was read by Dr. T. B. Neely, of Philadelphia. It was found that the challenge of the eligibility of the women whose names appear on the roll of the general conference is sustained, and that the election of women by lay electoral conferences are illegal acts, and that to seat the claimants would tend to destroy all respect for the constitution of the church and for the decisions and interpretations of the General Conference.

After an extended debate on the merits of the two reports, further discussion was postponed.

The thirteen standing committees and the special committee on Epworth League organized permanently. Among them are the committee which will consider the advisability of having more bishops, and that which will make a recommendation on the proposition to mitigate the severity of the rule governing the itinerancy of ministers.

May 4.—Bishop Andrews called the General Conference to order. Mr. C. W. Bennett, of Cincinnati, presented a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee, which will pass on all communications from women. This committee was to consist of one minister and one layman from each district. After a good deal of debate, the resolution was adopted. An effort was made by Dr. James, of Philadelphia, to make the committee consist of 15 members, 4 to be appointed by the bishop. The lay delegates could not stand this, and Mr. Bennett's resolution went through. The deck was then cleared for action, and the woman question was again precipitated. President Stevenson, of Union College, Ky., started the fight by criticising the action of the bishops in deciding against the action of the women in 1888. Rev. G. Neely led the fight against the women. He held the question to be one of law purely. He took up the question of the argument, and said it was time the Bible and women were one in Christ, but the General Conference. He held that the status of woman is different from man. The question, he said, is a complicated one. It is to be admitted that the



## EDITORIALS.

[Received too late to appear on Editorial pages.]

## OUR PLEDGE BRIGADE.

The arrival of the dear old Southwestern cheered us beyond expression. We looked for the pledge brigade column especially and the cheering news came. The pledges are still coming in. For April 30th there were 70, and for May 7th 65. Verily, the friends of the paper are rallying. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

On with the canvass, brethren.

## THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

The quadrennial address of the bishops before the General Conference now assembled, is said to have been the ablest document ever presented by our General Superintendents. It will be published next week and we earnestly commend it to the careful and prayerful reading and study of all our people. Pastors would find it quite a helpful tool to read it before their congregations, stopping occasionally to emphasize the most striking passages, and thus give their people an idea of the magnitude of our Methodist activities.

## SAFE COUNSELLORS.

We are more and more convinced, and we record it with grateful emotions, that there will be no hasty legislation during this General Conference. We have noticed a growing desire to consider all matters without passion or prejudice, and with the greatest deliberation. The discussion of the proposition to admit women as lay delegates was a most remarkable one. While there was clearly a large majority in favor of putting such a construction upon the constitution as would seat the women, they accepted, after much discussion, a solution of the problem, which, while it was in the nature of a compromise, and gave the seats to the women elected, yet it showed, nevertheless, the disposition of the great body to proceed cautiously on this great question. While there are propositions and memorials before the various committees touching the districting of the bishops, Missionary bishops for foreign lands, the election of a bishop of African descent, the removal of the time limit, real lay representation in the annual Conferences, etc., there is a very happy promise that these questions will be considered with unusual care and such recommendations be made as will be safe, practicable and righteous. Colored delegates are upon all the standing and some of the special committees, and their opinions are at all times accorded a respectful hearing.

## FIELD AGENCIES.

We think it would be a wise stroke of policy, as well as meet what we consider a much-felt want if the authorities could see their way clear to give to our worthy colored brethren a more enlarged opportunity to assist in developing our vast missionary, church extension, Sunday school and Epworth League interests among their people in the South. We do not recommend the opening up of offices to gratify the caprices of more office-seekers, nor to pacify turbulent agitators. But we think, after carefully studying the situation, that these opportunities might be placed within reach of our brethren, several of whom we know to have pre-eminent qualifications for this service.

Some one will ask, Will it pay? We answer, yes. We are fully cognizant of the expenses incident to such service, but we believe that a wise, judicious selection would bring into the work men who would so utilize their time in work itself, and who would have shed eye to its superior claims that they would throw themselves without thought to the great service and thus find success.

## THE GREAT COUNCIL.

We regret the delay in the arrival of the Southwestern for distribution at Cleveland until the 7th. We believe, however, that this was unavoidable, owing to some mismanagement in our printing department. The Southwestern has been in great demand by delegates and others within its patronizing territory. We predict good things for the paper. Memorials have been presented by the South Carolina and Washington Conferences asking a change of location. Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Washington and Atlanta, Ga., have been mentioned as good centres in which to locate the business of the concern.

The subject will be carefully discussed before the Committee on Book Concern, which is composed of some of the best business men of the church.

The Committee on Entertainment deserve great credit for their wise and just solution of the color problem. Instructed by the General Conference of 1892 that there was to be no discrimination in the entertainment of the colored delegates, they secured from the proprietors of the various hotels in the city a guarantee that colored delegates should be treated in every way as the white delegates. A large number of our colored brethren have been assigned to the different hotels and other places of entertainment, where they are treated royally. We have not heard of a single instance of discrimination. In the appointments to the various churches, our colored delegates get splendid recognition, and there have been many compliments passed as to the acceptability and helpfulness of the services which they have rendered. But Cleveland, it should be noticed, is in Ohio, and in the great Western reserve at that.

Already our brethren have made several "points of order," and Dr. M. C. B. Mason got in a stirring speech on the question of admitting women. Drs. J. Will Jackson, of the Central Missouri, and J. W. E. Bowen, of the Washington Conferences, have spoken grandly at the anniversaries of the Book Concern and Education.

We have been trying to take in the great sermons and speeches of the great men of our Methodism, a privilege which we prize highly.

It may be truthfully said that great men of the Methodist Episcopal Church are here, white and colored. Not all of them, it is true, but there are those here of both races who have no superiors in their respective lines of work.

Cleveland is loyal to the core. It must not be forgotten that the great "Buckeye" State, the State which will without a doubt furnish the next President of these United States, is, to use a common expression hereabouts, "in God's country." The record of this State during the war for the preservation of the Union is one in which every loyal citizen takes pride.

The great Soldiers' Monument here is the wonder of the visitors. The pieces of bronze statuary representing the infantry, cavalry, artillery and naval service, stir the patriotic instinct of the surviving veterans and their sons, who are continually reminded of the great services rendered by Ohio to the government during its greatest hour of need. The work of the preservation of the Union and the Constitution is held in sacred veneration by its loyal citizens, who are ever ready to shed a tear over the graves of the brave men who died to make men free.

We stood with uncovered head and tearful eyes before a group that touched us as never before. It represented the culmination of the grandest epoch in the world's history since the liberation of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. In the centre of the group stood the rugged, honest, inimitable Abraham Lincoln, holding in his right hand a musket and



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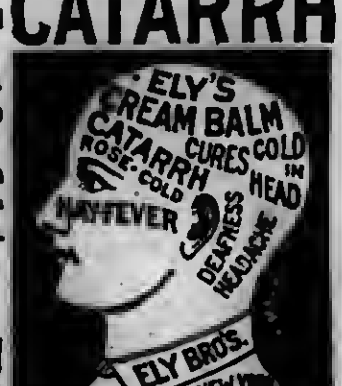
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Memphis, Tenn.—I wish to add we are getting along splendidly with our church improvement and debt. We think we will not only get our church clear of debt but raise all of our assessments, which is very encouraging to us, although we have been greatly hindered in our work by small-pox.—C. E. Alexander, P. C. Centenary Church.

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English Eddy, Ga.—We observed Easter day, and strict observance of the program made the service excellent. Raised for missions \$20.—O. N. Samples, P. C.

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## OUR PLEDGE BRIGADE.

The arrival of the dear old Southwestern cheered us beyond expression. We looked for the pledge brigade column especially and the cheering news came. The pledges are still coming in. For April 30th there were 70, and for May 7th 65. Verily, the friends of the paper are rallying. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

On with the canvass, brethren.

## THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

The quadrennial address of the bishops before the General Conference now assembled, is said to have been the ablest document ever presented by our General Superintendents. It will be published next week and we earnestly commend it to the careful and prayerful reading and study of all our people. Pastors would find it quite a helpful **tual** **puo** read it before their congregations, stopping occasionally to emphasize the most striking passages, and thus give their people an idea of the magnitude of our Methodist activities.

## SAFE COUNSELLORS.

We are more and more convinced, and we record it with grateful emotions, that there will be no hasty legislation during this General Conference. We have noticed a growing desire to consider all matters without passion or prejudice, and with the greatest deliberation. The discussion of the proposition to admit women as lay delegates was a most remarkable one. While there was clearly a large majority in favor of putting such a construction upon the constitution as would seat the women, they accepted, after much discussion, a solution of the problem, which, while it was in the nature of a compromise, and gave the seats to the women elected, yet it showed, nevertheless, the disposition of the great body to proceed cautiously on this great question. While there are propositions and memorials before the various committees touching the districting of the bishops, Missionary bishops for foreign lands, the election of a bishop of African descent, the removal of the time limit, real lay representation in the annual Conferences, etc., there is a very happy promise that these questions will be considered with unusual care and such recommendations be made as will be safe, practicable and righteous. Colored delegates are upon all the standing and some of the special committees, and their opinions are at all times accorded a respectful hearing.

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We think it would be a wise stroke of policy, as well as meet what we consider a much-felt want if the authorities could see their way clear to give to our worthy colored brethren a more enlarged opportunity to assist in developing our vast missionary, church extension, Sunday school and Epworth League interests among their people in the South. We do not recommend the opening up of offices to gratify the caprices of more office-seekers, nor to pacify turbulent agitators. But we think, after carefully studying the situation, that these opportunities might be placed within reach of our brethren, several of whom we know to have pre-eminent qualifications for this service.

Some one will ask, Will it pay? We answer, yes. We are fully cognizant of the expenses incident to such service, but we believe that a wise, judicious selection would bring into the work men who would so utilize their time in work itself, and who would have **Shle** eye to its superior claims that **Debruld** throw themselves without **bolly** to the great service and thus **forma**, **pat** success. **Love** the

## THE GREAT COUNCIL.

We regret the delay in the arrival of the Southwestern for distribution at Cleveland until the 7th. We believe, however, that this was unavoidable, owing to some mismanagement in our printing department. The Southwestern has been in great demand by delegates and others within its patronizing territory. We predict good things for the paper. Memorials have been presented by the South Carolina and Washington Conferences asking a change of location. Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Washington and Atlanta, Ga., have been mentioned as good centres in which to locate the business of the concern.

The subject will be carefully discussed before the Committee on Book Concern, which is composed of some of the best business men of the church.

The Committee on Entertainment deserve great credit for their wise and just solution of the color problem. Instructed by the General Conference of 1892 that there was to be no discrimination in the entertainment of the colored delegates, they secured from the proprietors of the various hotels in the city a guarantee that colored delegates should be treated in every way as the white delegates. A large number of our colored brethren have been assigned to the different hotels and other places of entertainment, where they are treated royally. We have not heard of a single instance of discrimination. In the appointments to the various churches, our colored delegates get splendid recognition, and there have been many compliments passed as to the acceptability and helpfulness of the services which they have rendered. But Cleveland, it should be noticed, is in Ohio, and in the great Western reserve at that.

Already our brethren have made several "points of order," and Dr. M. C. B. Mason got in a stirring speech on the question of admitting women. Drs. J. Will Jackson, of the Central Missouri, and J. W. E. Bowen, of the Washington Conferences, have spoken grandly at the anniversaries of the Book Concern and Education.

We have been trying to take in the great sermons and speeches of the great men of our Methodism, a privilege which we prize highly.

It may be truthfully said that great men of the Methodist Episcopal Church are here, white and colored. Not all of them, it is true, but there are those here of both races who have no superiors in their respective lines of work.

Cleveland is loyal to the core. It must not be forgotten that the great "Buckeye" State, the State which will without a doubt furnish the next President of these United States, is, to use a common expression hereabouts, "in God's country." The record of this State during the war for the preservation of the Union is one in which every loyal citizen takes pride.

The great Soldiers' Monument here is the wonder of the visitors. The pieces of bronze statuary representing the infantry, cavalry, artillery and naval service, stir the patriotic instinct of the surviving veterans and their sons, who are continually reminded of the great services rendered by Ohio to the government during its greatest hour of need. The work of the preservation of the Union and the Constitution is held in sacred veneration by its loyal citizens, who are ever ready to shed a tear over the graves of the brave men who died to make men free.

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Bristol, Tenn.—The quarterly meeting for the Bristol Station was held in March. Rev. E. Provine, P. E., preached Saturday and Sunday. The Holy Spirit was upon the members. Collection \$25.29. This was very good for the membership considering the dullness of the times. Easter service was held to the delight of a large congregation, and it was a grand success in every way.—W. T. Maily, P. C.

Shell Creek, Tenn.—Second quarterly Conference convened March 28th and 29th; with Presiding Elder E. Provine in the chair. The reports showed success. Elder Provine preached three able sermons. I pledge to send in three subscribers to the Southwestern.—J. W. Francis, P. C.

Huntsville, Ala.—Easter services carried out at Dodge. Collection \$27.52.—Tenola Edwards, Pastor.

Monroe, La.—The Monroe district is in a better condition on all lines than it ever has been and is doing more. Many precious souls are being added. The quarterly Conference was well attended and the reports show an increase. Easter was observed and good collections taken for missions. The Southwestern is thoroughly advocated and we are striving to put it in every family. We have opened four new points on the district and supplied them with energetic men. The future is bright. Still, pray for us, that by the end of the next quarter we may have four more points.—F. T. Chinn, P. E.

Bunham Charge, Mt. Zion Church.—The Easter service was retarded by the rain which lasted from Sunday until Tuesday night. Thursday at 8 p. m., the church was well filled with members and friends to see the programme rendered. Mrs. A. E. Cole assisted by the members of the Sunday school board gave satisfaction in every respect. Collection \$13.75. Our work is moving on.—B. Robin.

Lexington, Miss.—Elder W. E. Mask held my second quarterly with gratifying results. Quite a large attendance of members with well written and good reports added a pleasant feature to the session. The interest of the best of all

journals, the Southwestern, was carefully and urgently seen after—having up to date procured nine subscribers; only lacking one in coming up to my pledge made at annual Conference but will still push the canvass. We had a glorious time. Elder Mask preached two soul-inspiring sermons to the benefit of all present. Collection for the session \$25.—W. H. Hundley, P. C.

Gloster, Miss.—Easter was a day highly appreciated by all. Our school is small, but we raised \$9. Everybody delighted with the program. We hope to do better next year. We are having a grand time in our new church, and we are now planning for a parsonage. We have not forgotten the Southwestern. We are trying to put it in the homes of all the people. I promised ten subscribers and have sent in two. Look for more soon. The presiding elder, Rev. S. A. Cowan pushes me and I push the people. Hoping you will be the happy recipient of all pledges made, we are going to have a Southwestern entertainment. Those who participate in the entertainment will have a share in the dividend. When the money shall have been collected I will send in subscribers.—R. T. Thomas.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Easter day was nicely carried out here. The program gotten up by the church was used, the church was nicely decorated and services were pleasing to all hearts. \$45 was raised for benevolence. We are now in the midst of a glorious revival with many seekers at the altar.—A. D. Payne.

Amory, Miss.—Our first quarterly Conference was held on time. Our presiding elder, P. O. Jamison, came to us full of the Holy Ghost and he spoke to us on all lines of church work. The business of the Conference moved off nicely. The elder preached two sermons and administered sacrament to sixty persons. Collection during the quarter \$40. Our motto this year is "To Lift Up and To Look Up."—J. Burton.

Memphis, Tenn.—I wish to add we are getting along splendidly with our church improvement and debt. We think we will not only get our church clear of debt but raise all of our assessments, which is very encouraging to us, although we have been greatly hindered in our work by small-pox.—C. E. Alexander, P. C. Centenary Church.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—The work on the Pine Bluff District is moving off grandly under the management of the young yet efficient presiding elder, Rev. E. D. Spencer. The people are well pleased with him, he doing business in a business like manner. He is infusing life into many parts of the work that have been dead, so to speak, for some time. Our first quarterly Conference was the grandest ever witnessed at this place—so says the people. The presiding elder preached a soul stirring sermon on Sunday night and believers were edified and built up in the faith, and souls turned to God and were saved. Collection \$45.96.—H. P. Strong, P. C.

English Eddy, Ga.—We observed Easter day, and strict observance of the program made the service excellent. Raised for missions \$20.—O. N. Samples, P. C.

Mt. Nebo Charge, La.—Sunday school M. E. Church.—Easter was observed in the grandest style, the programme carried out in full, and it passed off as never before under the skillful management of the Sunday school superintendent; everything was carried out to order. Collection was good; it was taken by classes according to order—made quite an impression on the large audience. We are preparing for Children's Day. The resurrection of Christ was preached by the pastor.—Yours for success, L. Venable.

McCool, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held with B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., in the chair; he handled the conference like a man of God and a wise P. E. Reports shows progress along all lines of church work. Sunday school and Epworth League are coming to the front. Rev. Ferguson made a strong talk for the grand Southwestern and preached three sermons to the joy of all who heard him; seventy-six took of the Lord's Supper. Raised for all causes this quarter \$102.40. Pray for our success.—N. B. Blackman.

Yarborough Circuit, Tex.—My second quarterly conference was held April 18. The presiding elder, Rev. W. L. Duncan.

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The delegates were thoroughly aroused. Judge Caples, of Oregon, ex-Senator Harlan, Dr. Buckley of New York, Dr. Leonard of Cincinnati, Rev. Dr. Harris of Maine, Rev. Dr. Jas. Chappey of Minneapolis, Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, Dr. J. R. Day of Syracuse, Dr. Emory Miller of Iowa, and several other men prominent in the councils of the church spoke upon the question before the house.

The fourth day's session saw the great religious body still unorganized for the transaction of business.

May 5.—Bishop Warren presided.

The hour had arrived for the special order of business, and Dr. Leonard, of Cincinnati, was recognized. He yielded the floor to Dr. Kelly, who presented a series of resolutions deprecating the lack of courtesy extended to Dr. Moore as fraternal delegate from the M. E. Church South. It appears that through a misunderstanding scant courtesy was extended to him and he was not welcomed as he should have been. The resolutions conveyed the most humble regrets and apologies.

Dr. Buckley amended by inviting him to visit the conference again, and after a brief discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. D. H. Moore, of Wisconsin, opened the debate of the morning on the woman question. The speech of Rev. Dr. Moore was followed in rapid succession by at least twenty others. Two long hours were consumed in the debate, and just before the hour for adjournment the report of the majority and the minority on the question of the admission of women were referred back to the committee on eligibility, with instructions to report back to-morrow morning as the first order of business.

It was decided to elect the bishops and other officers on May 18. The order of elections was suggested in a resolution, as follows:

Bishops, book agents of New York, book agents of Cincinnati, secretary of Missionary Society, secretary of Board of Church Extension, secretary of Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, secretary of Sunday School Union and Tracts, editor of the Review, editor of the Herald, editor of the Christian Advocate, Northwestern Christian Advocate, Central Christian Advocate, Pittsburg Christian Advocate, Northern Christian Advocate, California Christian Advocate, Southwestern Christian Advocate, and the resolution also provided the manner in which candidates should be nominated and elected.

May 6.—Bishop Haas presided.

As soon as some routine business had been disposed of, the order of the day was taken up, and Dr. W. J. Kynett, chairman of the committee on eligibility, was recognized and presented the report of the committee, which had been referred to them by the conference at yesterday's session. The committee is agreed that eligibility of women to vote in this convention is a constitutional one, and that the General Conference has the power to interpret the constitution.

The committee recommends the modification of the constitution, changing the qualifications of a delegate to the General Conference by using the words "lay delegate" instead of "layman," thereby making the admission of women legal. We report further that this proposed amendment be referred to the annual Conference of the following year, and that a two-thirds vote of the General Conference and a three-fourths vote of the annual Conference be required to enact this recommendation into a law. The report says that inasmuch as the question has not been judiciously passed upon, those having seats on the floor can retain them without prejudice.

As soon as the report was completed Dr. Kynett said that neither party gave in on the principle, and by them and neither majority nor minority rendered. The views are the same; but

it was a concession by both parties. Dr. Kynett said that there was a rumor that great pressure had been brought to bear on the women to retire. The committee believe no pressure should be brought to bear on them which would conflict with their duty to their constituents. Dr. Kynett closed by moving its adoption.

After a sharp debate of an hour, the report of the committee was adopted, and by a vote of 425 to 98 the question was referred back to the churches to be voted on again.

The Conference committee on church extension, missions and Freedmen's Aid Society restored the constitutions to what they were prior to 1888, thus re-establishing the old order of independent convention.

The church extension committee appointed a sub-committee to consider the formation of a company within the church to insure its own property.

May 7.—Bishop Hurst presided.

Mr. Morris Sharp, of Ohio, presented a resolution to excuse the women delegates, in that they have relinquished their seats, and that their expenses be paid to the date of their withdrawal. The resolution also called in their male reserves. Dr. Neely, of Philadelphia, presented a substitute in which the women were invited to remain as honored guests of the Conference, and their expenses ordered paid. Dr. Cranston rose and asked for a ruling by the chair as to the present status of women in the Conference.

Bishop Hurst decided it was not a point of order, but was a matter for decision by the body. This ruled that Dr. Neely had the floor. Just after Dr. Neely began speaking, Dr. Frysinger, of Pennsylvania, appealed from the decision of the chair and Dr. Cranston's point. Bishop Hurst put the question as being on the appeal of Dr. Cranston. A motion to lay the whole matter on the table was lost by a vote of 218 nays to 109 yeas. Bishop Hurst held that Dr. Neely had the floor, and Dr. Kynett appealed. Bishop Hurst declined to recognize anyone, but Dr. Neely. Dr. Leonard, Dr. Chaffee and others insisted on the appeal being put. Dr. Frysinger insisted on the appeal being put, and in this he was joined by the entire Conference.

Dr. Neely desired to withdraw his paper. Bishop Hurst would not permit this and would recognize no one but Neely. Finally Bishop Hurst ruled that both papers were before the house and he would entertain the appeal.

Mr. Sharp asked to withdraw his resolution, but he was not permitted to do so. The ruling of Bishop Hurst was sustained by a vote of 223 yeas and 204 nays. As soon as it was decided that the papers were before the house, Dr. Neely and Mr. Sharp both withdrew their papers. The woman question having passed over, Dr. J. M. Kings, of New York, presented a resolution. The document was directed against the use of Federal money by the Roman Catholic Church, and its reading was frequently interrupted with applause. It was unanimously adopted without discussion. The resolution opposed the practice of sectarian appropriations for Indian education. It states that this General Conference, representing the membership and constituency of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reiterates its conviction that the cure for these sectarian ecclesiastical aggressions is to be found in the adoption of the proposed sixteenth amendment to the United States Constitution, drafted and promulgated by the National League for the Protection of American Institutions. It is directed that a record of this action be promptly forwarded to the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the Interior, at Washington. This General Conference directs that the signatures of its president and secretary be signed to this action.

After the transaction of other routine business the convention adjourned.

May 8.—Bishop Ninde presided.

G. Loutner introduced a resolution denouncing the use of tobacco in a preamble and then recommended the members to absolute abstinence. It was referred to the committee on state of the church.

A resolution was introduced which said that Bishop Hurst, in his speech on last night, said that the first dollar given the American University was by a colored man, and therefore the resolution provides that a colored man should always be represented on the board.

A resolution was introduced by Merritt Hurlburt recommending that the Senate and the House of Representatives so amend the Constitution that it might recognize the Deity and in the preamble insert the words "Trusting in God." It was placed upon its passage, but finally referred to the committee on state of the church.

A resolution in favor of taking better care of superannuated preachers was referred to the proper committee.

Senator Harlan, under the order of miscellaneous business, introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the second restrictive rule be so changed as to admit of equal representation by the ministry and laity in the General Conference."

The resolution of ex-Senator Harlan was referred to the committee on lay representation.

Dr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution of sympathy for Cuba, which was adopted. The Conference before adjourning passed a resolution condemning a recent enactment of the Florida Legislature, whereby it was made illegal in that State for colored children and white children to receive instructions in the same school.

The convention then adjourned for the week.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Our readers will doubtless appreciate the arrangements we have made to furnish reports of our General Conference which is now in session at Cleveland, Ohio. Of course we are not able to compete with the secular press which are furnished reports by the Associated Press, but we will furnish our office with such matter by mail, and Mr. M. A. C. Hussey will arrange it for publication.

Editing the paper a thousand miles from the office is no easy task and especially since the business of the General Conference is of such absorbing interest, and the relations of each delegate to the business of the Conference of such a nature that it is almost impossible to do more than watch the proceedings and fulfill the functions of one's office as delegate. Yet we will do what we can in the discussion of current topics, and give as well, excellent reports of the proceedings of the great Conference.

While we write, the question of the admission of women as lay delegates absorbs attention. It is hoped, and it is probable, that an amicable adjustment may be reached at an early day. There is talk of electing three or four new bishops to supplement the labors of our honored chief pastors. It is the glory of our Methodism that there are so many good men available. A score of names could be mentioned either of whom would fill the office with dignity and acceptability. There is also talk of electing a man of African descent to the office of the Episcopacy. There are many prophecies concerning the election of Agents, Editors, Secretaries, etc., and as is usual in the beginning of the General Conferences, slates are often formed, to be mercilessly broken a little later on.

We will get good officers since Jehovah rules, and hundreds of His children are praying everywhere that he would guide in the deliberations and choose such persons to manage the affairs of His great church as may be pleasing to His will.

Our Methodism has indeed a wonderful sweep. It is almost literally true that we have dominion in the name of Christ "from the rivers to the end of the earth." There are delegates from Europe, Asia, Africa and the distant isles of the sea, who, with their American brethren, join in their congratulations over the triumphs of the Christ in all parts of the world.

Among the names composing the standing committees of the General Conference, we note the following:

Education and Revisals—Dr. A. E. P. Albert.  
Missions—Drs. E. W. S. Hammond and J. C. Hartzell.

Itinerancy, Temperance and Boundaries—J. F. Marshall.

State of the Church—Drs. Hammond and Albert.

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## Our Barometer.

The figures are very significant, as indicating a splendid week's work for the Southwestern. We hope our readers will watch this column and thus see where the largest amount of activity in the canvass is displayed. However, "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the mighty"—the fittest will survive. Come on brethren; we are fully able to go up and possess the land for the paper. The following shows a most magnificent canvass for the week ending May 9th:

Mississippi and Upper Mississippi..	30
Louisiana .....	9
Atlanta and Savannah .....	8
Tennessee and East Tennessee .....	8
South Carolina .....	7
Alabama .....	4
Texas and West Texas .....	4
Florida .....	1
Lexington .....	1
North Carolina .....	1
Washington .....	1

Total .....74

## An Acknowledgement.

Tyler, Tex., April 11, 1896.—Mr. Editor: Please publish the following amounts I have received to help build here: M. E. Church at Willis, \$1.55; M. E. Church at Conroe, \$1.55; Tabunash M. E. Church at Galveston, \$5.60; St. Paul M. E. Church at Galveston, \$7.50; Trinity M. E. Church at Houston, \$5.20; Mt. Vernon M. E. Church at Houston, \$4.00; Sloan Street M. E. Church at Houston, \$3.00; Silas Clark of Galveston, \$1.00; W. A. Parks, of Galveston, \$1.00.—Yours very truly, J. O. Williams.

It is stated that two daughters of Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman, were converted to Christianity while attending an American school. It is stated that to their influence is due their father's friendship for Christian missions.

## Prayer for the General Conference.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church:  
Dearly Beloved in Christ.—At the convening of the General Conference a quadrennium of supreme interest to our church closes. During this period she has shared in the constant favor of Almighty God, as is evident in the increase of her membership, the vigorous maintenance of her missions in many lands, and in the enlargement and success of all other agencies by which her providential work at home and abroad is being achieved; these things call for the sincerest gratitude to Him from whom comes every good and perfect gift.

No former General Conference has met graver responsibilities than come to the one which holds its session in Cleveland, O., during May, 1896. The last General Conference committed to its consideration the whole question of a revised Constitution; it will review the world-wide movements of our connectional agencies; where needful it will adjust our policy to our extended and diversified church work; it will select those who shall be intrusted with important official duties; every part of its proceedings will bear upon the future success of our church. For such duties it needs that wisdom which cometh from above.

We, your general superintendents and brothers, sharing with all in the earnest desire that every interest of our church may be conversed and furthered, and her possibilities for usefulness enlarged through the action of her great legislative body, unite in requesting that, during the continuance of the session, prayer to Almighty God be made in the public congregations on the Sabbath, in the mid-week prayer-meetings, at the family altars in all your homes, and in your private devotions. Let all thus join in beseeching the Head of the Church to send upon his servants in conference assembled the promised spirit, and to be so constantly present with them that they shall be divinely guided in all their counsels and deliberations.

Having ever in mind the blessings richly bestowed upon us as a church and people, which should fill the hearts with gratitude and inspire the most implicit trust of God and His Word, let there be earnest and believing prayer for His constant favor toward the General Conference and the church it represents.

R. S. Foster, W. F. Mallalieu,  
S. M. Merrill, C. H. Fowler,  
E. G. Andrews, J. H. Vincent,  
H. W. Warren, J. N. FitzGerald,  
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J. F. Hurst, J. P. Newman,  
W. X. Ninde, Daniel A. Goodsell,  
Thomas Bowman, J. M. Walden,

## Memorial Day.

Memorial Day with its sad and sacred memories has again come. And as each new one makes its advent, we recall anew the great and tragic events that made the occasion of this day. Time in his rapid flight has borne us on till we are thirty-one years from the close of the great Civil War, in which thousands of lives were sacrificed and billions of treasure expended to save our country from dismemberment. The asperities and alienations engendered by the great struggle between freedom and slavery have largely passed away; and those who participated as soldiers on both sides, who are still living, fraternize with each other as brothers and fellow-citizens of one common country, on whose glorious banner is inscribed forever, E Pluribus Unum. It is meet that those who sacrificed and died in the struggle, or who sacrificed and have since died, should be remembered and honored for the invaluable service they have rendered their country and humanity. Let the graves of the dead soldiers be decorated with flowers and wreaths of laurel, and the memory of their noble needs revived anew in oratory and song.—Selected.

## Your Physical Condition

Needs attention at this time. If you are tired, weak and nervous, it is clear that your blood is impure, and without doubt there has been too much over-work or strain on brain and body. The course of treatment for such a condition is plain and simple. The blood must first be purified so that the nervous system, and in fact all the organs will be fed upon pure blood. Intelligent people without number have testified that the best blood purifier, nerve tonic and strength imparting medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Nervousness, loss of sleep and general debility all vanish when Hood's Sarsaparilla is persistently taken; in a word, health and happiness follow after taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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The Western Reserve observes this year its centennial. Notable celebrations are to be held in Cleveland and elsewhere in the Reserve, and we shall have much literature upon this remarkable section of Ohio. By far the most important article which the centennial has yet inspired is that by Mr. Robert Shackleton in the May number of the New England Magazine, which recounts the history of the Reserve from the beginning, and the remarkable contributions which it has made to our politics, literature and education. The article is fully illustrated by pictures of the famous and beautiful places in the Reserve, and portraits of many of the Reserve's distinguished men—Garfield, Giddings, Wade, Howells and others—and it will be widely read. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

The Preacher's Magazine for May is a memorial number, and of unusual merit. The leading article is a memorial address, "The Monument's Message," by Rev. Chas. Elmer Allison. It is able and eloquent, and worthy of the first place in this rich number. The sermon by Rev. R. S. Kellarman, entitled, "No Discharge," is a strong and patriotic one. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse presents another of his attractive papers, named, "The True Beauty." "The Attack and Defense" and "Slain Jonathan," are choice outlines of the Homiletical department. "Thoughts for Memorial Day" contains a full and varied selection of excellent articles, with suitable reflections for Memorial Day. Among them, "A Tribute to our Heroic Dead," by N. J. Brown; "A Day of Commemoration," by Rev. James McLaren; "America; 'tis but another name for Opportunity," by George R. Van de Water, D. D.; "The Grand Army," "Our Memorial Day," "The Bivouac of the Dead," etc. "Love of Country," by the late President James A. Garfield, is very good. Children's Sermons, Notes and Illustrations, are ample and appropriate. Dr. William E. Ketcham's Notes on Lessons and Outlines on the Golden Texts are helpful. Dr. C. F. Deems' Prayer Meeting Talks are full of originality, and a real aid. It is a valuable and interesting number and deserves careful attention. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

The Monthly Review for May is one of special merit. It contains over 25 beautiful engravings, a list of well written articles, and book reviews of high order.

"We are all equal before the Law," a short story by C. W. Mowbray, of Boston, points out the injustice done the colored people by the wealthy element of the white race. "One of Many," by Geo. H. Jackson, of New Haven, Conn., is a story that gives a very good and timely hint as to the origin of newspaper reports on Southern lynchings. "Atlanta University," illustrated, by Dr. Horace Bumstead, is one of the ablest contributions to this number. General James S. Clarkson writes a life sketch of Hon. William B. Allison, and Mr. Charles Alexander, the editor, contributes under the title, "Cuff Sketches," brief sketches of prominent colored and white people, who are laboring in the interest of humanity. Our readers would do well to send for a copy of this magazine at once. Single copy by mail 10 cents, subscription price \$1 a year. Send money to Chas. Alexander, 1705 Lombard street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## The Sabbath.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," is written not only in the decalogue, but also in a man's nature. Sir Robert Peel once said he never knew a man to escape failure either in mind or in body who worked seven days in the week. The Sabbath was made for man. Its observance is a duty we owe to ourselves as well as to God. A rest day is essential to man's best development and highest good, and he who neglects the injunction to keep the day holy neglects his own best interests.—New York Advocate.

## "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."

The American Messenger relates this incident: "A foreign missionary told of a woman who, on a school-teacher's salary of \$1,000, lived on one-half, and with the other half supported a substitute in China. She then felt that she was really two persons, and carried out her life-long desire to be a foreign missionary. She received a letter every week from her substitute, prayed for her by name every day, and realized the truth of what a friend of hers had said, namely, 'This teacher serves the Lord twenty-four hours a day, and thus practically lives the life of angels, who serve him day and night; for at the antipodes her substitute is working while she sleeps.'"

Mr. Washington's peroration, in which he eloquently pointed out how the Negro had risen by humbling himself, was one of the finest bits of oratory to which the parson has ever listened. As he told Mr. Washington after the lecture, it reminded him of an incident in the career of Him who exemplified in His own career the truth which He taught, that whosoever would save his life must lose it. On the day when the Jews of the race of Shem cried out, "Crucify him," and the Romans of the race of Japheth delivered Him to death, when all His friends forsook Him and fled, it was Simon of Cyrene, a humble son of Ham, who helped Him to bear His cross.—"The Parson," in Sentinel.

This is very fine, indeed. But in the interest of mere historical accuracy, it is well enough, perhaps, to recall that there is not the slightest evidence nor probability that Simon of Cyrene was a son of Ham.—Indianapolis News.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1896.

## JESUS TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE.

(Luke 20:9-19.)

Golden Text—"The stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner." (Luke 20:17.)

Our last lesson closed with Jesus in Jericho; in this we find Him teaching in the Temple of Jerusalem. Between the two are located the triumphal entry into the Holy City; the second cleansing of the Temple; the fate of the fruitless fig-tree; and the question of the Sanhedrin about His authority.

I.—The Vineyard. (v. 9.) In this parable-story Jesus, under a very thin veil, told the Scribes by what authority He cleansed the temple, taught the people, and wrought miracles. Matthew and Mark have given some facts omitted by St. Luke. An householder is one at the head of a family; he here represents God who stands at the head of the human race. A vineyard is a place used for the cultivation of grapes; it here stands for the church, or Jewish people. Christ is the true vineyard and His children are the branches. This vineyard was planted. God brought His people up out of Egypt, led them through the wilderness and located them in Canaan. They were where He desired them to be. A hedge is a row of perfectly dense thorn bushes planted around a field to exclude intruders. Israel was separated from the rest of the world by the natural position of Palestine. This hedge is a type of the Law, Psalms and Prophets. The wine-press was a round vat into which the grapes were heaped, and then trodden out by men. The juice ran off into a plastered cistern below. It represents the altar of the Old Testament economy, on which sacrifices were heaped, and from which prayer, praise and thanksgiving were expected to flow. The tower was an observatory, and a place of shelter. It may represent the temple in Jerusalem, and the duty of those who had charge of the temple service. We need not, unless we wish to do so, have every point in this parable stand for some part of the Jewish polity. The husbandmen are the cultivators of the vineyard. They here stand for the Jewish people, and especially the priesthood. With us the ministry and laity of the church are the husbandmen. The fruit of the vineyard is the works and words of the children of God. They should so talk and so act that the church would every year reap a liberal harvest of souls.

II.—The persons sent to the vineyard and the treatment they received (vs. 10-15.) 1. The servants represent the prophets. It is here stated that three were sent; elsewhere we read that there were others besides them. It may be that they stand for three groups of the prophets. The first cluster about Elijah, the second about Isaiah, and the third about Jeremiah. It was the mission of the prophets to carry the Lord's messages to Israel, and as far as possible enforce the same upon them. It was the duty of the people to hear and obey the will of God as revealed by them. This God had absolute right to do, for He was their creator, benefactor and redeemer. He only asked what was best for them. The punishment they received shows how the world has ever been treating God's messengers. They beat the first, shamefully treated the second, and killed the third. Micah was smitten on the cheek, (1. Kings 21:21.) Isaiah was sawed asunder, (Heb. 11:37.) Zachariah was stoned, (2 Chro. 24:21.) Daniel was cast into a den of lions, (Dn. 6:16) and John the Baptist was beheaded (Matt. 14:10.) Many since Jesus spoke these words have died for Him. The fear of punishment has never kept God's children from doing their duty.

2. The Son is the blessed Christ. (1.) Notice here the work of God. He is represented as being undecided. Many plans seem to suggest themselves to His mind. He scarcely knows what next to do. The words recall the Divine dialogue at the creation of man. (Gen. 1:26.) But all this belongs only to the parable-story. The Lord knew from the beginning what He would do. He finally decided to send to them His Son. Christ came in the fullness of time. He was "made of woman, under the law." He became a man, and was subject to law. Of course, God knew how His Son would be treated by these husbandmen. He here speaks of how He should be

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received by them. It teaches their freedom, and makes them responsible for their conduct. Every act is what it is in itself for their independence of the plans of God. 2.) The work of the husbandmen.—They saw Him coming. By their Scriptures they knew it was time for the Messiah to appear. They beheld the works and heard the teachings of Jesus, and by these knew He met the Old Testament requirements. Many of them were, no doubt, satisfied He was God's Anointed. They held a council. They advised one with another. The management of God's Kingdom has been in our hands for ages, but now this one condemns us, would take from us the Father's church and give it to others. "Let us kill Him, that the inheritance may be ours." They caught Him, cast Him out of the vineyard, and slew Him. This brings before us the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

III.—The result of their evil conduct, (16-19.) 1. The vineyard and the husbandmen (16). The question—"what therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?"—was not asked for information, but that they might condemn themselves. As did David when he heard the parable of Nathan, (2 Sam. 12:6) and the lawyer who tempted Jesus (Luke 10:37). In the answer two facts are expressed. They said "He shall come and destroy these husbandmen." They speak after the manner of men. They did not realize that they were condemning themselves. But this Jesus did when He overthrew Jerusalem and destroyed the Jewish polity. "And shall give the vineyard to others." This also Jesus did. The Kingdom of God was taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles. Not many of the circumcision has ever received Christ. Paul was the great apostle to the Gentiles, and to-day the reins of the church are in their hands. Jesus then told them plainly "The Kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to a nation that would bring forth the fruits of it" (Matt. 20:43.) They then said "God forbid." Let it not be so. If we do not improve the opportunities given they will be taken from us.

2. The stone and the builders (17-18)—The passage here referred to is found in the 118 Psalm. It is applied by Jesus to Himself. (1. His humiliation—He was rejected by the builders. They would not have Him to be their Prophet, Priest and King. (2.) His exaltation—He became the head of the corner. He is the chief corner stone. He connects two walls; the Jews and the Gentiles become one in Him. (3.) "This is the Lord's doings." (Matt.) This whole plan of salvation is the work of Jehovah. His wisdom drew it. His love procured the sacrifice, and His Spirit sealed the contract. (4.) "Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken." If any man stumble over the humble birth, lowly life and ignominious death of Jesus, he shall be broken. Christ was to the Jews a stumbling block. (1 Cor. 1:23.) "But on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder." This refers to those who set themselves against Christ; who do what they can to overthrow the Bible, the church, the Sabbath and the ordinances of God's house. Such will be in the day of God's wrath reduced to dust, and scattered "like the chaff of the summer threshing floor." "He will tread them in His anger, and trample them in His fury." (Isa. 63:3.)

3. The Scribes and the Saviors (19). When they heard the parable they perceived that He had spoken against them.

Jesus preached for those who heard. They became angry, and sought to lay hands on Him. People are often displeased when they are told of their sins. They had better been repenting in sack cloth and ashes. They feared the people. Conscience makes all who are sinners cowards.

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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.

**"THY WILL BE DONE."**

Thy presence, Lord, the place shall fill;  
—My heart shall be thy throne;  
Thy holy, just and perfect will,  
Shall in my flesh be done.

I thank thee for the present grace,  
And now in hope rejoice,  
In confidence to see thy face,  
And always hear thy voice.

I have the things I ask of Thee;  
What more shall I require?  
That still my soul may restless be,  
And only thee desire.

Thy only will be done, not mine,  
But make me, Lord, thy home;  
Come as thou wilt, I that resign,  
But O, my Jesus, come!

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

See fifth and sixth pages for proceedings of the General Conference.

Bishop Newman offered the prayer at the recent unveiling of the Grant statue in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The College of Bishops of the M. E. Church South were in Council in Nashville, Tenn., during the last week, to consider reports of the condition of the work in their various divisions for the year.

Sister L. P. Brown, District Agent for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, delivered a very impressive lecture recently to a large congregation in Crystal Springs, Miss. She is a student of N. O. University of '91.

The annual convention of the Christian Endeavors of Alabama are in session in Montgomery. The reports from its officials gave evidence that the association in Alabama was in splendid condition and thriving in every way.

An Associated Press dispatch of May 17 from New York City, informs us that the Manhattan and New York and Brooklyn Conferences of the Congregational Church have united after a separation of more than twenty years, occasioned by difficulties growing out of the Beecher trial.

The Southern Baptists Convention met in Chattanooga, Tenn., May 8, and continued in session until the 12th. Also at the same time, the Baptist Young People's Society and the Baptists' Educators' Conference assembled. The former is a powerful factor in the life and work of the Baptist Church.

Brother J. M. Nevils, pastor at Ackerman, Miss., writes: "The best paper for us in this Southland, the Southwestern, comes as a welcome visitor every week, loaded with good, instructive news about our church. We cannot do the work of the church successfully without it, God bless its editor. We will send in some more subscribers. We are coming slowly but surely."

The General Quadriennial Conference of the A. M. E. Church met in Wilmington, N. C., May 5th, and was welcomed to the city by the Hon. Daniel L. Russell, who represented the mayor and the Board of Aldermen, by Bishop Gaines and Revs. J. W. Telfair, E. J. Gregg and W. H. Alexander. Responses were made by Bishop Grant, J. C. Embry of Pennsylvania, C. P. Ross of Michigan and T. McCant Stewart of New York. A telegram was read from Gov. Carr, regretting his inability to be present, and extending a welcome to the State. There was a congregation 1500 strong in the church at the services on the night of the 5th.

## THE NEW BISHOPS.

As the SOUTHWESTERN is going to press it is enabled to announce that the General Conference has elected as Bishops Dr. C. C. McCabe, of New York, and Dr. Earl Cranston, of Cincinnati. They represent the East and West, as did the two retiring bishops. Also, Dr. Homer Eaton was re-elected book agent; the election of other officers too late for publication.

## OUR VENERABLE BISHOPS.

The resolution of the committee on Episcopacy practically relieving our Senior Bishop, Thomas Bowman, D. D., L. L. D., and Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D., L. L. D., from effective service, attracted unusual attention, and as the practical application of a precedent established some years ago in the cases of Bishops Morris, Scott and Simpson. It seemed hard that the committee should feel called upon to give an opinion upon a matter of such vital interest to these eminent and greatly beloved servants of the church. But we believe the paramount thought in the minds of the members of the committee was that of the very deepest sympathy, and love for these venerable brethren. The recommendation to their colleagues to arrange the work with special reference to their comfort and convenience, and to the Book Concern regarding their adequate support, relieves the committee from any disposition to act hastily in such an important matter. Nor will the General Conference be regarded as lacking in its deep and fervent interest in our venerable General Superintendents in so unanimously adopting the report of the committee. We believe it will be understood by the Church at large that these much loved bishops occupy the very highest place in the affections of a loving people who will hail their visits and ministrations at all times as brethren beloved.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The old name of the Freedmen's Aid Society had so grown in the estimation of our brethren in the South, that they came to regard it with sacred veneration. It stood for so much that was grand and noble, and sacrificing on the part of some of the best men and women that ever breathed the breath of life, and so much that is sacred and helpful to the tens of thousands of our race who were brought out of bondage, that even the addition of the words Southern Education by the General Conference of 1888, was looked upon with no little disfavor. The proposition to drop the time honored title Freedmen's Aid, we are happy to say, met with no favor by the General Conference, and we shall have for another quadrennium, as a rallying cry for education in the South, the grand old watchword Freedmen's Aid.

Grand old name, around which clusters some of the most precious memories of the race. Grand old name, which recalls the splendid sermons of Drs. Rust, Wiley, Hitchcock, Walden. Grand old name, which enrolled the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the wealthy yet sympathetic Christian people of the North, who poured out their wealth like water that the benefits of this grand institution might be brought within the reach of the millions of our black brethren in the South. We will not only keep the name, but predict that more than a quarter of a million of colored Methodists will rally to the support of the cause of education as never before.

At a meeting of the Church Extension Society in Central Armory Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Wm. Spencer, one of the secretaries, read statistics showing that \$5,500,000 had been devoted to the work during the past thirty years, and that 9,000 churches were aided during that time.

## IMPORTANT MEASURES.

The General Conference on May 9th transacted the following important business:

A resolution to increase the amount of the fund for the relief of wornout ministers and widows and children of deceased ministers, by having the churches appealed to was adopted. This was followed by a resolution which had a great deal of meaning to the church. In the preamble it said that Rev. Dr. Morris, fraternal delegate of the M. E. Church South, in his address to the conference, recommended that a commission, consisting of three bishops, three ministers and three laymen, to act with a similar commission already appointed by the Methodist Church South, looking toward a confederation of the two churches, should be appointed. A motion was made to refer it to the committee, but it was demurred to. Several delegates thought it would be a good plan to act on it at once, and not refer it to a committee. They were united in the opinion that the resolution should be decided on the floor.

Rev. Daniel Stevenson, of Kentucky, presented a series of resolutions as a substitute. These recited the fact that in 1892 the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South appointed a commission to confer regarding a union of the churches. It provided for the appointment of a committee of eight ministers, seven laymen and one business man. This committee is to meet a similar committee from the M. E. Church South. If the committee from the M. E. Church South is not empowered to conduct such negotiations the General Conference is requested to confer such power on them. Nothing agreed upon by these committees is to be binding until reported to and approved by the respective General Conferences in 1900. Both papers were referred to the committee on the state of the church.

The committee on missions received a communication from the north and south conferences of Germany, asking the General Conference to indicate whether a union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Germany and Austria, and the Methodist Episcopal Church in Germany can be arrived at, the Methodist Episcopal Church to receive the Wesleyan ministers and membership. These Wesleyan churches own \$200,000 worth of property, and have twenty-nine ministers and 2300 members. The Methodists in Germany feel that the existence of two church organizations practically the same in that part of Europe is not necessary.

The recent W. C. T. U. Convention of Arkansas held at Little Rock, was a very enthusiastic gathering. Mrs. Lide Meriweather, of Tennessee, was present and gave an address. There were four colored delegates, the first ever in attendance; they were seated in the convention, placed on committees, and one bright young colored woman, Miss Josephine Irving, was placed in the field as an organizer. Arkansas is the only Southern state, save Missouri, which is only semi-Southern, that allows colored people auxiliaryship to the State Union. In the other states they are in separate organizations and auxiliary to the National W. C. T. U. Mrs. Chunn, the President, is responsible for this advance, and is to be commended.

During the General Conference session of May 11, Bishop Walden used a gavel made of wood from the old Masterson house near Lexington, Ky., where Bishop Asbury held the first Methodist Conference in Kentucky, May 13, 1790. Bishop Joyce used the same gavel at Omaha May 11, 1892. The names of the Bishops using this gavel are engraved on a silver plate on the handle. Dr. J. D. Walsh, of the Kentucky Conference is the maker of this historic piece of Conference furniture.



# BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

## A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

Brethren Beloved—Elect of the churches, servants of God, called to be saints and sanctified in Jesus Christ, we greet you in the name of the great head of the church, and welcome you to this quadriennial council concerning the greatest interests of earth and heaven. When the next General conference shall meet we shall be entering the portals of the twentieth century. We desire to close these nineteen centuries of work for the race in a manner helpful to men and satisfactory to our Lord. There is nowhere any greater privilege. The serious responsibility is as great as the privilege is glorious. We recall the solemn admonitions under which many of us were ordained. "If it shall happen that the church or any member thereof do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence ye know the greatness of the fault and also the fearful punishment that will ensue."

We beseech you, therefore, first of all that you join us in a most earnest endeavor to secure a personal fitness to be a proper medium, in this conference, through which God can express his will concerning the churches; that laying aside all unworthy ambitions we shall sincerely seek to know the mind of the Spirit, realizing that any personal advantage that is not for the good of the church is for the damage of the individual. The words of the Master are of perpetual application, "Watch and pray, therefore, lest ye enter into temptation."

It cannot be too deeply impressed upon our minds that in all ages the church has fallen far short of the divine ideal, both in purity and power. God's thought and plan for his churches is as high above ours as the heavens are above the earth. His scriptures are full of promises. His skies are full of Pentecosts. "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" is the limitless divine promise. Heaven and earth are ever in pledge for fulfillment. Both shall pass away sooner than one jot or tittle of his Word can fail. When we look at His ideal, promise, provision, and power, at the humiliation and exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, at the unwordable groanings of the Holy Spirit, it seems as if provision and performance were scarcely at all related.

God's ideal for his church is that, both as individuals and as a whole, it be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing—a pure bride fit for the spotless Lamb, and therefore strong enough to cope with any evil. As a church, we have taught from the beginning that believers have power to become the sons of God, be made partakers of the divine nature. We have insisted on the glorious privilege and duty of all men becoming saints, of immediately being made perfect in love, and of gradually ripening into Christian maturity in all faculties. This doctrine was never more definitely stated, clearly perceived, and consistently lived by greater numbers than now. But how lamentably the church falls short of the divine possibility. God is always able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or even think. The reason of our impotence is not in God, but in ourselves. God teaches us that we should present our souls and bodies a live sacrifice—every faculty, power and possession devoted to His service. Our Master gave us such an example of fervor that he caused men to remember "the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Paul wrote himself down as the slave of the Lord Jesus Christ, and said we are killed all the day long. These are examples of consecration of all powers and possibilities. How few attain it. To consecrate a segment of one's faculties, a fragment of one's time, a fraction of one's property is a keeping back of a part of the price, as did Ananias, and to be shorn of power as was Peter on the day of his denial. Many consecrate all that they do consecrate to God rather than to Satan or self. But how few consecrate all of their all. God waits through centuries to show what he can do with perfectly and completely consecrated men. And the whole creation also waiteth for the Apocalypse of a full son of God.

The infinite Christ stands in all the sad and sin-cursed ages saying to his church concerning every weariness, "want, deficiency, and hunger of the world's great multitudes, 'Give ye them to eat.'" The multiplied bread from His creative fingers is abundant, enough and to spare—basketsful are left over and yet whole races get scarcely a crumb.

We come into possession of His breadth of ideas, or rather his ideas come into possession of us so slowly. After ten years Peter said that he perceived of a truth that God was no respecter of persons, but desired all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel. But the church almost lost that perception in the whole course of its history till a century ago. Then a new perception of the will and wish of God fell like a new Pentecost on the world.

But what is now perceived is only a part of what God has put into his holy Word for His church. There is yet more light to break out of that which the Infinite has spoken. The past century has found the works of God incredibly rich in knowledge and power; the word of God is far more so to those who fit themselves to discover that richness.

As to the board of bishops, we are happy to report to the General Conference that by the abundant blessing of Almighty God we have been able in health and strength to do the work assigned us. We have appointed the committees, commissions, and fraternal visitors to other churches as requested. We have annually attended the 141 conferences and missions, except West China, in all parts of the world.

The conference in Mexico has been regularly attended by Bishops Foss, Fitzgerald, Joyce and Newman. South America has been visited by Bishops Newman and Fitzgerald. Our nine conferences and missions in Europe have been superintended successively by Bishops Joyce, Vincent, Newman and Fitzgerald. Our six conferences and missions in China, Japan, and Corea have been visited, except West China, by Bishops Mallalieu, Foster, Ninde, and Walden. This involves a great amount of travel; but this is necessary, for we superintend the expenditure of millions of dollars. The precious unity of the church is conserved by our semi-annual meetings for the consideration of the work as a whole. The results of such consideration are carried to every part of the field. The church has general superintendents who study and compare every phase of the work in every land. There is no need of sending out special commissions to obtain knowledge of the state of any part of the world-wide parish. Our missionary money can be distributed with a real knowledge of the comparative needs of each part of the work, and all this is obtained at a very small expense. The great law of itinerancy that pervades the entire church is especially exemplified by the general superintendents. Besides, we have given much time each year to our great benevolences, conducted a very large correspondence touching the interests of hundreds of preachers and churches, have held judicial conferences, dedicated churches, helped to save churches and colleges that were imperilled, and now and hereby submit our work to the considerate judgment of the General Conference.

Bishops Taylor and Thoburn will report on the work especially assigned to them.

The bishops have submitted to the annual conference during the quadriennium, seven propositions for changes in constitution, three of them originating in the General Conference of 1892, and four originating in as many annual conferences. The tabulated statement of the vote thereon will be submitted to you. It appears that only one of them, namely, the proposition originating in the West China conference, to change the date of the meeting of the General Conference from the first day of May to the first Wednesday in May, has been recommended by three-fourths of all members of the annual conference present and voting, and is thus before this body for its action.

In this connection the bishops solicit the judgment of the General Conference on the question whether an annual conference may properly originate and request the bishops to submit in the annual conferences a proposition, the adoption of which the said annual conference does not recommend by three-fourths vote of its members present and voting. The bishops have held the opinion that this is not permissible. But the question is of sufficient gravity to warrant an authoritative statement from the General Conference.

### Success of the Quadrennium.

We most heartily congratulate the church on the success of the past four

years. The country has been depressed. The world has been in financial straits. Vast railway systems have gone into the hands of receivers. Great corporations have been wrecked. Fortunes have disappeared like mist. Men's hearts have failed them for fear. But the church of the living God has moved right on to certain victory. The king of kings annually makes a draft on our recruiting office in the church militant for a reinforcement of the church triumphant. This draft takes from us about 33,000 members a year. Our church records also suffer from the enterprise of our itinerant people, thousands going into new states and territories where their names are lost to us. But notwithstanding this, our gain in lay membership in the quadriennium has been 386,000, making a total membership, including probationers, of 2,766,656.

For this glorious spiritual success we are largely indebted under God to the fervor, zeal, fresh spiritual insight and faithfulness even unto death of humble men toiling in lowly fields, often hungry and cold, enduring hardships known only to themselves and God.

We congratulate the church that it is so virile and productive, that its spirit is so intense, that there are never wanting candidates for ministers and missionaries! In response to the Lord's call, "Whom shall I send?" we get the word, "Here am I, send me," more frequently than we have the means of sending. We find our conferences more and more crowded every year.

One reason for this abundance and excellence of ministerial candidates is that we have in our colleges and schools an army of 43,322 students. Of this army there has been a gain of over 1,000 the past year and a steady increase for twelve years.

The Sunday schools of the churches numbered in 1895, 30,259, a gain of 2,766 in the quadriennium. The number of teachers and scholars is 2,938,305, a gain in the past four years of 280,858. The total number of conversions reported in the Sunday school in four years is 533,486. May the time soon come when all God's children over the earth shall be taught the things of the Lord!

The quadriennium has abundantly demonstrated that the church is divinely appointed to evangelize the world. Christ's mission was to give His life for the forgiveness of sins. And the great mission of the church is the proclamation of that fact to every creature. Missions are the soul of the church; one of the chief reasons for its continuance on earth. We find the methods that are most owned of heaven for this work are those that were practiced by the Son of God. His methods were: Healing of the body, teaching of the mind, and the impartation of His spirit by dwelling personally among and in men. Our analogous methods are hospitals, schools and preaching for the conversion of men by the power of God. This power is as present to save as when Christ was on the earth. It saves as quickly now as in the case of the Philistian jailor, as thoroughly as in the case of Paul. Missionaries are often delighted to find in their heathen converts a simplicity of faith, a spiritual insight and a heroism in enduring persecution that must undeniably have been given of God. The conversion in India is both more thorough and more rapid than was the conversion of Europe. There is a power turning the world upside down that can not be expressed in the language of civilization and secularism. Besides preaching the gospel in fifteen languages in the United States, our beloved church has 150,000 communicants and as many adherents outside the country; 40,000 students in training schools and 150,000 in Sunday schools. During the quadriennium we have been able to send out but fifteen more American missionaries, but the native ordained missionaries have increased fifty per cent, the unordained forty per cent, and the self-supporting sixty per cent. We could double our foreign membership in the next four years if we had the money to send the teachers. We make no estimate of time, but after a more perfect consecration of believers, a deeper experimental study of the laws of spirit forces, we shall be ready to join in the song of the redeemed in heaven. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

### Financial Growth.

A few material facts deserve statement. During this time of financial depression we have not only kept good and preserved our \$113,000,000 worth of church and parsonage property, but have gained \$1,600,000 more. In pastoral support the gain has been over

\$500,000. This has been not so much a gain to individual pastors, but a gain in consequence of 1,400 more pastors in the growing field.

The income of the missionary treasury from the contributions of the people through the conferences in 1891 was \$1,078,541; the gain on that in 1892 was \$41,355; in 1893, \$20,916; in 1894, \$9,645; the loss in 1895 was \$5,551, leaving a total gain of gifts to this cause in the quadriennium of \$65,356.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society are among the best outcomes of the Christianity of our century. They are the Spirit of Christ embodying and organizing itself for the noblest work. The income for the quadriennium for the first has been \$1,433,797. A gain in the amount given every year over what was given in 1891 amounting in all to \$88,957.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society had an income last year of cash \$126,690, and of supplies \$55,363, a total \$786,265 for the quadriennium.

As a result of new organizations and greater efficiency of old ones we are giving for missionary purposes \$932,000 a year more than we were twelve years ago.

The Deaconess work, in its ideals of service of all sorts to the needy of all sorts, is a close imitation of the work of our blessed Lord who "went about doing good." No church can be lacking in love to God and man when the loftiest and best life gladly consecrates itself to the service of the lowliest and worst.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has fifty-one deaconess homes, hospitals and orphanages, of which fifteen are in foreign lands. There are 574 deaconesses, of which 90 are in our foreign work; 100 are trained nurses. The organization has \$641,850 worth of property, which has been mostly given during the past quadriennium. During the past year the deaconesses, who work without salary, have made 262,416 calls, held 11,600 religious meetings and helped to care for 6,209 sick people either in hospitals or their own homes.

### Church Extension.

The Board of Church Extension is organized on the principle that the strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak. During thirty years it has administered nearly \$5,500,000, aiding about 10,000 churches. Besides the aid given outright, it has a fund of nearly \$1,000,000, which is constantly loaned to churches at a low rate of interest, to be soon returned and loaned out again and again to help other churches.

### Fredmen's Aid.

The Fredmen's Aid and Southern Education society is of the greatest service to the negroes and whites of the South. It has been in existence for thirty years and during that time has expended \$4,000,000 in establishing and sustaining institutions of Christian learning in the South. It has taught industry and letters, trades and learned professions. There has not been a time in the past thirty years, and we judge will not be in many a year to come, when we can withdraw our aid from these people who suffer so many disabilities. Every interest of needy humanity and every consideration of national safety demand that we should continue this work. A nation cannot be fully trained and educated in one century. We settle the negro problem by the simple assertion that there is no problem. There are certain millions of American-born citizens and brothers who must be maintained at any cost in all their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, leaving the question of personal association where it is left with other races—to the personal preferences of each individual.

### Book Concern.

In the midst of the severe stringency of the times, and the prostration of nearly all kinds of business, our Book Concern, besides the necessary additions to its permanent capital, has gone on paying its dividends from actual business done, amounting to \$460,000, for the aid of necessitous cases among our effective preachers, whose salaries are deficient, and to assist in supporting our veterans, worn out in the service, and their widows and orphans.

Thus, it is evident that the church of God, dependent on the free gifts of the people, is the most substantial, most firmly founded and best supported establishment in this country.

### Harmony in Doctrine.

We congratulate the church that within the past four years, as in all its previous history, there has come into it no division of sentiment with regard to its fundamental doctrines. This does not imply lack of thought. It implies that



the truth has been rightly apprehended, that it authenticates itself to the heart and mind and employs all its adherents in rapid progress.

Whatever discussions and readings of the church might have come into missions in foreign lands where abstruse doctrines were made too prominent, our missions have most happily escaped.

The fundamental truth of Christianity is the affirmation, "God is love" and they that dwell in love dwell in God and God in them. The sunrise of our Methodist day was not in the studies of Lincoln college, not in the Holy club, not in the fastings, nor in the prayers and labors for the poor and imprisoned, but in Wesley himself, when his heart was "strangely warmed." Love is the fulfilling of the law. Love is the mainspring of the universe. Let this fact be fundamental in any man's experience and he can follow his individual inclinations with perfect liberty. Let love be basal and there is no fear of a man's going far astray.

The working out of this truth in the lives of men must be a blessing. Hence out of Methodist hearts "strangely warmed" have come some of the greatest movements of our day. And many more will come.

Out of Methodist hearts "strangely warmed" with a thorough comprehension of the breadth and length and depth and height of the love of Christ can come a thousand renderings of the veil of sectarian and racial narrowness, a thousand open visions into the mind of God, a thousand new agencies for the spread of His truth.

Our great anxiety is to care for and intensify the spiritual life of the church. We know that all our sufficiency is of God. Without him we can do nothing. How to increase His abiding and control in the living heart must be our constant study. That brings in a new realm of power. That, and that alone, makes one Peter at Pentecost mightier than all the hosts of civil and military power at Jerusalem. That, and that alone, makes common men able to turn the world upside down. That, and that alone, can make our church anything more than one ordinary organization among a thousand others, one argument among a thousand opinions. That, and that alone, can make it a great agency of God for conquering this world for Christ.

#### Epworth League.

Among the great agencies for the increase of spiritual life we cannot speak too highly of the Epworth League. In it are enrolled 1,350,000 of our young people, organized into over 21,000 chapters. They are turning away from amusements of a pernicious character which are always the peril of advancing wealth and consequent idleness, and are facing earnest and intelligent work to bring this world to Christ. This vast army of young people are being trained by appropriate courses of reading, by 100,000 copies of the Epworth Herald, issued weekly, by taking part in religious and social assemblies, and by personal work in the department of mercy and help to become active, intelligent and devoted members of our own church. We especially commend the attendance of these young people on the public preaching services, because no devotion to any single department, however excellent, can be as productive of a well-rounded Christian character as attendance on all the means of grace.

We are impressed with the importance of encouraging our pastors and young people to establish and maintain Epworth Leagues rather than other societies, in order that they may have the benefit of our literature and be trained to be loyal and intelligent Methodists.

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#### CENTRAL ALABAMA ACADEMY.

The commencement exercises of Central Academy which have just closed for this year, were indeed the most interesting in the history of the school. Aside from the number of graduates being larger than ever before, the other exercises have been of much interest and benefit to the community as well as students, and have reflected much credit on Prof. A. W. McKinney as principal of the school and his able assistants, Miss E. C. Holmes, Prof. W. L. Riley and Miss Bessie L. Martin. The exercises began last Thursday with a Sunday School Institute, which lasted two days and was well attended at both sessions. Sunday at the M. E. Church, Rev. N. H. Speight preached the commencement sermon, and all who had the pleasure of hearing the able divine declared it to be the best ever listened to here.

The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Prof. Riley had prepared special music which was splen-

didly rendered by the school, and with the eloquent sermon delivered, the day was made a memorable one.

Monday.—Public examinations were held at the school on this day and a creditable showing was made by all the pupils. Addresses were made by visitors. At night the time was given to the Stewart Missionary Club, and a programme of music and oratory was rendered that was very entertaining. The principal feature of this meeting was a lecture on "Little Things" by Miss Macedonia Gary.

Tuesday.—This day completed the examinations and class work for the year, and the school was greeted by a large crowd of friends. At the M. E. Church at night the literary exercises of the first four grades were presented.

Wednesday.—"Educational Day" called out a number of visitors and friends of the school, who took advantage of the privilege accorded them and addressed the students on various topics of interest. At the Opera House at night the 5th and 6th grades gave an entertainment to a large audience.

Thursday.—"Students' Religious Day" was appropriately observed, and Rev. I. Townsend preached to a crowded chapel, after which the awarding of diplomas of promotion was carried out by the President. At night the graduating exercises were held at the M. E. Church. The class of '96 is composed of eight members and is the largest in the history of the school. The following compose the class: Mr. Henry Clark, Newbern, Ala.; Miss Birdie L. Harvey, Gadsden, Ala.; Miss Ida L. Moore, Scottsboro, Ala.; Misses Jesse L. Scott, Sue Berta Rankin, Eliza Hobbs, Beadie M. McKinney and Bettie Barnett, Huntsville, Ala.—Huntsville Journal.

#### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM MERIDIAN ACADEMY.

May 29th—June 4th, 1896.

Friday, May 29th, 9 a. m., written examination.

Sunday, May 31st, 10:30, students' love feast, conducted by Rev. J. Campbell; 3 p. m., baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. J. C. Hibbler; 7:30 p. m., annual sermon, Rev. N. Toole.

Monday, June 1st, 9 a. m., oral examination; 8 p. m., alumni exercise.

Tuesday, May 2d, 9 a. m., oral examination; 8 p. m., literary exercise by Junior Department.

Wednesday, May 3d, 10 a. m., meeting of trustees; 8 p. m., literary exercises of Senior Department and prize contest.

Thursday, May 4th, 10 a. m., reading grades; 8 p. m., graduating exercises. Address to graduates by J. M. May, M. D. Presentation of diplomas. Annual address by J. W. Holmes, A. M., M. D. Benediction.

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#### "REFORMATION JOHN ADAMS."

In the early portion of this century there lived a Methodist preacher in Newmarket, N. H., known as "Reformation John Adams." He evidently preferred the work of an evangelist to that of the pastorate. He was eccentric and without special education, in fact quite deficient, as were many of the early preachers. With Mr. Adams the "king's English" was evidently of secondary importance, believing that "education was good, but saving souls was better." Taken to task on a certain occasion by his brethren in the ministry for his educational lack, he made reply as follows: "Yes, brethren, I acknowledge it. I have never climbed very high into the 'tree of knowledge.' No, I never have, but, brethren, by the grace of God, I will touch the topmost bough of the 'tree of life!' It is needless to say that Mr. Adams' reply was heartily applauded.

On another occasion his brethren were inclined to criticize his methods in evangelistic work. They urged that he gathered in all sorts of converts, and it was difficult to sort them over and straighten out the result of one of his protracted meetings. They likened him to a berry-picker who went to the field and gathered the green and ripe into the same dish, and after reaching home everything had to be "picked over" in order to get the good fruit.

Mr. Adams heard them through patiently and then replied as follows: "Yes, brethren, it is probably all true. I may gather in souls as the careless berry-picker gathers fruit, but, brethren,

it is also true that there is always a plenty at home that can't pick 'em to pick 'em over."

Seldom did the "brethren" ever get any permanent advantage over "Father Adams." What the early preachers lacked in culture they made up in "mother wit." And "Reformation John Adams" was one of that number.—Rev. O. W. Scott in Epworth Herald.

#### Children's Day Programme.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS.

English is fast becoming the language of the world. Five times as many people use it now as at the beginning of the century.—Ex.

"I understand there wasn't a dry eye in the room when Miss Elokute finished her pathetic recitation." "There wasn't. There wasn't any other kind of an eye there, either."—Ex.

You follow farming or any business successfully by being diligent and industrious; so "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."—Ex.

A Lake Shore train recently ran from Chicago to Buffalo on a record-beating trip, and for a short distance reached the marvelous speed of ninety miles an hour. The average speed for the trip was considerably more than sixty miles an hour.—Ex.

As to the speed of trains, it has been discovered that a run eastward can be made more easily than a run westward over the same track. This is due to the rotation of the earth eastward, and also due to prevailing winds that are met coming westward.—Ex.

Whatever may be true of other denominations, the Methodist Episcopal Church is the unrelenting enemy of the liquor traffic and the drink habit. No Methodist can occupy any platform save that of total abstinence without trampling upon the vows he voluntarily assumed when he entered the Church.—Ex.

The first impulse of the converted soul is to tell somebody else the wonderful story. A society composed of truly converted men and women must be a missionary society—each person moved by an overwhelming desire to communicate to others, at home and abroad, the good news that Jesus Christ is a great Savior.—Ex.

If a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it; if a merchant makes a mistake, he never tells it; if a lawyer makes a mistake, he crawls out of it; but if an editor makes a mistake, he puts it on a large sheet of paper for the world to look at, and in every community there are cranks who think they are models of wisdom because they occasionally discover them.—Butler Citizen.

Not every member is fitted to lead a prayer meeting or devotional service. Put in the best ones to lead. Every horse can and should have his place in a team. Some make good wheel horses; others are better as leaders. Don't try to make every one do the same kind of work. Unity in diversity is the rule which best applies. All can be truly devoted but not all can lead a meeting with profit to themselves and others; he who can is the one who ought.—Ex.

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sores. We had three different doctors. Pieces of bone came out of the sores. The last doctor said the leg would have to be cut open and the bone scraped, before he could get well. Howard became so low that he would eat nothing, and one doctor said there was no chance for him.

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## AFTER THE GENERAL CONFERENCE?

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

While we write there are several matters of vital interest to our race pending before the General Conference. An intelligent comprehensive and manly memorial has been presented, asking for the election of a bishop of African descent. The committee on Episcopacy, to whom the memorial was referred, endorsed it, almost unanimously, and it will be presented to the General Conference and will probably pass that body, which may or may not elect a bishop of African descent. There is, however, a very strong sentiment in favor of giving this question the fairest consideration. We would rejoice beyond measure to be able to chronicle in our next the election of a man of African descent to the highest office in the gift of the M. E. Church.

Association with the great leaders of our Methodism is an inspiration. Aye, it is a wonderful educational force, and will put our people more and more in touch with the spirit and genius and sentiment of the greatest forward movement of the nineteenth century.

Missionary, Educational, Church Extension, Sunday School, Epworth and Publishing interests will have stronger friends and more of them, and our 260,000 members will become a mighty agency in the diffusion of the principles of the great and growing Church.

We favored the proposition to make more Missionary bishops, and especially one to assist the venerable Bishop Taylor in the greatest of all our foreign fields, Africa.

## OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

Our readers are doubtless enjoying the splendid report of this great Methodist assembly, and are being amply repaid for the small outlay of money to secure this information.

We are sure it would send a thrill through our vast constituency if we could transfer to our pages some of the flashes of wit, wisdom and eloquence which daily occur. Some of the giants of the church are here and are often heard with profit and interest. The colored brethren secured a very gratifying triumph in getting a favorable report from the Episcopal committee on their memorial asking for a bishop of African descent. The debate before the General Conference was one of unusual interest, and here again our colored brethren demonstrated their ability to sway an audience by the power of persuasive speech. Hereafter no person will deny that there is oratorical ability, and plenty of it, among the colored brethren present.

In the discussion of the subject, the addresses were mostly one way. And it is pleasant to say that although a goodly number of the white delegates were opposed to the resolutions asking the General Conference to elect a man of African descent not one of them took the floor to speak against it.

A sentiment is growing in favor of a man of African descent with full Episcopal powers.

## THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

On Thursday last the General Conference commenced balloting for two succeeding bishops. The day previous Dr. Buckley read the report of the committee on a bishop of African descent. It first states that on the selection of bishops there should be no discrimination by reason of color or nationality, and recommend the election of a bishop of African descent, "as the present time is fit and propitious for it." On the first ballot Rev. J. W. E. Bowen received 147, second ballot 175, third ballot 165, fourth ballot 109, fifth ballot 75, sixth ballot 56, seventh ballot 45, and eighth ballot 37.

Chaplain McCabe delivered his famous lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," on the evening of May 6, in Central Armory Hall, Cleveland, Ohio.

## THE "SOUTHWESTERN" AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

There was some delay in getting the Southwestern circulated among the delegates last week, but there is promise of better service in the future. Mr. M. A. C. Hussey, our assistant at New Orleans, deserves great credit for the improved appearance of the paper. The matter has been well arranged, while the various departments are more than usually interesting.

During the past week the Cleveland Daily Advocate, among the many notices in personal column mentions the following:

"Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., who represents Lexington Conference, is a native of Baltimore, and was educated at Lincoln University. For the past four years he has edited the Southwestern Christian Advocate with marked ability."

"Rev. Dr. J. M. Schumpert, presiding elder of the Shubuta District, Mississippi Conference, represents his conference in the General Conference for the fifth consecutive time. Dr. Schumpert has also been a member of the Board of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and one of the most influential men of his race in the Southland."

"Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., ministerial delegate from the Louisiana Conference, is accompanied by his wife. He is acting president of Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La. This is his fourth General Conference, besides being a member of the last Ecumenical Conference. For four years he was secretary of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee and for seven years was editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate."

The 15th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Washington, D. C., July 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13. The provisional program has been sent us and is full of interest to thousands and thousands of Endeavorers and others, and it presents a great array of topics, speakers, and meetings. Over thirty evangelical denominations are represented by the speakers. A great many countries other than ours will be heard from.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Sunday school convention of Gainesville, Fla., will convene at Starke, Fla., May 22 to 24.

The only colored member of the New York Conference, Rev. Ernest Lyon, pastor of St. Mark's, New York City, was an interested spectator at General Conference on Saturday May 9.

The Louisiana State Legislature met in Baton Rouge, May 11, and, upon the face of the returns of the recent election, declared the Democratic State ticket, headed by Gov. Murphy J. Foster, duly elected, and the Governor and Lieut.-Governor were therefore installed last Monday for the ensuing four years.

We have received the programme of literary exercises of the District Epworth League Convention of the Cumberland River District, to convene in Gallatin, Tenn., June 10. The program gives promise of a very interesting convention, and we regret that we cannot give it in full, all our available space being used for the Bishops' Address.

Blind Oscar Moore, "the human phonograph and prodigy of the world," will be in New Orleans and give his first entertainment at St. James A. M. E. Church, June 2d. Little Oscar is ten years old and was totally blind from birth, yet "he is a human phonograph, a living arithmetic, a walking geography, and an encyclopedia with the power of speech." H. Roger Williams, the advance agent for the Oscar Moore Concerts, is now in the city.

The parents of Dr. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., of Louisiana, celebrate today the 60th anniversary of their marriage. They reside in Moline, Ill., near where 60 years ago they landed on the banks of the Mississippi from Western Pennsylvania. Dr. Hartzell is the fourth of a family of 13 children 10 of whom yet live and are men of character and influence in different parts of the nation. Mr. Hartzell organized the first Methodist class in Rock Island, Ill., in a log cabin owned by the

parents of Dr. W. A. Spencer, now of the Philadelphia Conference, and for more than half a century the home of the now venerable class leader and his wife has been one of Christian hospitality.—Daily Christian Advocate.

## A SAD DEATH.

Prof. Oscar W. Landry, principal of the Navasota Colored School for nine years, is reported to have been murdered in his school room on the 12th inst. Deceased was 35 years of age and the eldest son of Presiding Elder Pierre Landry, of the Louisiana Conference, and a graduate of Straight University, class '84, and ranked with the most successful colored educators. The Southwestern wishes to express to Rev. Landry and family its sympathy.

## SYMPATHY.

One of the underlying principles of Christianity is sympathy. It is an essential constituent of love, and love is the very foundation stone of Christianity. No one ever had a more sympathetic heart than He of whom it was said that He was sent "to bind up the broken hearted;" of whom it was foretold, "a bruised reed shall He not break and smoking flax shall He not quench." That sympathy is of divine origin, is proved by the fact that the Holy Spirit is spoken of as the Comforter. To our minds it is incomprehensible how one who calls himself a Christian can fail to sympathize with all who are distressed in mind, body or estate. So far as showing compassion on those in need of temporal goods is concerned, the language of Scripture is emphatic: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" There are, however, other considerations of equal importance with the necessities of this life. Many a sufferer with aching frame and many an unfortunate individual whose mind is harassed with perplexing thoughts and problems, craves a word of sympathy, and often what peace would be afforded to such a one could he but know that some one, only one other, entered into his feelings and sorrows!—Baltimore Methodist.

"It is not good that man should be alone." After creation, although man was monarch of all he surveyed, yet God saw there was something lacking. And how did God remedy this loneliness? Not by making another man, or finding a Crusoë like Friday, but God made woman, and a woman and a little child are still the saviors of society. God's purpose in making Eve was to provide a helper for man, and woman is false to her nature when unwilling to take her part by man's side in the struggles of life. On account of the expense attached, some young men decline marriage, and join clubs, and club life is hostile to home life. Nor is marriage to be undertaken to reform a man. Adam did not need to be reformed when God gave Eve to him. But Eve got Adam into trouble and ever since it is in trouble that the qualities of woman as ministering angels are most apparent.—Professor Lander.

If we would benefit people we must take them to us. There is magic and grace in tender sympathetic personal contact. The lack of it is the cause of our failure. Too much of the benevolence of the world is done by proxy. Hireling almoners are like the hireling shepherds whom the Saviour denounced. "The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep." We relegate to others what we should do ourselves. The unsealing of our fountain of sympathy is no mean part of the aims of benevolence and beneficence. More people are willing to pay a fine to some society to stand between them and the needy. They will give a good salary to a minister to do the proxy act for them, in the same way for moral and spiritual improvement. Let him do the praying; they will do the paying.—John A. B. Wilson, D. D.

There is one thing a woman can do better than anyone else in the world. She can iron a worn out pocket handkerchief so that every one of its ragged holes will be hidden from sight, and will only appear to view when her husband, who is a minister, takes that identical handkerchief out of his pocket when half way through a sermon, and calmly unfolds it to the eyes of the whole congregation.—Ex.



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### Our Barometer.

This week's canvass shows a falling off compared with previous reports, owing no doubt to so many of our ministers attending General Conference. The following is the week's result:

Mississippi and Upper Mississippi...	17
Atlanta and Savannah.....	4
Louisiana.....	3
Alabama.....	3
Florida.....	2
Lexington.....	2
South Carolina.....	2
Arkansas.....	1
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### PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

May 11th, Bishop Fowler presided.

On the call for memorials and resolutions, the Rev. R. D. Munger presented one of great importance. The resolution created a commission on constitution, to consist of two ministers and two laymen from each district as it now stands. The resolution recited the fact that there is great question as to what parts of the discipline constitute the constitution of the church, and this commission is authorized and empowered to draw up a constitution. The members of this commission are to be over thirty years of age and will meet in Chicago on the first Wednesday in August, where they will organize by electing a president and secretary. They are to draw up the constitution, and after it is completed it is to be published twice in all official papers of the church within thirty days after its completion. This commission is also authorized to devise rules for election, and not less than three or more than six months afterward the church will vote on its adoption. Only those over twenty-one years of age will be permitted to vote, and the result shall be certified to the secretary if this general conference. If adopted by a majority of those voting, the constitution so adopted shall be effective at once. The resolution was referred without argument to the committee on constitution.

Amanda Smith, one of the famous colored evangelists, was present, and the conference suspended business to receive her. She was given the greatest ovation, and was requested to sing. The delegates joined in the chorus and one song was insufficient and a second was called for and given. She aroused great enthusiasm.

The committee on missions considered the request of the conference of India that missionary work be done among the educated people of that country. The committee recommended that the contingent fund of the missionary societies be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

South America asked that lay missionaries be seated in the missionary annual conference. Many of these lay missionaries are women, and it was urged that they being a part of the annual conference would allow them to be delegated to the General Conference. The matter was held in abeyance, but will probably be settled by allowing lay missionaries to occupy seats in the conference, but not to vote.

The Book Concern committee decided against the proposition to consolidate all the educational institutions, which was recommended on the score of economy. The committee discussed, and will probably recommend, that the church journal be published in Spanish for the benefit of Mexico and South America.

May 12, Bishop Fowler presided.

The first resolution offered denounced in the strongest terms the Armenian outrages and massacres, and referred to the apathy of the Christian governments of Europe and America. It closed by calling on Congress to pass a joint resolution authorizing the President to enter into negotiations with the European powers most directly interested with the view of interfering and preventing further massacres. The resolution also provides that a copy of the resolution should be sent to both Houses of Congress. It was referred to the committee on state of the church without discussion.

The proposition to change the time of holding the General Conference from May 1, to the first Wednesday in May aroused a discussion on the point of constitutionality of the action. Three-fourths of the annual conference have approved it, and it was approved by more than two-thirds of the General Conference. The next General Conference will, therefore, meet on the first Wednesday in May, 1900.

A proposition was presented by Rev. L. R. Fish, of Detroit, to hold the General Conference each six years. The reasons given were that it would save \$2500 per day, and would save time, as under the present arrangement 540 men are out of church work four weeks, or an aggregate of forty-five years. Other reasons were that it would reduce the anxiety incidental to elections; would give a more satisfactory test of officers elected; would save criticism, and give a longer time in which to test changes in discipline, and would insure greater stability and permanency. It was referred to the committee on the state of the church.

Chaplain C. C. McCabe presented a constitutional amendment, which forbids any missionary society from appropriating any sum in excess of the income of the year previous. This was

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to call a halt on the appropriations which have been made in excess of the income.

A largely eulogistic resolution regarding the work of missionaries was the first document presented after the recess. It set Tuesday, May, 19, at 11 o'clock, as a day on which missionaries, deaconesses, etc., are to be presented to the conference. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on Book Concern made an adverse report on the recommendation to establish a Methodist daily paper. It also made a like report on the recommendation that the Western, Northwestern and Central Christian Advocate be consolidated into one paper for the Mississippi Valley. The report was immediately adopted. Another report authorized the Book Concern to publish certain books and periodicals of the Methodist Church in the Spanish language.

After amendments had been made the conference adjourned.

The committee on episcopacy decided to-day to recommend to the conference that Bishops Bowman and Foster be declared non-effective, which is equivalent to retirement, and that three new bishops be elected. It was practically decided to take the same action in regard to Bishop Taylor, of Africa, but his speech to the committee induced it to defer action.

The committee decided to recommend that one of the new bishops be a man of African descent. The candidate of the colored delegates is Rev. Dr. Bowman, of Gammon Theological Institute. It was also decided to recommend the continuance of the missionary conferences in Africa and India, and to have two conferences instead of one.

The committee on itineracy will recommend that in rare cases the five-year limit may be extended one year by an appeal by the congregation to the quarterly conference, where it must have a three-quarter vote, after which it must receive the vote of a majority of the cabinet of presiding elders, including that of the presiding elder having charge of the church, and then the bishop must consent. This may be done year after year for five years, making the longest possible pastorate ten years. A minority committee report, asking for the abolishment of the limit will be submitted to the conference, and will probably be supported by the laity.

The committee on consolidation of benevolence approved the proposed union of the tract and missionary societies, but opposed the combining of the Board of Education and the Freedman's Aid Society.

The committee on state of church decided in favor of adhering to the present method of electing officers and editors in General Conference.

The conference refused to approve any of the changes proposed regarding amusements.

The proposition to substitute the term "General Church" for "Holy Catholic Church" in the discipline was defeated.

May 13th, Bishop Vincent presided.

The report of the committee on missions to increase the contingent fund from \$25,000 to \$50,000 was adopted. The committee also recommended a "Hing-Hua mission in China." It was adopted.

The report of the committee on education, which excuses students from taking the conference examination in those branches in which they have passed satisfactory examinations in some Methodist school, was adopted unanimously.

The committee on church extension made a report against the extension of work in foreign lands.

Great interest was manifested for the outcome of the committee on episcopacy. Dr. Buckley, the chairman, made the report upon three distinct subjects. He read the report of the committee. It stated that in the opinion of the committee Bishops Bowman and Foster are too old to stand the strain of duties, and recommended their retirement at the end of this conference as non-effective. In the list of bishops returned as effective were all other bishops with

the exception of Bishop Taylor, and his name was not mentioned. A generous appropriation was urged for them, and the respect for them was fully set forth. As soon as the report was made Bishop Foster advanced. The entire audience received him with the greatest applause. In the midst of the most impressive silence the low tones of Bishop Foster's voice was heard. He said he simply had a request to make. He knew the question was one of great delicacy, and he begged to be permitted to retire. Cries of "No! No!" came from all parts of the hall, and Bishop Foster extended his arms saying, "Please! Please!" It was a most pathetic scene. Bishop Foster spoke for a few moments, and the conference, by a rising vote, granted his request.

Bishop Bowman said he would make the same request, as he had just learned for the first time in his life that he was not effective. A call was made for a few remarks from him, but he declined to say anything, and the two white-haired fathers left the hall. Bishop Foster's speech was touching in the extreme, and he left everything in the hands of the conference.

The first part of the report was adopted. Then Dr. Buckley read the second part, determining the non-effectiveness of Bishops Bowman and Foster. Dr. Buckley moved the adoption of the report, and a hundred voices seconded the motion, and was adopted.

The church extension committee decided to recommend that hereafter no assistance be given to churches that cost more than \$10,000, except by special legislation. It was asserted that many wealthy churches had in the past secured aid which ought to be reserved for poor congregations.

The committee on Book Concern decided to recommend the appointment of a commission to prepare a new hymnal for the use of the church, from which much of the light music now in use would be eliminated.

The committee on education took up the subject of making loans to students. It was decided to refuse such loans to students in the Mexican and South American conferences. It will be suggested by the conference, in view of the fact that \$600,000 has been loaned in twenty-two years, and only \$50,000 of that sum repaid, that a better system of accounting be adopted and all students who are assisted be required to waive the statute of limitation in the notes they give as security.

May 14th, Bishop Fitzgerald presided.

Dr. J. N. Fradenburg, of Erie conference, presented a resolution which recites the fact that as a doubt exists regarding the constitutionality of the restrictions of popular amusements, the committee on judiciary should be requested to present a report on that point. The resolution was adopted.

The first ballot of the day for bishop resulted in no choice. The vote was as follows: J. W. E. Bowch (colored) 147, C. C. McCabe 141, Earl Cranston 115, J. W. Hamilton 107, Dr. Buckley 72. There were fifty candidates. Another ballot was taken, which resulted in no choice.

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conference managed to transact a little business.

The regular order of business was taken up and the memorial services were held. Bishop Fitzgerald called Bishop Bowman to the chair, saying it was eminently proper for the senior bishop to preside and the graceful act was greeted with great applause. After the singing of a hymn, Dr. Forbes, of Detroit, read a portion of the Scripture, and Dr. W. B. Kelly offered prayer. The first memorial read was by Dr. W. F. Whitlock, on the late Dr. J. W. Men-denhall. A second memorial was read by Dr. Geo. Reed on the late Dr. J. R. Heck. Both papers were masterly productions, and held the closest attention of the audience.

May 15th.—The third ballot for bishop was announced amid intense excitement. The vote was taken yesterday afternoon, and the result was secret until this morning, when it was made public. It shows that 510 votes were cast. Three hundred and forty were necessary to a choice. The following six candidates lead: C. C. McCabe 252, Earl Cranston, 191, J. W. E. Bowen 165, H. A. Buttz 153, J. W. Hamilton 138, E. B. Neely 42.

No sooner had the result of the third ballot been announced than a fourth count was ordered. It required the tellers nearly two hours to count the vote. It showed that 512 votes were cast and that no choice was made.

The incident of the day's session was the appearance on the floor of ex-Gov. McKinley, who delivered an address at Central Armory at night on George Washington.

The routine proceedings were interrupted by great applause near the door, and a short man was seen ascending the stage. As he turned to the audience it was seen that the man was Major Wm. McKinley, and the applause was deafening. Bishop Joyce presented him, and the air was white with handkerchiefs. Three times the applause died away and three times it was renewed. It was the greatest ovation of the conference.

The regular recess was made fifteen minutes instead of ten, and nearly every delegate in the house took advantage of the opportunity to greet Gov. McKinley.

After recess the chair announced the next ballot. It resulted in no choice, but revealed some remarkable surprises. The vote on the six leading candidates was as follows: H. A. Buttz 266, Earl Cranston 245, C. C. McCabe 236, J. W. Hamilton 137, J. W. E. Bowen 75, T. B. Neely 21. Another ballot was ordered.

The remainder of the session was occupied by the reading of memorials. A memorial of Henry J. Leibliard was read by A. J. Nash, another on Rev. R. E. Crary, editor of the California Christian Advocate, by John Coyle, and the third, on Sanford Hunt, by E. S. Eaton. Upon the conclusion of these services the conference adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

At 3 o'clock the conference convened long enough to hear the result of the ballot. The five leading candidates received votes as follows: Buttz 291, Cranston 275, McCabe 228, Hamilton 122, Bowen 56. No choice. The seventh and eighth ballots also resulted in no choice, which closed the proceedings for the week, ending Saturday last.

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2. The Disciples Entertained by Christ.—Like all other men, Christ had a few close, bosom friends with whom it was His pleasure to at times be. And knowing that the time of His departure from earth was rapidly approaching He desired that they come together in order that it might be His to once more hold sweet communion with them. Accordingly He directs Peter and John to prepare and make ready the feast. "And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve disciples with Him." Both Peter and Judas were there! And He treated them with as much courtesy as He did the rest. Let us seek to be in all things, and in all of our social relations as was the blessed Christ.

"O wondrous Lord, my soul would be Still more and more conformed to Thee, And learn of Thee, the lowly one, And like Thee, all my journey run."

May 24: Lessons in Social Liberty (Matt. 11:18-19; Luke 15:1-4.)

What a strange complexion is human nature! How changeable is human opinion! How delightful it is to pass judgment on others! And as it is now, so was it in the days of Christ. Though it is said that "He went about doing good," we nevertheless find that His enemies sought in every way possible to bring Him and His work into disrepute. He came to seek and to save the lost, and in order for Him to do so the more effectively, it became necessary for Him to move among all classes and conditions of people. It was as much His duty as it was His pleasure, to talk to the woman at the well, as to Nicodemus, the great Master in Israel, who came to him at evening time. But no matter to whom He spoke nor where He went, He was still the Christ. His position was never compromised.

1. Jesus contrasted with John.—It is hard to say what the Jews really did want. "John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil." John was a recluse and a Nazirite. But this argued against him. Jesus, on the other hand, so they said, came eating and drinking. Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of Publicans and sinners." Even this manner of coming did not please them. There was too much liberality about it. Surely they were hard to please. But Jesus did not come that way. His life was pure and spotless. He was in the world, but not of it. Says Phillips Brooks: "His life was like an open stream that keeps the sea from flowing up into it by the eager force with which it flows down into the sea."

2. Jesus mingled freely with the People.—The purpose of His coming to earth was to save men from the guilt and power of sin. And to do so, he had to go among them. This He did. He received sinners. "The Pharisees and scribes could not understand that

any one should walk pure and unspotted amid the pollutions of the world seeking, and not shunning, sinners. They had neither love to hope the recovery of such, no medicines to affect that recovery." And so if, like our blessed Master, we would save men, we must go among them, and thus by personal contact, induce them to leave the haunts and ways of sin, and be saved on the terms of the Gospel.

#### FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

The last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society before the General Conference was held in Cincinnati, April 21st. Bishop Walden, who had just returned from a tour around the world, was in the chair. The reports of the corresponding secretaries, Drs. Hartzell and Hamilton, showed a great deal of hard work performed. Dr. Hartzell said: "The work has taken me into twenty-six different States and Territories, and has included in addition to the requirements of executive work in the office, the visitation of a large number of annual conferences, the presentation of our cause nearly every Sunday, and the visitations of several institutions of learning where important matters demanded personal attention." Dr. Hamilton said: "I have visited every Southern State east of the Mississippi river, all the Middle and Eastern States, and have spoken from six to ten times each week during the quarter. From the Southern Conferences I came to the Conferences of the Middle States, and in each of these large Conferences the anniversary was so well attended that no building could comfortably seat the audience. From the Conferences in the Middle States I went to New England and visited the Conferences in the six Eastern States." Dr. Mason, during the quadrennium, visited seven spring Conferences and presented the cause in churches in the New England, New England Southern, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Rock River and Illinois Conferences. The reports in the receipts from all sources showed a gratifying increase in the collections for the quadrennium. The net increase in receipts during the quadrennium was \$260,863.14.—N. W. Christian Advocate.



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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1896.

## DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM FORETOLD.

Luke 21:20-36.

Golden Text—"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." (Luke 21:33.)

The reign of Jesus in the Temple has closed. He has delivered His last cutting discourse to the Pharisees, Scribes and lawyers. As he departed from the house of God for the last time, His disciples called His attention to the massive stones of which it was built. He replied: "The days will come in which there shall not be left one stone upon another." They crossed the Kidron and ascended Mount Olivet to the summit. Here they paused. It was spring and all nature was full of life. It was evening when all have a pleasant spirit. Jerusalem was in full view, and lit up by the splendor of the setting sun. While here the disciples asked Him three questions: When shall these things (the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple) be? What shall be the sign of Thy (second) coming? And (what shall be the sign) of the end of the world? In His answer are things hard to be understood. The overthrow of Jerusalem is the thought before us. The signs of this catastrophe were anti-Christ, wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilence, persecutions, and signs in heaven and earth. The true sign would be armies encamped about it.

I.—The Destruction of Jerusalem (20-24).—The Roman armies had overrun Palestine, Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum and other cities had fallen. They then, under the command of Cestius Gallus, encamped about Jerusalem, and remained for a short while only. No cause has been given for their withdrawal. Josephus expressed surprise at it, and said the city might then have been easily taken. Was it not providential? When they withdrew, all the Christians in Jerusalem, and in the country about it, obeyed the command of Jesus, fled to Pella and other towns in the mountainous country east of the Jordan. The army soon returned the command of Titus, and surrounded the city with troops and trenches. It then became impossible for any one to escape. This was at the time of the Passover when two or three millions of Jews were in the city. Titus did what he could to get the Jews to surrender, but they scorned every proposal. They believed God would save them. They were soon brought to extreme suffering. The three different factions within murdered one another. Multitudes of unburied bodies corrupted the air and produced a pestilence. The people fed on one another. Mothers boiled and ate their nursing babes. After a siege of six months the city was taken. They murdered almost every Jew they met. Titus desired to save the temple, but could not; six thousand Jews who had taken shelter in it were buried or murdered. Their outcries when they saw it were most dreadful. The whole city except the three towers and a small part of the wall, was razed to the ground, and the foundations of the temple and other places were ploughed up. One million, one hundred thousand Jews perished by sword, famine and pestilence, and about 97,000 were carried away captives to labor as slaves. It is hardly possible to consider the nature and extent of their sufferings. It was thus because, "They killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and persecuted the Apostles." (1 Thes. 2:15.) They also cried, "His blood be upon us, and upon our children." (R. Watson.) Jerusalem has since been rebuilt, but without the temple. It has been owned by the Romans, Saracens, Normans and Turks but never since by the Jews, and will not be, "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." These few words carry this prophecy passed us down to near the end of the world. It seems the period when they, instead of the Jews, hold the church of God. It refers to the whole period between the destruction of Jerusalem and the beginning of the end of the world. Then the holy city will cease to be trodden down by the Gentiles and will regain the former glory. It is clear to the reflecting mind that the Jewish race is preserved for some Providential reason.

II.—The coming of the Son of Man in Glory. (25-27). This is a digression.

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The line of thought is the destruction of Jerusalem; but this refers to the second coming of Christ, and to the last judgment. When the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, and the return of Jesus draws near, there will be signs of His second coming like those that preceded the destruction of Jerusalem. (Rev. 20: 7-10; 2 Peter 3:3-10). The "immediate" of Matt. 24:29, and the "those days" of Mark 13:24, refer not to the destruction of Jerusalem, but to the second coming of Christ, and to those things that will follow the general signs of that event. Just before the advent there will be alarming signs seen in our solar system. "The sun shall be darkened;" when his supply of fuel is exhausted this will be the natural result. "And the moon shall not give her light;" when the sun ceases to shine the moon will cease to reflect, for all her light is borrowed from the sun. "The stars of heaven shall fall and the powers that are in the heaven shall be shaken." Whedon says, "To the eye of the spectator on the rocking earth the stars shall, optically, fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken. The real motion is upon the earth; the apparent motion is in the firmament." Those upon the earth will be filled with perplexity, fear and distress. Immediately after these solar disturbances will the sign of His second coming appear. He has not told us what that sign will be; but it will likely be to those on earth what the Roman army was to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. It may be a myriad of angels, or the signs of the cross. After this sign, "Shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." This is likely the cloud that guided Israel through the wilderness, that covered Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, and received Him out of sight when He ascended to glory. He does not return alone, but is accompanied by the father and the holy angels. His second coming will be as sudden as the lightning's ash. His angels will gather His elect from every part of earth and heaven; their souls from earth and their souls from heaven. The judgment will then begin according to Matthew 25:31-46. When it is completed, and the wicked sent away into everlasting punishment, the righteous will return with Jesus to the many mansions of the Father's house.

III.—The parable of the fig tree (28-33). Jesus here returns to the regular line of thought—the destruction of Jerusalem. By "these things," He does not refer to the signs that will precede His second coming, but to those that will go before the overthrow of Jerusalem. The coming destruction of the holy city will fill the Jews with horror, but let the disciples "lift up their heads" and rejoice, for the downfall of that nation will be their gain. This parable of the fig tree was spoken in the spring of the year. The buds of the trees were swelling and bursting forth into green foliage. By this, and many other ways, the disciples knew summer was near; so when they saw the signs Jesus had given they realized the overthrow of Jerusalem was at hand. By "this generation" we are not to understand the human race, or Jewish nation, or Christian Church, but the people then living, some of whom would see the destruction of the Jewish polity. "Heaven and earth shall be shaken." This will be a

catastrophe much greater than the fall of Jerusalem. The luminary, or aerial heaven, is the one here referred to. But God's "words shall not pass away," His promises and threats shall remain forever.

IV.—His words of warning (34-36) may be applied to the destruction of Jerusalem or to the end of the world. They are applicable to the saints in any age. We should take heed to ourselves and be sure we are ready when we are called to go.

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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## LAGRANGE DISTRICT.

The Sunday school and Epworth League conventions will meet at Arbor Chapel, on the Troup Factory charge, on Friday morning, May 28th, 1896. All persons attending must come to Harris City on Thursday, May 28th, where they will be met by a committee. Let the pastors, one Sunday school superintendent, one Epworth League president, and one delegate from each charge be present.

The District Conference meets at Zebulon on Thursday, July 23d, 1896. Let us pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of many souls. Please, my dear pastors, push your benevolent collections, so as to make a good report at the District Conference. We expect to have the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., with us and he will be glad to receive the F. A. & S. Ed. collection from each charge in the District. Lovingly yours, James Jackson, Presiding Elder.

## WACO DISTRICT.

The District Conference for Waco District, West Texas Annual Conference will convene in Remond, Tex., Thursday morning, July 23rd, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Let the members all be on hand Wednesday night.

Religious and literary programme as follows:

Christian perfection, M. C. Caviness; How to Conduct Revivals, G. Norman; John Wesley as a Preacher, E. Cogswell; An Outlook Over the Field of Methodism, A. G. Lynch; The Need of Educated Ministers, J. W. H. Pinkney; The Result of Freedman Aid and Southern Educational Society, G. R. Bryant. Local preachers and exhorters will write essays on subjects of their own choice. Saturday, July 25th, will be devoted to Sunday school and Epworth League work. I truly hope every pastor will do his best to report every dollar of his benevolent money raised and be sure to collect and bring to conference \$2.00 each to pay for the printing of the minutes.—Your fellow laborer, Harry Swann, P. E.

## MARION DISTRICT.

Dear Brothers: The Marion District Conference will convene at Gainesville, Ala., July 22d, instead of July 16th. The Sunday school institute will be held in connection with the district conference. We must make both a success. The good people of Gainesville are preparing to give the conference a warm reception. Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor, will not leave a stone unturned. He is carrying everything his way, which is onward and upward. I have finished my first quarterly round, with good result. I have not found one idle pastor on the district. Revs. Johnson, of Marion; Mixon, of Eutaw, and Williams, of Gainesville, are trying to raise \$100 each for benevolents. All the other charges are pledged for their apportionment. The pastors of Marion district are thoughtfully and prayerfully at work with the presiding elder, helping to build up the district. I took hold where Rev. H. N. Brown, P. E., left off, finding the district well organized. I had no trouble in getting the people to accept our plans.

As to the Southwestern, we have planned for its support. Each exhorter and local preacher are pledged to take the Southwestern Christian Advocate before being recommended to the district conference, and thus far each local preacher and exhorter are willing to pledge themselves to take the Southwestern and help to circulate it. As to pastor salary, I am glad to say that it is as well with us as it is; over \$600 has been raised on salary up to date and the people have pledged themselves to do better. We must teach and encourage self-support. I have two congregations that promises to build each a church without asking the church extension for a dollar. One parsonage has been built and another will be in a short time.

Each pastor is expected to report at the district conference at least one-half of his apportionment raised and forwarded. That will enable us to raise the other half by the Annual Conference. We want to go without shame or regret, brothers.

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Vicksburg, Miss.—Sister Linda Calvin, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, died May 10th, aged 60 years. M. Cooper, Pastor.

Winnabow, Texas.—Sister Ephra Young died here very suddenly May 4th, at 2 o'clock a. m. She joined our church on Easter Sunday, aged 19 years. She was buried by us May 6th. She leaves a child about three months old. T. P. Norris, Pastor.

## Lost Friends

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearlings subscribers. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the Southwestern.

Natchez, Miss., May 4, 1896.  
Mr. Editor—I wish to inquire for my people. My name before the war was Eliza Overton; now it is Eliza Hicks. I used to belong to a man by the name of Murphy. I don't remember his other name. We lived in Kentucky, near Lexington. Murphy sold me to Frederick Edwards, a negro trader, who brought me to Adams county, Miss., and sold me to a man by the name of Bert Guse, and Guse carried me to Louisiana, where I sold until slavery was over, and then came back to Natchez, Miss. Mr. Overton the man whom I was named after had a brother named Jackson Overton, but they called him Jackson Walker. My mother died when I was very small. She then lived near Versailles, Woodville county, Ky. I had four sons, who were left with Mr. Edwards. Their names were Allen, George, Thomas and Petras MacKnight. Any information address Eliza Hicks in care of Rev. N. W. Ross, 693 North Pine street, Natchez, Miss.

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Culoden ..... 6, 7 Bar esville and  
Liberty Hill ..... 20, 21 Thomastown ..... 6, 7  
Forsyth ..... 27, 28  
July  
Macon station ..... 3, 5 Macon circuit ..... 4, 5  
Fort Valley ..... 7 Columbus ..... 11, 12  
Chipley, by G. Y. Flem ..... Whiteville ..... 18, 19  
Crest ..... 11, 12 Hardeman ..... 20  
James Jackson, P. E.

## Rome District.

Second Round. May  
Adairville and Pine Log ..... 23, 24  
Cattaraugus and Lowman ..... 30, 31  
June  
Cedertown ..... 6, 7 Livingston ..... 14, 15  
Rome, First church, 21, 22 Rome, Second ch. 20, 21  
Cave Spring ..... 27, 28 Summerville and  
Finley ..... 27, 28  
July  
Rome Mission ..... 4, 5 Floyd ..... 4, 5  
Cohutta ..... 4, 5 Chickamauga ..... 11, 12  
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## Baton Rouge District.

Second Round. June  
Red River and Island ..... 5 Letlaworth and  
Melville and Sumner ..... Union Chapel ..... 6, 7  
Chapel ..... 8, 9 Muscou Circuit ..... 10, 11  
Hartzel Chapel ..... 12, 14 Plaquemine ..... 14, 15  
Bayou Goula ..... 16 Merrill Chapel  
New Roads ..... 22 and Mt Zion ..... 20, 21  
Slaughter ..... 13, 24 St. Paul and  
Rydal Chapel ..... 26 Vincent chapel ..... 25  
St. Peter ..... 27, 28  
July  
Macedonia Circuit ..... 3, 5 Mt. Carmel ..... 11, 12  
Jackson and T. G. d. in 18 ..... 19 Wilson and Nor-  
w. y ..... 25, 26 Clinton ..... 16, 27  
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August  
Albert Chapel ..... 1, 2 Priestly Chapel  
St. Luke and Brandon ..... 5, 6 and Jones Crk. ..... 3, 4  
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From the Albany (N. Y.) Journal.

When one encounters in print the life story of some scarred veteran of the civil war, a feeling of admiration and sympathy is the certain result. Accustomed though we are to tales of heroism and suffering in everyday life, there is something peculiarly attractive about these old war records, serving, as they do, as a sacred passport to the heart of every true American. Thousands found their rest on the field of carnage or in the hospital, but their comrades, when the struggle was over and the victory won, returned to their homes and began anew the battle of life.

John B. Scace, the widely known contractor and building mover of Albany, N. Y., has had an unusually interesting life, and when seen by a reporter recently at his home, No. 15 Bradford street, told of his many experiences and adventures while serving under the old flag in the late war. Although having endured all the hardships and privations of life in the ranks, Mr. Scace bears his more than half a century of years with an elastic step and a keen mind, taking an active interest in private and public affairs.

Mr. Scace is a member of Berkshire Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F. He enlisted in the army in 1862, in Company A, Forty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, serving under Col. W. F. Bartlett, First Brigade, First Division, Nineteenth Corps, with which he participated in some of the hottest battles of the war, including Port Hudson, Donaldsonville and Plain Store, where he was wounded. His time being out, he was discharged, but soon re-enlisted as sergeant in Company A, Sixty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He was in the battle of Hatcher's Run, the fight about Petersburg and the battle of Sailors Creek.

After his honorable discharge, June 4, 1865, Mr. Scace returned to Albany and settled down once again to his business and social interests. He has resided in the city ever since. It would seem that now, of all times, his peace and happiness would have been uninterrupted. Such was not to be the case, for four years ago, while engaged in superintending the raising of the immense smokestack of the Albany Electric power house, the lever of a loosened windlass struck him a heavy blow across the back. The effect of the blow was not at first apparent, he being able to leave his bed in a few days. But the worst was to follow, for without warning he was seized with sciatic rheumatism in all its virulence. Untold agony followed.

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From the Methodist Hymnal—Charles Wesley.

## THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

I ask the gift of righteousness,  
The sin-subduing power;  
Power to believe, and go in peace,  
And never grieve Thee more.

I ask the blood-bought pardon sealed,  
The liberty from sin,  
The grace infused, the love revealed,  
The kingdom fixed within.

Thou hear'st me for salvation pray;  
Thou seest my heart's desire;  
Made ready in thy powerful day,  
Thy fullness I require.

My restless soul cries out oppressed,  
Impatient to be freed;  
Nor can I, Lord, nor will I rest,  
Till I am saved indeed.

Thou canst, thou wilt, I dare believe,  
So arm me with thy power,  
That I to sin may never cleave,  
May never feel it more.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Episcopal Diocesan convention assembled in Selma, Ala., on May 20. A large delegation from all parts of the State were in attendance. Bishops Wilmer and Jackson were present.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, convened in Memphis, Tenn., May 21st, and elected as moderator Rev. Dr. R. Q. Mallard, editor of the New Orleans Southwestern Presbyterian.

The African M. E. Church, on May 19th, in Wilmington, N. C., held ordination services. Drs. Wm. B. Derrick, Josiah H. Armstrong and James C. Embry were ordained bishops. Bishop Henry McNeil Turner, the senior bishop of the church, preached the ordination sermon; the sacrament by Bishop Grant; closing prayer by Bishop Turner, and presentation of credentials by Bishop Arnett.

The General conference took action May 14th, which will be gratifying to our theological schools and to young men who are preparing for the ministry in our church. The proposition to accept the certificates of Methodist colleges and seminaries which are included in the conference course of study in lieu of conference examinations, was presented by the committee on education and adopted by the conference.

The secretaries reported to the Board of Managers of American Bible Society, that the aggregate issues for the year ending March 31, 1896, were 1,750,283 volumes, being an increase of 169,155 volumes over the issues of the year immediately preceding. This striking fact was also stated, that for the first time in the Society's history the aggregate number of volumes circulated abroad during any single year exceeded the number circulated in the United States. In China alone nearly 400,000 volumes were issued, and the entire circulation in foreign lands amounted to 980,150 volumes.

Last Saturday's session of the General Conference fixed May 28th, at 1 o'clock, for final adjournment. Dr. Eaton was made Missionary treasurer and Dr. Curtis assistant treasurer. The Conference adopted the report of the Committee on Episcopacy, declaring Missionary Bishop Taylor, of the African field, non-effective and recommending his retirement. Bishop Taylor's successor will be elected before final adjournment. Among those mentioned to succeed Bishop Taylor are: Dr. Hart, Dr. Leonard, Dr. H. A. Monroe and Dr. J. M. Buckley.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Bishops—Dr. C. C. McCabe and Dr. Earl Cranston.

Book Concern.—New York, Dr. Homer Eaton and Dr. Geo. P. Mains; Cincinnati, Dr. Lewis Curtis and Dr. H. C. Jennings.

Secretaries Missionary Society.—Dr. A. B. Leonard, of Cincinnati; Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, and Dr. W. T. Smith.

Corresponding Secretaries of Church Extension.—Dr. A. J. Kynett and Dr. W. A. Spencer.

Secretaries of Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.—Dr. J. C. Hartzell and Dr. J. W. Hamilton. Dr. R. S. Rust honorary secretary.

Secretary of the Sunday School and Tract Society—Dr. J. S. Hulburt.

Secretary of Board of Education.—Dr. C. H. Payne.

Editor of New York Christian Advocate.—Dr. J. M. Buckley.

Editor of the Methodist.—Dr. J. V. Kelly.

Editor Northwestern Christian Advocate.—Rev. Arthur Edwards.

Editor Western Christian Advocate—Dr. D. H. Moore.

Editor of Central Christian Advocate.—Dr. J. B. Young.

Editor of Pittsburg Christian Advocate.—Dr. C. W. Smith.

Editor of the Northern Christian Advocate.—Dr. J. E. C. Sawyer.

Editor California Christian Advocate—Dr. W. S. Matthews.

Editor of Apologist, Cincinnati.—Dr. A. J. Vast.

Editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate.—Dr. I. B. Scott.

Editor of Epworth Herald—Dr. J. F. Berry.

Editor of Haus Aid Herd—Dr. Slagle.

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

One of the most impressive incidents of the General Conference was the introduction to that body of the Foreign missionaries who were in this country, and visiting the General Conference. By motion of the General conference these distinguished servants of the church who have been serving faithfully at the very outposts of civilization, representing Europe, Asia, Africa and the distant isles of the sea, were invited to the platform where they were introduced to the conference by the venerable presiding officer, Bishop Bowman, D. D., senior bishop, and it was an impressive scene. The whole world seemed to pass before us, as these conservative men and women who had freely sacrificed their homes and native land to publish the tidings of salvation to the very ends of the earth. As the vast congregation joined in the grand old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," heaven came down our souls to greet. It will never be forgotten, and we predict that that gathering is the new pentecost which will thrill the heathen world with tidings of salvation until He shall come whose right it is to reign.

We are in receipt of the interesting programme of the Sunday school and Epworth League conventions, which are to be held at Arbor Chapel, La Grange District, Savannah Conference, on May 29-31. We would like to publish it in full, but space will not permit before convening of the conventions.

Rev. M. M. Alston, the very able and effective pastor of our church in Rome, Ga., has had remarkable success in a revival, during which many souls were happily converted.

## CLEVELAND NOTES.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

Ex-Governor McKinley was the guest of the local committee of our General Conference last week, and delivered in the spacious Armory Hall his famous lecture on "Washington." Of course he visited the conference, and received an ovation befitting the great man that he is. By invitation of Hon. John P. Green, the colored ex-senator, and Mr. Geo. A. Myers, one of the most prominent colored citizens, it was arranged to have the colored delegates and other visitors to meet the governor during his temporary stay in the city of Cleveland. Many of the delegates and visitors assembled in the parlors of the Hollenden hotel, where they were received and introduced by Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., of New York, and Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, of Donaldsonville, La., who acted as president of the important meeting. Dr. Lyon made a brief speech introducing the visitors, to which the ex-governor responded in his usual felicitous way. The interview was brief, but pleasant.

Revs. W. R. Butler, T. G. Montgomery, T. J. Johnson, pastors in New Orleans, La.; F. T. Chinn, presiding elder of Monroe District, La., are among the Louisiana visitors.

Cory M. E. Church, our only colored church in Cleveland, is liberally attended by our colored delegates, who enjoy the services immensely. The pulpit is supplied each Sabbath by one or more of the delegates or visitors, and great good is being done. Rev. H. W. Tate, the pastor, is being very greatly helped by the ministrations of these brethren.

Some of the chivalry (?) are finding fault with the way in which the colored delegates are treated in Cleveland, and their little flings at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church are sometimes amusing. But their vapors are harmless. The Methodist Episcopal Church is upon record as the most progressive and charitable ecclesiastical organization in the land, having declared its eternal hatred to caste, will stand by its membership of every hue, and see to it, that they are accorded fair and honorable treatment everywhere.

Besides this, Cleveland is a great city in the great Buckeye State—the State of progressive ideas, and progressive people. Fossils who are almost submerged beneath that worn and tattered prejudice against people on account of the mere accident of color, should spend a few months up here and see how the people treat their fellow citizens of African descent, then go home and do likewise.

This personal we find in the Daily Christian Advocate of May 18th, and is like "going away from home to learn the news."

"Rev. Joseph Vital, pastor of our Italian Church in New Orleans, has communicated to us that they have bought a property in New Orleans for their church for \$8,100. When he assumed the pastorate of the church six months ago, they were worshipping in a small upper room, the church building having been burned. In the new property there is a large hall and a building to be fixed for the education of children, which is a necessity in New Orleans."

We have received the programme of the first District Conference of Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference, to be held in West Point June 24-28. It is neatly and ably gotten up, and the Conference will be an interesting and instructive. We regret that our limited time precludes its publication. A very successful friend, Rev. H. R. Siding, elder of the S. R. C.



# BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

## A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

(Continued from Last Week.)

### City Evangelization.

Another cheering evidence of the right direction of the spiritual power of the church is seen in the wider and more intense interest in city evangelization. The separate organizations in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, and a half-dozen other cities, have associated together in the National City Evangelization Union.

These thirty different organizations report \$175,000 as raised in a single year. They reinvigorate churches from which the former members have moved away, select new sites, open Sunday schools and missions and give to undeveloped Christian forces an ample field of work. They have spiritual life enough to attack the most difficult things for Christ. There are centers of crime and sinks of iniquity so wicked that the average church does not touch them. Think of a square mile of a city that has 1,000 saloons, nearly 800 brothels where 3,000 girls live in these vestibules of hell that have no backward swinging door, to whom in their average life of four years no hand reaches sympathy and help, but to whom many a hand offers absinthe, delirium and death. Few churches have fastings and prayers enough to be able to cast out such kinds of devils. The problem of our cities is the problem of our national existence. To deal successfully with this is to save our national life. There is no power but the power of God unto salvation that can do it.

### A Larger Faith.

Not only do we recognize many signs of advancing spiritual life in our own church, but with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God we recognize that the trend of the churches and of the thought of our age is in the direction of a larger an intense faith. There have been godless theories in science, a fashion of despair in poetry, agnostic tendencies in philosophy, assumptions that the intellect is superior to religious sentiment, assertions that science and faith are forever sundered, criticisms of the word of God that were destructive of belief; we have had scoffers willingly ignorant, saying on many a platform, "Where is the promise of God's coming, and the evidence of his working in the world? But, thank God, that midnight is passed. The aurora of a better day gleams in our sky. All these malign influences have done their worst, but the word of God still standeth sure. The period of destruction has been, the period of construction has begun. There never was a time when in the ranks of science itself there were not 7,000 men who had not bowed the knee to Baal." In every department there is now a return to faith, a clearer recognition of psychic forces, and of a necessity for thinking that God upholdeth all material things by the word of His power. And now even "science walks with humble feet to seek God that faith has found."

### Christian Unity.

We devoutly thank God with you that we are in the most friendly relations with all other churches. We believe that the intense longing of the heart of Christ is expressed in His great high-priestly prayer, "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us," is being fulfilled. Our message of love means oneness of spirit. Though there are differences of operation, it is the same God who worketh all in all. We neither want other churches to accept our episcopate, nor surrender anything of their own. We are not talking about unity, because we are not conscious of any diversity of Christian purpose. We say to any church that goes back to Christ and reproduces the early church, in its faith, in its ordinances and life, "Your heart is my heart. Give me your hand." We have always practiced these four elements of Christian unity:

1. A recognition and acceptance of the members of every evangelical church on the presentation of letters of membership; and a commendation of our own members to other churches.

2. A cordial welcome of members of other churches to the holy communion of their Lord as administered by us, and a glad going to the communion of our Lord as administered by them.

3. A free and equal exchange of pulpits.

4. A practical co-operation with other churches in all Christian work. We

know no rivalry except such as one army corps feels for another to do the quickest, bravest, and most effectual work against the common foe. Our deal is not organic union of churches, but fraternal union of spirit. And this we believe to be the only unity known to the apostolic and post-apostolic churches.

While we rejoice in these blessed fraternal relations with all churches of Christ, we especially appreciate and reciprocate all evidences of Christian fellowship and co-operation from our sister Methodist Churches throughout the world.

### Continual Approval of Our Polity.

We congratulate you and the church you represent that our peculiar polity has received another four-years' endorsement as God's plan for the working of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As we strive to find out the wishes both of the churches and of the preachers, as we endeavor to take these two interested parties into our councils, it seems to us that both are more trustful of the system and its administration than ever before. In over 50,000 appointments during the quadrennium, the cases of friction and discontent have been extremely few. Both preachers and people have been loyal to the itinerant system and co-operative therewith.

The people recognize that the system of regular annual appointments gives them a stated pastor all the time without long intervals of anxious seeking after supplies, and that it economizes the resources of the church by obviating the necessity of one church bidding against another, to offer a man a higher call than the place he now fills. The preachers recognize the fact that it gives them regular work, and a salary without anxiety during the whole period of their effective strength. And both churches and pastors see that in these regular and necessitated changes the able and young ministers have facilities to rise to positions of greater usefulness.

We do not recommend material change in the time limit or in the mode of making appointments; but suggest that your wisdom might provide some method by which, under ample safeguards, the pastoral term might be extended to meet very rare cases of manifest and grave emergency. And we do earnestly pray that our itinerant system, so venerable in its history, so illustrious for unparalleled success, so dear to the millions who have been saved under its operations, and so manifestly owned of God for the conversion of the world may not be subjected to subversive utterances from platform or press, nor be handed over, while yet so virile and strong, to the dissecting tables of doctors who are not yet wise from experience nor philosophy, but that it may be held by you in grateful reverence and handed down in unimpaired efficiency till God's church militant be merged into the church triumphant.

### Quarterly Conferences.

From observation and trustworthy information the question is pressed upon us whether the time has not come for considering the possibility and expediency of substituting our quarterly conference by local conferences to meet semi-annually, in which the presiding elder can be more generally present than is possible in quarterly meetings. The frequent meeting of these bodies in the absence of the responsible presiding officers is not conducive to harmonious and consistent administration, nor does it tend to elevate the views of the people with regard to the value of the services of that officer in the church. Much of the business of the quarterly conference has already been transferred to the official boards and the district conferences, and its composition has undergone such changes that it is no longer fitted for the most important duties with which it is charged. With its mixed membership, consisting of men and women, old and young, it is unbecoming that it should act as a court for the trial of accused local preachers, and it is equally unsuitable for acting as an appellate court for hearing all classes of appeals of private members. In our judgment, a better tribunal for both these purposes can be easily constituted. Let the local conference of each circuit and station, whether it meet quarterly or semi-annually, at its first session select two or more men, to be known as triers, and authorize the presiding elder to summon

a suitable number of these from any part of his district, to convene when needed to try local preachers or to hear appeals from private members. We commend the subject to your attention, but leave the details to your wisdom.

### District Conferences.

The district conference has not been as serviceable as was expected when provision was made for it in 1872. This provision differed from other features of our polity, in that it left the adoption and continuation of this conference optional with each district. Its general introduction seems to have been hindered by the transfer to it of so many functions of the quarterly conference, and by the fact that it meets only in part the demand for a conference in which the laity in each pastoral charge may be fully represented. Were the disciplinary provision for the district conference so modified as to include a larger representation from the laity, and give prominence to the consideration of church matters within the district and of our general and connectional work, we judge that its meetings, one or two each conference year, would soon come to be largely attended by its ministerial and lay members. Such a conference would promote all local and general interests of our church and strengthen its connectional spirit. With this larger presence of the office-bearers of the district this conference would also give the bishops, so far as other duties would allow, a desirable and welcome opportunity to meet with the laity as the annual conferences does to meet with the traveling preachers. We commend the matter to your careful consideration.

### Conference Studies.

The conditions of admitting preachers to our conferences are based on a state of things that existed many years ago, when circumstances were very different. Our whole system has been based on gifts, graces, and usefulness developed by a course of study, pursued amid the difficulties of regular work by junior preachers under a senior. As a regular drill in practical work it could not be easily surpassed. But it is not now practicable to so relate junior and senior preachers, and the course of study is much better pursued in our colleges and theological seminaries. Besides, nearly all candidates for the ministry, while pursuing their theological studies, preach under the drill and criticism of the professors and presiding elder. We believe the time has fully come when the church should recognize, in the conditions to admission on trial to our conferences, the preparation gained in the theological schools. The church has already advanced one step in this direction by ordaining as deacons those who have been local preachers, have been students for two years in one of our regular theological seminaries, and have completed the first two years of the conference course of study. We now recommend that the church take one more step in advance, and enact that any student shall be credited on the conference course of study with examinations in any of the books of the first two years of the conference course which any theological school, whose professors are nominated or confirmed by the bishops, shall certify that he has satisfactorily passed. Colleges and universities everywhere accept certificates of proficiency from comparatively unknown academies and high schools. Methodist conferences should accept certificates of their own schools. Let the conferences continue to examine rigidly in all matters of doctrine and discipline, but in literary work accept the certificates of institutions so well able to judge.

### Aid for Necessitous Cases.

While we indorse and gladly further every provision for the aid of our worn-out preachers, their widows and orphans, we suggest that the principle of fixing their claim on the basis of years of service, rather than on the basis of pressing and imminent need is not promotive of the divine charity which prompts the giving and tends to defeat our cherished purpose of helping those who have been worn out in the service. We think the matter of payments, according to years in the conference, should be left to the mutual aid societies, which naturally consider the number of payments made.

### Constitutional Commission.

Among the matters requiring your careful consideration is the report of the constitutional commission referred to this general conference by that of 1892. This commission was ordered by the General conference of 1888 to consist of seven ministers, seven laymen, and three general superintendents, to "define and determine the constitution of the General conference, to which of whom it shall

be composed, and by what method it shall be organized; to declare what shall be the powers thereof; and in what manner they shall be exercised, and to provide the process by which the constitution, or any part thereof, shall be amended, and report to the General conference of 1892." That report was made and after a careful consideration of a part of it the General conference of 1892 adopted a resolution declaring that certain specified paragraphs of the Discipline have "the nature and force of a constitution." It did not, however, take up for immediate action the new form for an amended constitution presented by the commission. We commend that form to your early and careful consideration, believing that its adoption by a two-thirds vote of this General Conference, after such amendments as you may think wise, and by a three-fourths vote of the annual conference, would in many ways be a great advantage to the church.

### Amusements.

A spiritual church must always be opposed to amusements that are dissipating rather than recreative. To all such pleasures the church must oppose itself or dwindle as a spiritual force. Churches do not perish by sacrifices or self-denial. Persecution from without often make them flourish within. But churches have perished by indulgence in what seemed to be at first innocent delights, but grew at length into destructive habits. There are amusements that decaden all spiritual life, leave one without a sense of power with God, cause men to lose their first love and leave them only a name to live while they are dead. With an intense and ever-growing aversion to all that deteriorates the spiritual life of the church, we lift up a voice of warning against the increasing prevalence of amusements that are deleterious to our spiritual power. The constant and rigid adherence to the principle which is embodied in our general rule, a part of the fundamental law of the church, which requires us to avoid taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, cannot be too earnestly insisted upon, and should be enforced by the godly example of all spiritually-minded people. We sincerely desire that the action of this General conference may be such as to awaken the conscience of the whole church to the perils rising from inconsiderate indulgences in harmful pleasures. The press of the church should speak out on this subject, and the ministers should lay down the law of the church, the teaching of scripture and the sad illustrations of history till the whole church shall be sensitively alive on this subject.

### Intoxicants.

The church has no new word to utter, no new position to take in regard to those seductive but deadly poisons that blight and destroy all that is great and holy in human life. The accursed influence of intoxicating drinks and drugs on every interest of man, the family, social life, politics, and religion, is earthly, sensual, and devil-possessed. By the power of heredity it lays on children to the third and fourth generation the curse of physical deterioration, deficiency and idiocy. It hurries men into insanity with dreadful rapidity.

The ideal legislation, the enactment of which is to be constantly sought for the utter destruction of this monstrous crime is total prohibition. And while we are seeking the enactment and enforcement of this ideal legislation, we must seek to annihilate this arch enemy by every available weapon. Any law that shuts the saloon on Sunday, or on election day, keeps it a certain distance from a church or school, that restricts the places where or the classes to whom this fiery death may be sold, should be executed to the full.

The position of our church in regard to political parties is clearly stated in the bishop's address of 1892, thus: "With regard to politics, the attitude of our church is strenuously non-partisan and non-sectional. It acknowledges no allegiance to any political creed or association. It urges all its members who have the right to vote to discharge that duty; but it leaves every vote absolutely free from ecclesiastical interference to determine for himself for whom his ballot shall be cast. The right of suffrage, or the franchise, we regard as a great and responsible trust, which should in all cases, ecclesiastical and civil, be exercised conscientiously." In absolute personal freedom. When moral issues are before the public our people are invariably found on the side of the highest standard; but even then they choose their own party affiliations, and refuse to be dictated to as to the matter of their votes.

We recommend that this General conference



ference make an earnest appeal to the government of the United States to so adjust its internal revenue laws as not to seem to legalize the traffic in ardent spirits in sections of the Union where prohibitory laws exist. A popular government should not aid in forcing an infamous traffic on unwilling people.

We are glad that awakened public sentiment has made it respectable to decline to drink, and to urge others to refrain; glad that great railroads and factories have concluded that men cannot be trusted with material interests, and precious human lives, who are addicted to intoxicating drink; glad that life insurance companies and mutual benefit societies have learned that all drinkers of intoxicants are deteriorated risks, and especially glad that the closing of saloons on the Lord's day has been effected in the great city of New York.

#### Disciplinary Changes.

The duties assigned to the bishops in connection with the interpretation and administration of the law of the church have brought to their notice many minor defects in our Discipline to which we respectfully ask the attention of the General conference. We find that in some cases the provisions of the law are contradictory; that in other cases the law is ambiguous or otherwise wanting in clearness, that a number of established approved, and important usages among us, usages involving the exercise of authority, have no explicit warrant of law, that administrators are often perplexed for the lack of due provision for conditions that should have been foreseen by the law, and that in not a few cases the statement of the law, though not likely to mislead, is awkward and imperfect. The committee appointed by the General conference of 1892 to revise the Discipline was wisely restricted by that body to changes in the arrangement and language of the law. Thus it could not deal with its substance in any degree. We therefore beg leave to submit to the General conference, in another paper, a number of proposed changes, none of them in any degree affecting the general policy of the church, some of them of comparatively small importance, but all of them, as we believe, leading to an improved body of law for the church. These proposed changes are grouped in such a way as to be readily referred to appropriate committees of your body.

#### Education.

Among the greatest victories of the Methodist Episcopal Church have been those achieved in the field of education. Insisting on a Gospel that teaches a loftiness of ideal for man which has elsewhere found no higher expressions, and intimately relating the attainment of those ideals to human endeavor, the church was logically compelled to give every one of its members the best possible means of development. Hence it has founded schools, by the hundred, sometimes more than could be maintained, just as God's overflowing exuberance of life makes a thousand seeds for every one that grows. No one of these schools has ever lived in vain. We owe very much of our present greatness to our oldest university, founded by Wilbur Fisk.

In this connection we would express our distinct approval of the work of the University senate.

#### The American University.

The American University, located in Washington, D. C., came before the church four years ago as an applicant for its indorsement in the proposed work of furnishing post-graduate and professional instruction. The General conference of 1892 indorsed this proposition, approved the board of trustees and commended the proposed university to the favor of the church. The officers of the institution report in assets \$1,040,000, consisting of real estate, reliable subscriptions and funds in bank. In view of the opening of the immense scientific collection, by an act of Congress, to all students for special investigation, and in view of the growing popular appreciation of the necessity of a central Protestant university in the national capital, we heartily commend the prayers, the sympathies and the generous gifts of our people, the American university, which by its charter and its pledges is at once emphatically American and Christian.

The Woman's College in Baltimore deserves especial mention for its uniqueness, completeness, and for affording opportunity for any of our people who prefer the education of young women in schools exclusively for their own sex to acquire a complete college education under the best of religious influences.

We are glad to call attention to the contribution which the American University has made to the

spiritual life of our own people and of many beyond our bounds. The system sprung from our Methodist ministry and laity. It has quickened and stimulated many of the higher and broader range of reading and study, has inspired many of its students to seek a collegiate education, keeps science and religion and all knowledge in most harmonious relations, and from its central fire has kindled many other fires throughout this and other lands. We trust that the Chautauqua system will always and everywhere combine an unquestioned loyalty to Christ with an open mind for all the revelation of God in his own word and works.

God sees no perfect individual nor perfect service of him that does not include both mind and heart. He does not want His church nor His heaven an asylum for feeble-minded children.

Our system requiring that a sermon be preached on education every year, and a collection taken in both church and Sunday school for the aid of schools and students, makes it possible that every determined person who exercises his free will in that direction may acquire a liberal education.

But for the purpose and needed development of our schools we need at least \$1,000,000 in gifts every year.

(Concluded in our next.)

#### BRISTOL DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Our second district conference is drawing night at hand. All pastors will please send at once the number of their representatives and whether women or men, that suitable homes may be secured for them. No pains being spared in making arrangements for all who may come. A beneficial session is expected. Conference seat, Mountain City.

J. M. Watson, P. C.

#### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The eightieth annual meeting of the American Bible Society was held at the Bible House on Thursday afternoon, May 14, 1896, at 3:30 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. The Hon. Enoch L. Fancher, LL. D., president, occupied the chair, assisted by James H. Taft, Esq., one of the vice presidents.

The Rev. S. Whaley, president of the Long Island Bible Society, and the Rev. John Thompson, D. D., one of the trustees of the California Bible Society, were present as accredited delegates from their respective bodies.

The Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D. D., of India, a missionary of the Reformed Church, read a part of the 19th Psalm and led the devotions of the hour.

The recording secretary, Mr. Caleb T. Rowe, reported the names of nine managers, whose term of office expired at that time, and also one vacancy occasioned by the decease of Robert Lenox Belknap, Esq. Whereupon a committee, consisting of Mr. James H. Taft, Mr. James S. Baker and Rev. Samuel Whaley, of Riverhead, Long Island, was appointed to nominate suitable persons to fill their places.

Secretary Gilman read an abstract of the eightieth annual report of the managers for the year ending March 31, 1896.

Messrs. William T. Booth, Churchill H. Cutting, John S. Pierson, Daniel J. Holden, Robert B. Parsons, John S. McLean, William Jay Schieffelin, James Wood and O. F. Zollikoffer were elected managers for four years, ending May, 1900. Mr. George P. Ockenshausen was also nominated and elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Belknap.

Attention was called to specimens of recent publications at home and abroad which have been added to the Society's Library during the year. Among the books exhibited was a fac simile copy of the Chinese New Testament presented by the women of China in 1894 to the Empress Dowager on occasion of her sixtieth birthday. This volume is one of a very limited number printed from the original type and with a gold border surrounding every page.

#### MARION INSTITUTE.

Dear Editor:—The closing exercises of the Marion Institute were from May 15th to May 19th. The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Williams, who more than came up to our expectation. Other strong sermons were preached by Rev. Nelson and Presiding Elder Teague. Among other members of the annual conference present, Revs. F. J. Brown, W. M. Perry and B. D. Lewis offered earnest prayers. We received encouraging letters from presiding elders and other members of the conference who could not be with us.

Sunday was used as a rally day. Total collection, \$84, with two cash subscribers for the Southwestern. The officers voted that since it was a commencement day, \$24 of the collection should be put on the apportionment of Marion charge for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education cause. It is a mild putting of it to say that the exercises were pronounced grand. Yours for the Southwestern,

C. L. Johnson, P. C.

#### A McMinnville Letter.

McMinnville, Tenn., May 13, 1896.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow space in your newsy columns to speak a few words of the M. E. Church of this place.

It was the pleasure of the writer to be one of the participants in one of the grandest and most enjoyable "Lunch Box Entertainments" ever given in a McMinnville colored church. It was through the instrumentality of the untiring efforts of Rev. H. W. White, the "Hero" of the "Forward Financial Movement," that dimes, quarters, half-dollars and dollars were placed upon the table until \$128.66 were taken up. There is no doubt but that more would have been collected, though, owing to the fire excitement which was sweeping away a portion of the town near by, many absented themselves.

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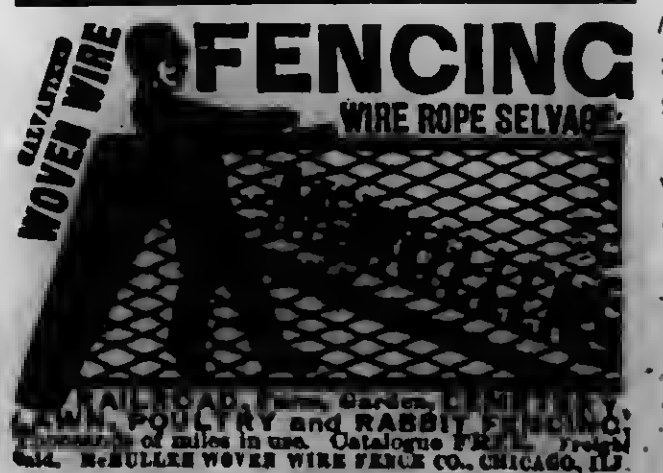
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## FAREWELL!

It is not without some reluctance that I say my last words as editor to the readers of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The General Conference just closed at Cleveland, O., by a majority of its members, made choice of the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., as my successor, and I introduce him to you as a gentleman of culture and ability, and one who is in every way qualified to fill the place to which he has been called by the church.

Dr. Scott was born in Midway, Ky., Sept. 30, 1854, and is a graduate from Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn. He has filled several responsible positions in the church, as pastor, presiding elder and president of Wiley University, at Marshall, Tex. He will bring to the office of editor the ripeness of experience and culture, and with his genial, kindly disposition will win new friends while he will successfully retain the old.

Bowing as I do to the will of God and the church, I do not relinquish my interest in the good brethren who, with remarkable unanimity, have pledged me their support throughout the patronizing territory of the Southwestern, nor in the Southwestern itself. It is my hope and will be my constant prayer and heart's desire that the coming quadrennium may be the most successful in the history of the paper. In the name of the five thousand subscribers already on our subscription books, in the name of more than five hundred ministers who have pledged more than ten thousand subscribers, in the name of the 250,000 members of the church scattered throughout its vast territory, and in the name of the Triune God, I welcome my successor, the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D. I cannot soon forget the uniform kindness and sympathy and love of the brethren and friends who have, during the four years just closed, given me their most cordial and cheerful sympathy, co-operation and support, and I cherish the hope that in the future as in the past, I will have a deep and a fervent interest in their prayers. I am, yours faithfully,

E. W. S. HAMMOND.

## THE AFRO-AMERICAN IN CLEVELAND.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

In matters pertaining to the advancement of the Afro-American socially, politically, intellectually and financially, the city of Cleveland, O., stands possibly without a superior in our great galaxy of Northern cities.

Of course, no comparison could be instituted between this beautiful lake city and cities south of Mason and Dixon's line, since there is but little disposition to regard the Afro-American otherwise than as a menial, subservient and always inferior. But here in Cleveland one is impressed at once with a cordiality of feeling, and a sense of fair play, which is indeed refreshing.

George A. Myers, Esq., an old Baltimore acquaintance, and one of the most prominent colored business men of Cleveland, says:

"The colored men and women of Cleveland are now and have been for many years far ahead of the colored people of other places, and two of the most potent reasons for their so being are: First, our mixed schools, and, second, the absence of discrimination on account of color or previous condition of servitude. In other words, we have received justice and recognition for our worth and ability."

Mr. Myers also points with pride to a splendid roster of lawyers, doctors, draughtsmen, carpenters and builders, boss plasterers, machinists, engineers, blacksmiths, iron molders, peddlers, real estate dealers, insurance agents, editors, instructors of classical music and voice culture, chiropodists and manicures, grocers, bakers, brick molders, bricklayers, painters, coopers, boss barbers, engravers, merchant tailors, shoemakers, teamsters, catarers, restaurant keepers, veterinary surgeons, railroad and express mes-

sengers, assistant baggage masters, clerks in railroad offices, telegraph operators, motormen and street car conductors.

Besides these Cleveland is ably represented in the State Legislature by Hon. H. C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette, and one of the brainiest young men of the race.

The Afro-American is represented in State insurance department clerk of the second auditor's office of the United States treasury, sixth auditor's office of the United States treasury, clerk in the United States government printing office, clerk of the county clerk's office, clerk in the public works department, notice clerk of the city clerk's office, and in various positions under the director of public works; five colored patrolmen, two United States railway mail clerks, three postoffice clerks, three mail carriers, a janitor of the postoffice, three porters in the railway mail service, and seven colored teachers in the public schools.

On the surface there seems to be no friction here; the relations between the races in all points where their interest touch, are in all respects like unto those existing every where among high-minded and honorable people.

We are glad to be temporarily sojourning in such a delightful city, where freedom and citizenship and loyalty are not discounted by arrogant assumptions of superiority, based upon color prejudice.

## AS TO A COLORED BISHOP.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

Some of our readers have doubtless heard of the transactions of the General conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church with reference to the election of a bishop of African descent.

A memorial was referred to the committee on Episcopacy asking the consideration of the election of a man of African descent to the Episcopacy. The sub-committee to whom the memorial was referred unanimously endorsed the memorial which was in turn endorsed by the standing committee, and presented to the General conference by its chairman, Dr. J. M. Buckley. Several eloquent and able addresses were made in its favor by Revs. W. H. Brooks, A. M., I. L. Thomas, D. D., W. O. Emory, D. D., M. C. B. Mason, D. D., J. Will Jackson, D. D., I. Garland Penn, Esq., and the editor of this paper, made also a few remarks. The subject was thus placed direct before the General conference, which for the first time in the history of the church, was called upon to consider this vitally important question. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, professor of Gammon Theological Seminary, a man possessed in an eminent degree with the qualifications requisite to fill this great office, drew to his support nearly all the delegates of his own race, while many of his white brethren, recognizing the splendid abilities of the man, gave him their most cordial support. The result of the first ballot for bishops was a profound surprise, Dr. Bowen receiving the highest vote given. On the second ballot there was such a gratifying increase that the friends of the colored brethren began to predict his election. As the ballot proceeded, however, there were some changes, which changed the aspect of things somewhat, and finally resulted in the election of Drs. McCabe and Cranston.

Our friends, however, are to be congratulated on this demonstration of good will toward our brother in black. The scene marks an epoch in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Bowen's vote of 175 gave unmistakable evidence of the growth of a better sentiment in the church, and showed beyond doubt the feeling of the great church toward the colored man. The magnificent vote given, clearly demonstrates the fact that there is nothing in race, color or previous conditions of servitude, and that color is no bar to the highest offices within the gift of the church. The way is now open and the church will undoubtedly elect a man of African descent at our next General conference.

The Negro's friends in the church will not diminish, but increase, and there are splendid opportunities for men like Dr. Bowen to render such splendid services as will attract the attention and command the unqualified respect of their white brethren.

We are in receipt of the following sad note, under date of May 22nd, from Natchitoches, La.: Rev. Geo. W. Wells, pastor at this place, is now very sick. We pray for his speedy recovery. He was overcome by heat.—Yours, H. J. Wright.

## COLORED MEN ON THE COMMITTEES.

Editorial Correspondence from General Conference.

Of the fifty-five colored delegates elected to this General conference all of them were members of some one of the various standing committees appointed, and in some instances they have been appointed on the special committees, so that they have splendid opportunities to become thoroughly familiar with the business which is brought before the General conference. We are prepared by observation to say that their work has in every way been creditable, and has done very much to commend them to the favorable consideration of their brethren.

## OUR NEW BISHOPS.

Our new bishops, recently elected by the General conference, M. E. Church, at Cleveland, O., being so well known to our Methodist people, that we trust it will not be amiss to reproduce the following sketches at this time:

### Bishop C. C. McCabe.

Charles C. McCabe, D. D., was born October 11, 1836, in Athens, O. He entered the Ohio conference in 1860 and was stationed at Putnam.

In 1862 he became chaplain in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Winchester, Va., in June, 1863, while looking after the wounded on the field he was captured and taken to Libby Prison, where he remained a captive for over four months. After his release he joined his regiment at Brandy Station, but, with broken health, was sent back to the hospital at Washington. He was invited, after partial recovery, to speak at an anniversary of the Christian Commission, and George H. Stuart, president of that organization, asked Secretary Stanton to grant him permission to make the tour of the great cities of the Union in the interest of that cause. After the war he re-entered the regular work of the ministry, and was stationed at Portsmouth, O. In 1866, the Ohio conference called him into the service of the Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1868, the Board of Church Education asked that he might be appointed to aid Dr. Kynett in building up that cause. For sixteen years he traveled through the length and breadth of the land and saw the work advance with unexampled prosperity on every side. In 1884 he was re-elected missionary secretary. Through his matchless inspiration and efforts a cry "A million for missions," once a prophecy, is now one of the brightest facts of the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Bishop Earl Cranston.

Dr. Earl Cranston was born June 27, 1840, at Athens, O. His education was obtained at the Ohio University, at Athens, O. He was a fellow-student with the Rev. Dr. David H. Moore, now editor of the Western Christian Advocate, of Cincinnati. On the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the United States service and rose to the rank of captain of the Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In consequence of that service he is now an honored member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in the Ohio commandery. His service in the church after the war was in Ohio conferences, until he was transferred, first to Evansville, Ind.; then to Jacksonville, Ill.; then to Wiona, Minn., and finally to Denver, Col., where he was presiding elder.

In 1884, upon the election of Bishop Walden, Dr. Cranston was chosen to succeed Walden as one of the book agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, of Cincinnati. He has held that position until now. Dr. Cranston has always held a high rank as a pulpit orator.

Dr. Cranston has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Mattie Behan, of Middleport, O., who died not long after marriage, leaving one son, now a prominent business man of Denver, Col.

The second marriage was at Jacksonville, Ill., to Miss Laura Martin, who is still living, and is the mother of three daughters. Dr. Cranston is a man of fine presence, of vigorous health, and apparently fully capable of enduring for many years the burden of the Episcopal service.

It is quite common to mistake our own incapacity for God's unwillingness to give. We cannot take more than our hearts and lives can hold, not even of the free and abundant grace of God. The limit of blessing for every man is the limit of capacity.—Congregationalist.



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### Our Barometer.

This week's canvass shows a falling off compared with previous reports, owing no doubt to so many of our ministers attending General Conference. The following is the week's result:

Alabama.....	7
Texas and West Texas.....	7
Louisiana.....	6
Mississippi and Upper Mississippi.....	5
North Carolina.....	4
Atlanta and Savannah.....	1
Tennessee.....	1
Virginia.....	1
Total.....	28

He is a freeman whom the truth makes free, and all are slaves beside—Cowper.

### PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

May 19th—As briefly announced last issue, Drs. C. C. McCabe and Earl Cranston were elected bishops. Dr. McCabe was elected on the fifteenth ballot and Dr. Cranston on the sixteenth.

The announcement of the election of Dr. McCabe was received with the wildest scenes. Delegates stood yelling and waving handkerchiefs. Calls for "McCabe," "song" and "speech" rose from all parts of the hall. Delegates rushed back to where he was sitting and he was surrounded by an enthusiastic following. In the first lull a motion to invite "Bishop McCabe" to the platform was heard. It was carried with a whirl, and as Dr. McCabe walked down the aisle the demonstration was repeated, but Dr. McCabe begged to be excused from saying or singing anything.

The announcement of the election of Dr. Cranston was received in equally as enthusiastic manner. Handkerchiefs were waved and the noise continued for several minutes, while Dr. Cranston walked forward and bowed.

The fourteenth vote for bishop, preceding that which elected Dr. McCabe, stood as follows:

In all 504 votes were cast, making 336 necessary to a choice. The leaders were Cranston 261, McCabe 258, Hamilton 149, Butt 123, Neely 112, Bowen 35, and scattering 70. As compared with the previous ballot this was a gain of 16 for Cranston, a gain of 68 for McCabe, a gain of 6 for Bowen, a loss of 2 for Butt, a loss of 60 for Neely and a loss of 31 for Hamilton.

The Conference took up the election of two book agents for New York. The nominations were announced as Mr. Homer Eaton, of Troy, N. Y.; C. R. McGee, of New England; J. N. King, of New York; R. R. Daugherty, of New York; Wm. Swindles, of Philadelphia; C. B. Mannis, of New York East; Wm. Evans, of Central Pennsylvania, and John D. Hammond, of California. On the first ballot Dr. Homer Eaton was overwhelmingly re-elected.

The book committee recommended subsidies amounting to \$18,280 per year for several of the church papers.

May 20th—Bishop Foster presided. The first ballot for book agent in Western Book Concern, at Cincinnati, resulted in the re-election of Lewis Curtis.

In the vote for junior agent at New York, no choice was made until the fourth ballot, when G. P. Mains received 339 votes, thus electing him and making the New York agents Drs. Eaton and Mains.

Dr. H. C. Jennings was elected on the fourth ballot as the junior agent of the Western Book Concern, thus making the Cincinnati agents Drs. Curtis and Jennings.

Resolutions denouncing as disgraceful the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Capitol at Washington and commending the bill reported by the House committee prohibiting it, were adopted. The resolutions closed with a strong appeal to both the Senate and House to pass the bill.

The committee on state of the church reported in favor of no change in the rule prohibiting the use or encouragement of liquor, dancing, games of chance, theatre going, circuses and horse races. The recommendation that there be no change was greeted with great applause.

After deciding to change the jurisdiction over the San Francisco depository from the New York to the Cincinnati Book Concerns, nominations for missionary secretaries were called for. Three are to be elected.

The count of the first ballot showed that 512 delegates had voted, each for three candidates simultaneously. Numerous candidates were voted for, but only two received more than 257, which was necessary to a choice. Dr. A. B. Leonard, of Cincinnati, received 338 and Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, received 300, thus electing them both.

May 21st—The Methodist General Conference devoted the entire day to the election of secretaries and to the fixing of episcopal residences.

The Church Extension committee decided to ask the Conference to instruct the bishops to appoint four of their own number and one man from each of the fourteen general Conference districts to a Board of Directors for the proposed insurance company for the care of church property.

Chicago, Kansas City, Saratoga and Ocean Grove each want the next general Conference. The committee on location decide to-day to visit each of these cities and make a personal investigation as to facilities.

The consecration of bishops was set for this Thursday at 11 a. m., and the

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services will be held in the armory where the daily sessions of the Conference are held. The officials of Epworth Memorial Church tendered the use of that structure, but it was declined with thanks as the armory will seat more persons.

For corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society, Dr. A. J. Kynett and Dr. W. A. Spencer were re-elected on the first ballot.

On the fifth ballot Dr. Smith was elected as third secretary of the Missionary Society.

Secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society were both elected on the first ballot. Dr. J. C. Hartzell received 312 votes and Dr. J. W. Hamilton 308, thus re-electing both. R. F. Rust, of Cincinnati, was made an honorary secretary.

The Committee on Episcopacy reported regarding the location of Episcopal residences. Boston and New York were approved without argument. Buffalo was reported and approved. Philadelphia was called and Dr. A. B. Leonard moved to substitute Shanghai; and a spirited debate ensued, in which Dr. Leonard was scored. Washington was approved without discussion. Chattanooga was approved, although an attempt was made to substitute Nashville, but it failed. New Orleans or Fort Worth was finally approved, although efforts were made to add on Mexico, as well as Shanghai or Nagasaki. Cincinnati was approved, as was Detroit, after an attempt had been made to substitute Cleveland. Chicago and St. Louis were approved. When Topeka was presented the Omaha people were strong and attempted to substitute Omaha. This attempt was defeated by a vote of 231 to 142. It was finally compromised by making it Topeka or Omaha. Minneapolis and Denver were approved and San Francisco was taken up. An effort was made to make it read or Los Angeles. This caused a prolonged debate and the amendment was finally carried, and the report as amended was accepted.

May 22d—The Methodist General Conference occupied itself this day in electing editors of church papers and secretaries of church societies. Resolutions were adopted favoring arbitration, and will be copied into foreign languages and sent to rulers of nations throughout the world. Several of the committees met, some for the last time as they have accumulated enough reports to keep the Conference busy for the rest of the month. In the evening a meeting in the interests of the deaconesses' work was held, and a number of deaconesses were consecrated.

The committee on itineracy reported the proposition that the bishops be directed not to appoint at annual Conference officers addicted to the use of tobacco. The vote stood 24 yeas to 22 nays.

The committee on Episcopacy temporarily tabled the request that a missionary bishop be selected for the colored people of America and Africa. A missionary bishop was recommended for South America. The committee decided to report the non-effectiveness of Bishop Taylor, of Africa, who is 76 years old, and recommended that a missionary bishop be elected to take his place.

The lay delegates held another meeting to-night. They considered the advisability of forming a national association of Methodist laymen, to secure more influence in the church. A plan of organization will be submitted at a later meeting.

A struggle for the location of an episcopal residence in the Northwest marked the opening this day. The location, as recommended by the committee, was Portland, Or. The friends of foreign residents desired to amend by substituting Shanghai, while Tacoma was named also. After much discussion the recommendation for both Shanghai and Tacoma were laid on the table, and Portland was named. This completed the list.

Ex-Gov. Manur, of Vermont, presented the report of the committee on arbitration. It was in the form of a memorial to the President of the United States. It set forth the advantages of peace over war, and says that it will be a happy day for the world when all inter-

national disputes find peaceful solutions. The committee make no suggestions, but left that to the superior intelligence and wisdom of Congress in the matters of state policy. This was unanimously adopted and copies will be sent to the heads of thirty-two governments of the world.

The manner in which bishops should be assigned to cities was the cause of a great deal of argument. The committee reported in favor of the bishops selecting their residences in the order of their election, but a bishop who desired to continue in any specified place was to have the right to remain. Dr. A. J. Kynett proposed a substitute by which the Conference should assign the bishops to their residences. The test came on a motion to lay the substitute on the table, which prevailed by a vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays. The report as submitted was adopted.

For secretary of Sunday School and Tract Society, Dr. J. S. Hurlbut was elected on the first ballot.

For secretary of Board of Education, Dr. C. H. Payne received all the votes cast.

When nominations for editor of the Christian Advocate were called for, the only name presented was that of Dr. J. M. Buckley, the present editor, and the announcement of the vote was received with the most deafening applause—he receiving 414 out of 440 votes.

Mr. Kelly, who has served as editor of the Methodist for some time, was nominated and elected on the first ballot by receiving 265 votes out of 449 cast.

The balloting continued rapidly, and for editor of the Western Christian Advocate, at Cincinnati, Dr. D. H. Moore, the former editor, was re-elected on the first ballot. Rev. Arthur Edwards, editors of the Northwestern Advocate, at Chicago, was re-elected. Dr. J. B. Young, editor of the Central Advocate, of St. Louis, was also re-elected. For the position of editor of the Pittsburgh Advocate, Dr. C. W. Smith was re-elected on the first ballot. For editor of the Northern Advocate, of Syracuse, N. Y., Dr. J. E. C. Sawyer, the former editor, was the only nominee, and was declared elected. In the election for editor of the California Advocate a contest arose. Dr. Matthews has served as editor, but the laymen came on with the determination to elect Dr. Milton Buck. The total vote cast was 423. Dr. Matthews received 310 votes and Dr. Buck 104.

For editor of the Apologist, of Cincinnati, Dr. A. J. Vast, former editor, was the only nominee.

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Luke 22:24-37.

Golden Text: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Jesus likely went from Mt. Olivet, the place of our last lesson, to Bethany and remained in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus for almost two days. During this time Judas sold Him to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. On Thursday afternoon He sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to arrange for Him to eat the Passover. In the evening He came, and they proceeded to observe that feast together. The order of events were about as follows: 1. He gave the lesson on humility (Luke 22:24-30, John 13:4-17). 2. He pointed out the betrayer (Matt. 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:27-35). 3. He told how all of them would that night be offended because of Him (Matt. 26:30-35; Mark 14:27-34; Luke 22:31-38; John 13:36-38). 4. He instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:16-20). 5. He then delivered His valedictory address and closed with the priestly prayer (John 14-17 inclusive). After this with the eleven He left the upper room and went to Gethsemane. Judas knew the place and soon came with a body of men to arrest him. In this lesson we are warned against pride and self-confidence.

1.—Humility (24-30). 1. There was strife among His disciples (24). What caused it? Some say He had just pointed out the one that was worst or least in His kingdom; would He not now proceed to name the one that was best or greatest among them? (Godet). Others say that at the table there were some seats more honorable than others, and this strife was for the highest places (Whedon). A third class is of the opinion that as the kingdom of God had just been named (16) they still clung to the idea of an earthly reign, with offices great and small, and again brought up the old question of who would fill the best positions (Clarke). The answer of Jesus favors this last conclusion. There is much strife to-day for the highest places in the church of God. This ought not to be.

2. With the world those only are great who exercise lordship (25). Everybody but Jesus were Gentiles. The exercise of lordship here means not only the observance of good and wholesome rules, but also the enforcement of rigid, bitter laws, like those of a slave-holder over his slaves (Exod. 1:7-14). Those who enforced these cruel laws were called benefactors. This title was sometimes given in flattery by admiring friends who sought favors; at other times it was assumed by some ruling bigot who greatly desired self-praise. The disciples well knew it was a hollow, empty title, and those who wore it were not benefactors of the people. The disciples of Christ, who bring the glad tidings of great joy, are the real benefactors of the world. It is better to do good than to look great. The way of goodness is the way to greatness.

3. With the church, those only are great who serve (26-27). The apostles were not to be as the Gentiles. They were full of self-importance, and scheming for the highest places, but the disciples must not be "lords over God's heritage" (1 Peter 5:3). It is likely this strife was between Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Cenas was probably the oldest, and John the youngest of the twelve. If the man of rock was not the greatest among them, he felt himself to be so, but this supposed greatness did not exempt him from service, for he was under as much obligation to do as was John, the youngest. Peter likely felt himself to be chief of the disciples, yet he was not excused from duty on that ground. This conversation was addressed to him chiefly. He probably thought the kingdom of God would soon be set up, he would become the second man in it, and the others would serve him. In his judgment, the one who sat at meat was much greater than the one who served. Christ was among them as a servant. He at this time proceeded to wash their feet (John 13:4-17), thus teaching that the greatest in His kingdom were not too high to do the humblest work.

4. The reward of those who serve (28-30). They were faithful. They had continued with Him during His temptation. On one occasion, when He told them the nature of His kingdom, many went

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away, but the twelve remained true (John 6:66-69). His life was crowded with temptations, from the one in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-12) to the one in the garden (Luke 22:40-46), but they turned not from Him. They did forsake Him when He was arrested, but soon returned to Him again, and were then faithful till death. In this they are examples for us. They were rewarded. He had for each of them a kingdom that was greater than that of any earthly potentate. This kingdom includes the church on earth. It was appointed or bequeathed to the apostles and their successors. God has, in a limited sense, committed the government of His church to His people. The eating and drinking refers to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which is an emblem of the eternal banquet that will be held in glory when the family of God all gets home. Sitting on "thrones and judging the twelve tribes of Israel" carries us into heaven. It whispers of degrees in glory. Jesus will stand at the head of His triumphant church. The apostles will be clustered about Him like so many stars of light. The spiritual Israel are all those who have been brought to Christ through their instrumentality. Their works are still going on. What a mighty host will Paul lead from the judgment up to the mansions of the Father's house.

II.—Being offended because of Jesus (31-37). That night the Shepherd would be smitten and the sheep scattered. They would all be stumbled. All would forsake Him and in a great measure lose confidence in Him.

1. Satan (31). He "hath desired to have you," or has by asking obtained you. It would seem there had been a conflict between Jesus and Satan, and the latter had secured Peter for a season, just as he had, ages before, obtained Job (Job 1:6-12). Satan desires to have all people. His object was "that he might sift him as wheat." A sifter throws away the good and holds to the bad. It lets the wheat slip and holds to the chaff. Satan desired to have Simon that he might sift out of his heart all that was pure.

2. Jesus (32). His prayer: "I have prayed for thee." Christ is our great High Priest. He ever lives to make intercession for us. If it were not for His prayers all would be lost. We should pray one for another. The burden of His prayer was "that his faith fail not." When Peter was tried, his faith did fail, for he cursed and lied. But it did not fail absolutely. There was enough left to lead to repentance and reformation. Jesus knew he would fall and rise again, hence He said: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." When you are turned again do what you can to keep others from falling. When church members fall into sin they must be converted again. It is the duty of the saved to strengthen others.

3. Peter (33). "I am ready to go with thee, both into prison and to death. I will lay down my life for thee" (John). Such flaming enthusiasm always betrays weakness. He believed this, no doubt, but he did not know his own heart. There is a shade of indignation in these words. He felt just a little offended when he learned that a special prayer had been offered for him. The thirty-fourth verse revealed to Peter what would soon befall him. It should have been sufficient to have prevented his sin. By his fall he learned his weakness and was better able to strengthen others.

4. The twelve (35-37). In the past He

called them unto Him, gave them power over unclean spirits and over diseases, and sent them forth two and two to preach the Gospel and heal the sick. They took neither scrip, bread, money or two coats. Yet they wanted for nothing. But in the future He would send them forth again. This He did when He said unto them: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." On this second mission let each one take his purse, scrip, and sword, for he will have to pay his way, board himself and fight the good fight of faith. It is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel to justify the use of the sword by Christians, even in self-defense.

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## COLORED DELEGATES SPEAK.

When that part of the report of the Committee on Episcopacy which referred to the election of a colored bishop was read a colored delegate arose to speak and was immediately recognized by the chair. No sooner did he conclude his argument than a dozen colored delegates addressed the chair, one of them securing the floor. Thus the debate proceeded, the colored brethren monopolizing the speaking. There were seven speeches on the question, all by colored men except the closing speech, which under the rule was made by the chairman of the committee.

This was the opportunity for members of African descent. Some of them have spoken on other questions, but on this they were practically at home and eager to speak. Judging from some of the arguments made by them, they were right in supposing that there is no lack of men of their race capable of filling the office to which they aspire with credit, and the report is right in saying that the time has come when "it may be wise to elect a man of African descent."

They did not contend that a colored man should be elected because he is a colored man. They disclaim all intention to exclude white bishops from presiding over colored conferences. They argued strenuously for this measure on the ground that the work among people of that race in the South needed this favor, and that, if granted, it would remove to a large extent the stigma that they are not on an equal footing with their white brethren in respect to offices in the church.

These men spoke intelligently, forcibly, eloquently and were heard with manifest approval and satisfaction. This part of the report was adopted by a vote which was well nigh unanimous.—Daily Christian Observer, (May 15).

In an article in the California Christian Advocate Bishop Thoburn says:

"The word 'itineracy,' as used in Methodist circles at the present day, does not include the Episcopacy. Nor does it include it as used in its primitive sense in the days of Asbury. Our bishops are not subject to appointment, on the one hand, and they do not travel at large through the connection in the primitive sense of the word 'travel,' on the other. The result is that many presiding elders' districts are pointed out which no bishop ever enters, and, except so far as they are affected by the appointments, such districts are without Episcopal oversight. The great need of the church to-day is an active Episcopacy which actually and actively supervises and directs the whole great field of operations before us."

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## Arizona and New Mexico.

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O'erwhelmed with thy stupendous grace,  
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But breathe unutterable praise,  
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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Chicago Deaconesses' Home recently received a gift of \$8000.

Rev. W. L. Duncan writes: Please change the date of our Sunday School Convention from the 9th of July to the 8th. It's to meet at Caldwell, Tex.

Decorations Day was appropriately observed by the several posts of the G. A. R. Gov. H. C. Warmoth was orator of the day and Chalmette was profusely decorated with flowers.

Last Monday's Session of the General Conference chose Dr. M. C. B. Mason on the first ballot to succeed Dr. Hartzell as corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, receiving 296 of the 405 votes cast.

The latest departure of the District of Columbia W. C. T. U. is the inauguration of an annual sermon to be preached on the first Lord's day in May. The first was preached in the Memorial Christian Church by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Power. The church was decorated with palms and flags and the knot of white being much in evidence, and all felt that the inaugural sermon was a great success. They had a large audience.

We acknowledge the receipt of programme of the Marion District Conference and Sunday School Convention. The session will be held at Gainsville, Ala., July 22-26. Rev. F. L. Teague is presiding elder, and he, with C. L. Johnson and O. Nelson, compose the committee. It gives promise of being quite interesting and instructive. The Southwestern regrets it has no room to publish the programme in full at present.

The trustees of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., have conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon the Rev. J. L. Thomas, of the Washington conference delegation. He is also a graduate of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., and of Howard University, Washington, D. C. He is now pastor of the well known Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, at Washington, the nation's capitol. Dr. Thomas is both an author and orator.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Prof. George W. Wells, late pastor at Natchitoches, La., after a brief illness. The remains, in charge of his presiding elder, Rev. H. J. Wright, were brought to this city for burial, the services being held at First Street M. E. Church on Sunday last. The following ministers were present and participated in the funeral services: Revs. H. J. Wright, W. R. Butler, J. F. Marshall, T. G. Montgomery, T. J. Johnson, Henry Taylor and Thomas Brown. The remains were accompanied to the city by his bereaved wife and son.

**REV. J. C. HARTZELL, D. D., MISSIONARY TO AFRICA.**

Rev. Joseph C. Hartzell, D. D., just elected Missionary Bishop to Africa, to succeed the venerable Bishop Taylor, was, in 1888, made assistant secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, which office he has held ever since. Dr. Hartzell is 54 years of age. He is an alumnus of the Illinois Wesleyan University and of the Garrett Biblical Institute, and, in 1879, his alma mater and Alleghany College simultaneously honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was transferred from the Illinois Conference to



Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

New Orleans, and placed in charge of Ames Church in this city. He was afterwards appointed presiding elder of the New Orleans district. While here he became editor of the Southwestern and was prominently connected with our educational work. He represented the Louisiana Conference in the session of the General Conference just closed. He is eminently fitted for the position of Bishop to Africa. While his valuable services in the Freedman's Aid Society will be missed, we feel that our African Mission has gained an earnest worker.

The Daily Christian Advocate, in closing an article on the election of Dr. Hartzell, says: "The Conference was much moved when Bishop Hartzell was invited to the platform and met by the venerable Bishop Taylor, who greeted him as father would greet a son, and bade him welcome to the work he had just resigned."

Bishop Taylor writes as follows:

"Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Bishop of Africa, is my worthy successor. I bespeak for him the confidence and hearty co-operation of all my friends and patrons, and that he may have abounding grace from God to meet the tremendous responsibility laid upon him by this General Conference. He has had valuable drill as secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society for the last twenty-five years. Respectfully submitted,

"William Taylor.

"Cleveland, O., May 27, 1896."

## NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.

On Tuesday, May 26th, the New Orleans University concluded a brilliant commencement week.

A great audience at Union Chapel, on Bienville street, witnessed the closing exercises. Of the twenty-four who delivered orations all did well, and some were received with great applause, compelling the speakers to return to the rostrum.

President Adkinson was eloquent in his re-

marks in presenting diplomas and conferring degrees.

Rev. D. J. Price, pastor of Simpson Chapel M. E. Church, was the only classical graduate, and received the degree of bachelor of arts.

The honorary degree of D. D., was conferred on Rev. Stephen Cushing, of Roxbury, Mass., and Rev. De Witt C. Franklin, of Atlantic, Ia.

The following was the programme:

Music, "Under the American Flag," Holst; piano, (a) Misses Nellie Landry and Ellen Guesnon, (b) Miss Marie Harris and James Morgan.

Normal Department—Oration, "Educational Value of Environment," Helen Andrews; oration, "The Mission of the School Teacher," Augustine M. Barnes; oration, "The Magic Maid," Lillie E. Barton; oration, "Life's Journey," Julia F. Campfield; music, vocal solo, "Heart, Whence Thy Joy?" (Gumbert), Elvira B. Spears; oration, "Does Prosperity Depend Upon Morality?" Matilda C. Duncan; oration, "Complete Living," Eugenia A. Howard; oration, "The Source of True Eloquence," Mamie E. Johnson; oration, "The Man of Destiny," Lydia M. Pickett; oration, "A Well-spring of Knowledge," Ida L. Porter; music, quartette, "Thy Will Be Done" (Behrns), Misses Daisy Yancy and Lily Richardson, Messrs. H. W. McDonald and D. W. Boather; oration, "God's Hand Within the Shadow," Ella L. Prescott; oration, "Mountaineers, Always Freeman," Henrietta L. Stroter; oration, "Social Morality," Mamie E. Talley; oration, "The University of Adversity," John W. Thomas; oration, "America Two Hundred Years Hence," Mathilde C. Vignes; presentation of certificates, President Adkinson; music, class song.

Senior College Preparatory—Oration, "Up Eros, Down Mars," Matthew S. Davage; oration, "Never Despair," B. Gerald Johns; oration, "How Things Have Changed," Paul W. Kinchen; oration, "Love of Novelty," Nellie V. Landry; oration, "The Justice of Belligerence," Peter J. Manade; music, vocal duet, "The Land of Swallows" (Massini), Misses Elvira B. Spears and Inez Thomas; oration, "Knighthood, Past and Present," Liatta C. Marshall; oration, "Our Country's Preserver and Defender," Oliver M. Randolph; oration, "Girls of This Period," Mary O. Simms; oration, "True Heroism," J. Murray Smith; presentation of certificates, President Adkinson; music, class song.

College Liberal Arts (Classical)—Oration, "Probabilities of the Twentieth Century," David J. Price; music, piano duet, "Huguenots" (Meyerbeer-Smith), Messrs. J. Morgan and Harry Weber; conferring degrees, President Adkinson; music, concerted piece, "Ben Hur" (Paull), piano, (a) Misses Marie Harris and Nellie V. Landry, (b) Messrs. J. Morgan and Harry Weber; benediction.

Simpson M. E. Church gave the pastor, Rev. D. J. Price, the classical graduate of New Orleans University, a grand reception on the evening of May 26th, at the Male and Female Hall, on Coliseum, between Valence and Bordeaux streets. The hall was packed to overflowing, when Mr. J. A. Smith, of the class of '97, master of ceremonies, called the house to order and spoke in high terms of Mr. Price, bid him godspeed and assured him that the church was proud of him. Mr. Price responded, as did also Profs. F. B. Smith and B. M. Hubbard, Mrs. A. E. Lavigne, E. P. Damon, A. Edward, J. M. Smith and P. R. Moore. Then followed the good things and presents. All went away believing that they had done their duty. Revs. H. Taylor, of Union Chapel; J. W. Hudson, of Shreveport, and S. Priestly, of Mallalieu Chapel, were invited guests.

In another column will be found a brief history of this great University.

It was a great gratification to his many friends that the venerable and revered Emperor Williams was able to be present and remain through the long exercises and dismiss the audience with the benediction.



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**A BLESSED COMMUNION.**

The singing during the opening exercises of the General Conference is one of its special features. Soulful, hearty, hopeful, helpful and doctrinal and comprehensive, are terms which may with great propriety be used with reference to the hymns selected. Let it be understood that they are taken from what is considered as the best compilation of hymns extant, viz: The Methodist Hymnal. What soul is there that is not wilted by the grand old coronation hymn of "Arise, My Soul Arise," "How Happy Are They," "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "O, Thou, in Whose Presence Our Souls Take Delight." Under all the varying conditions and circumstances by which the believer is surrounded, these are beautiful, helpful poems, gleaned from the word of God, and from Christian experience, and which will serve admirably as helpful agencies in the great work of Christian growth. Thus the singing of many of these appropriate hymns by the General Conference have accomplished wonders in giving inspiration to the earnest, faithful Christian.

**OUR NEW BISHOPS.**

After a prolonged struggle Chaplain McCabe and Dr. Earl Cranston were elected bishops. Both these Christian ministers have rendered eminent service in the church which has thus recognized their great abilities and honored them with the highest office in its gift. Dr. C. C. McCabe is known far and wide as "Chaplain." He is famous as a collector of money for our various benevolences, the Church Extension and Missionary Societies having been wonderfully helped by his earnest labors. He is also a wonderful singer; his name and fame is known throughout our Methodism.

Dr. Earl Cranston has acquired a church-wide reputation, not only as a man of extraordinary business qualifications, but of great intellectual force and pulpit power. For twelve years, he has been the senior agent of the Western Book Concern and has impressed himself upon the whole church as a man of rare accomplishments. Both Drs. McCabe and Cranston are Ohio men, of splendid war record, of good lawful age, and of splendid promise.

**DRS. HAMILTON AND MASON.**

All persons immediately interested in our Southern Educational work will be glad to learn of the election of Revs. John W. Hamilton, D. D., and M. C. B. Mason, D. D., as corresponding secretaries of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society for the next quadrennium. It is safe to say that these gentlemen will enter upon the discharge of their duties with zeal and energy, and we hope also that there will be such a response to their splendid efforts as will put the society fully abreast with all our great benevolences. We praise the Lord that these eminent servants of the church are in the places for which they are so eminently fitted. To which we know that the quarter of a million of our people in the South, with hundreds of thousands elsewhere, will respond, Amen.

**FRIENDS OF THE "SOUTHWESTERN."**

We record with delight the indications of the favor with which every proposition to enlarge and strengthen our dear Southwestern is received. The committee on Book Concern, of which the editor is secretary, very favorably considered all matters pertaining to the paper, and notwithstanding the thousands of dollars expended to keep it alive during the years of its past existence, there is an unanimous desire to put within reach of the publishers and editor the facilities which will make it a strong paper.

Now, brethren, help—help now! Push the canvass and roll in the pledges.

**REV. I. B. SCOTT, D. D.**

Before the new editor formally takes charge of the Southwestern, it is with pleasure that the following notice of Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., is reproduced from the columns of the Daily Christian Advocate, of May 25th:

"The Rev. Isaiah Benjamin Scott, D. D., the newly-chosen editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, was born in Kentucky in 1854. His parents were intent on the education of their children, and when, in 1866, his father died and his mother moved to Austin, Tex., Isaiah had already made excellent progress in the fundamental studies. In 1873 young Master Scott was admitted to Clark University (Atlanta, Ga.), where he remained until 1877, when he was transferred



Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D.

to the Central Tennessee College, Nashville, which graduated him with the degree of A. B. in 1880. His early struggles to secure higher education were successful after much self denial. His vacations were spent in teaching in the public schools of Georgia. Bishop Jesse T. Peck and his large hearted wife watched the earnest young student with kindly interest and greatly assisted him. In 1880 Mr. Scott, at the age of 26, was admitted on trial to the Tennessee Conference. He moved to Texas and almost at once took front in the Texas Conference. He served leading appointments in Houston, Galveston, and Marshall, and was made Presiding Elder successively of Marshall and Houston districts. Meanwhile his brethren elected him to the General Conferences of 1888, 1892, 1896, and the General Conferences in turn made him first a member of the General Book Committee; second, a member of the General Missionary Committee; and now editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. In 1890, New Orleans University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1893, he was chosen to be president of the Wiley University, (Marshall, Tex.) and under his vigorous administration this institution has been exceedingly successful. He has brought to its managers a new and delightful experience by lifting it out of debt. As a citizen, Dr. Scott is recognized throughout the State as a wise leader. He is identified with all intelligent movements for the improvement of his race; and is highly respected by both races. He was chosen State Commissioner-in-Chief to superintend the collection of the colored people's exhibit for the World's Fair held at Chicago. Very naturally when the promoters of the Cotton States and International Exposition were seeking six representative men to name as commissioners for Texas Dr. Scott was among the first named. He is a strong speaker, logical and bright; and a writer of ability. His genial temper has made him a favorite with all classes."

**AS TO THE "SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."**

The Committee on Book Concern having considered the memorials and petitions concerning the removal of the Southwestern Christian Advocate to Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., or Atlanta, Ga., reported the following action, which was adopted by the General Conference, viz: That the paper remain at New Orleans for the present, and that the Book Committee be authorized to change the location of the paper during the quadrennium to Atlanta, Ga., or to such other place as may be adjudged best. So it will be perceived that if the people im-

mediately interested desire the success of the paper in its present location, they should proceed immediately to establish the place of publication beyond the possibility of removal. There is but one way to do this, and that is to so increase its subscription list and its business in the contiguous territory as to convince the Book Committee that it will not be best to remove the paper.

It might as well be understood now, that there must be an immediate, a continuous and persistent canvass in all parts of the patronizing territory.

The Michigan Christian Advocate of May 16th, prints a few excerpts from various addresses upon the admission of women to the General conference, and from among them we clip the following remarks of Dr. M. B. Mason:

"I stand here conscious of the rights and privileges of the majority—the women in our church—who are not only the most numerous but are among the most loyal and faithful in our entire Zion. It has been too often that the rights of the minority, who happened to be in, have been substituted for the rights of the majority, who happen to be out. And the line of procedure is so often resorted to in the section of my country where I live and where I happened to be born, that I am exceedingly jealous of the position which I take on the question."

Brother G. G. Golston, pastor at Natchitoches, La., writes us:

"Our sterling presiding elder, Rev. H. J. Wright, is hard at work. The small-pox retarded his progress to some extent, but he is not discouraged. Within a few days he has held quarterly conference at Mt. Sterling, Chopin and Natchitoches. He has a cheerful word for everyone, and is giving the Southwestern due attention. We hope to reap an abundant harvest for the good old Southwestern."

The Daily Christian Advocate prints the following personals:

"The Rev. J. F. Marshall, who is a member of the delegation from the Louisiana Conference, is a presiding elder in his conference, and has been twice delegate to the General Conference."

"Rev. Horton C. Hartzell, A. B., son of Dr. J. C. Hartzell, has been appointed pastor at Idaho Falls, Idaho Conference, by Presiding Elder Rev. C. R. Kellarman. Brother Hartzell has completed his first year in Drew Theological and will act as pastor at Idaho Falls until the meeting of the Idaho Conference about the 1st of September. He will return to Drew Seminary in September and continue his studies."

The National W. C. T. U. has added to its ranks a "Brother Helpers" list of those gentlemen whom they can recommend to the Unions as lecturers and to whom they can detail special work. Acceptance to this rank has already been received from John G. Wooley, Lou J. Beauchamp, N. N. Riddell and Col. George W. Bain, the latter of whom writes: "I have had no honor in life I appreciate more than to be considered worthy the confidence of the W. C. T. U. I will be grateful for a place among those you record as 'Brother Helpers.'"

Revs. F. T. Chinn, presiding elder, Monroe District; W. R. Butler, First Street Church; T. J. Johnson, Wesley Chapel; T. G. Montgomery, of Mount Zion Church, this city, arrived home from General Conference. Revs. T. G. Montgomery and W. R. Butler report an interesting time while abroad, and visited Niagara Falls and other places of interest in the North. They arrived on Saturday and held interesting services at their respective churches.

The literary programme of Austin District Conference is received. The conference will be held at Burnett, Tex., August 5th. When our over-crowded columns will permit, the programme will be printed in full. Presiding Elder Moses Smith, R. H. Ponton and J. T. Gibbons are the committee on programme.

The maelstrom attracts more notice than the quiet fountain; a comet draws more attention than the steady star; but it is better to be the fountain than the maelstrom, and star than comet, following out the sphere and orbits of quiet usefulness in which God places us.—John Hall.



We are great as we can see the meaning of Calvary. He can draw all men only by being lifted.

The world will come to see this when human thoughts grow large enough. Abhorrence of sin will be measured by the cost of redemption therefrom. Men will become great as they are holy, god-like as they labor for the most men and for more than world-wide interests. Then shall national diplomacies not pertain to little islands, but to universal brotherhood. For the measure of the new and higher values no mention shall be made of coral or of pearls. These riches can not be valued with the gold of Ophir. Only deeds of love and lives of sacrifice can be legal tender to redeem a brother. We shall see that the movements of the ages, and the splendid developments of men are simply to bring in each epochal hour in order that the Son of Man may be glorified. Greatest power shall not be in physical forces, but we shall break into realms of power where for the upholding of worlds a word shall be sufficient. We shall cease to regard the gospel of Christ as a theory, a system of doctrine, a pardon office, a bestowal of joy, a means of getting into heaven; and regard it as Paul did; as a power—a power of God in individual lives, for purity of self, and work for others unto salvation, present and eternal. Then shall the church, redeemed, not by corruptible things as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ go joyfully and triumphantly to the accomplishment of the great commission given to it by the Master in the hour of his ascension, to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Endued with this power from on high, the church will go marching down the blossoming ages, singing with new meaning the old psalm, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." "He breaks the power of canceled sin." "Power into strengthless souls he speaks, and life into the dead."

#### THE NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.

A Brief History of an Institution for the Higher Educational Training of Colored People.

The New Orleans University was chartered under a special act approved by the government, March 22, 1873, with the following board of trustees:

Joseph C. Hartzell, Isaac S. Leavitt, Cyrus Bussey, Emperor Williams, Henry C. Dibble, John Baldwin, George Dardis, William M. Daily, Morris C. Cole, James H. Ingraham, Charles W. Boothby, James M. Vance, Pierre Landry, William G. Brown and John L. J. Barth.

The charter provides "that said corporation shall have its domicile in New Orleans, parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana. Said corporation shall have power to establish an institution of learning to be known as the New Orleans University, and to be located in or near the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and connected therewith with preparatory schools, seminaries or colleges, with power to organize and control the same, said board of trustees may establish, in any of the several parishes of said state."

The organization of this central university in which the educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the State of Louisiana should be centered was a wise movement, and enabled the Louisiana Conference to concentrate its educational work which had heretofore been divided among three institutions, two of which had existed only in name for some years.

At the reorganization of the church in Louisiana in December, 1865, the Thompson Biblical Institution was organized, which had for its purpose especially the education of ministers. The faculty consisted of Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D., Rev. H. G. Jackson, A. M., Rev. R. K. Dossy, Rev. N. L. Brakeman. Appropriations were made by the Missionary Society in New York for three years for the support of this school, and quite a number of those who afterward entered the Conference received instruction.

During the year following the Orphans' Home Society was organized and a plantation bought on the Bayou Teche, and the Hon. John Baldwin became interested in the establishment of an institution of learning in the same parish on an adjoining plantation.

Under the leadership of Dr. J. P. Newman, now Bishop Newman, and his fellow-laborers at that time, the Thompson University was chartered Dec. 31, 1867, and located on the property purchased by Mr. Baldwin. The plan was to establish in that beautiful section a permanent orphan's home, uniting with the latter what was heretofore known as the Thompson Biblical Institute, and make

it a great benevolent and educational center for the church. The Freedmen's Aid Society co-operated in the school work.

Thompson University, with its institute on an adjoining plantation, was never prosperous, and the thirty acres of land established as a campus is now occupied by the Baldwin Seminary, an institution designed especially by the will of the donor for the education of white people.

In 1869 the trustees of Ames Methodist Episcopal church, under the leadership of Bishop Newman, organized the Union Normal School and received a donation of \$12,000 from the Freedmen's Bureau, and bought the old university property on the corner of Camp and Race. Here for three years the Union Normal School was maintained under the leadership of Miss Rosetta A. Coit, as principal.

This brings the educational work to the chartering of the New Orleans University. Rev. Isaac S. Leavitt, A. M., Rev. W. D. Godman, D. D., Prof. I. N. Faylor, A. M., Rev. J. S. Bean, A. M., Rev. J. A. Dean, D. D., Rev. I. L. Lowe, Ph. D., Rev. A. F. Hoyt, B. D., and Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., have been presidents from that time until the present.

In 1884 the present magnificent site for the university on St. Charles avenue was bought. The grounds on the corner of Camp and Race streets were entirely inadequate for the demands of the school. Three thousand and five hundred dollars were expended in bettering the property and preparing it for occupancy. The money for the splendid building now occupied was raised chiefly through the personal efforts of Bishop Mallalieu and Dr. Hartzell.

The Louisiana Conference raised about \$10,000, a record which has not been surpassed by any Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South in the past twenty years.

The entire property is valued at \$100,000, and a foundation is laid for the development of a permanent university.

The Medical College located in the fine building corner of Canal and Robertson streets is in its seventh year of a very prosperous history. The outlook is good for a very large attendance the coming session, which opens Sept. 15th. The following is the faculty as now constituted:

Medical Department—C. F. Dight, M. D., dean and professor of anatomy, chemistry and hygiene; I. Eugene Mullon, A. M., M. D., practice; T. A. Walker, A. M., M. D., lecturer on gynecology; G. H. Felton, A. M., M. D., materia medica; J. T. Newman, M. D., Ph. D., L. L. D., surgery; Geo. A. Roudanez, M. D., physiology and physical diagnosis; A. E. P. Albert, M. D., pathology; Geo. H. Nelson, M. D., instructor in chemistry; C. W. Vance, M. D., instructor in dermatology; A. J. Lopez, M. D., instructor in surgery.

The following constitute the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Preparatory Schools:

Rev. L. G. Adkinson, A. M., M. D., president and professor of mental and moral philosophy; Miss Fanc Adkinson, belles-lettres, stenography and penmanship; Mrs. M. Attilla Collett, elocution and English branches; Mrs. Olivia M. Porter, A. M., Latin; J. E. Allen, A. B., mathematics; John A. Brown, B. S., natural science; Miss Jennie M. Adkinson, assistant mathematics and English; Miss Rose T. Robinson, principal fifth grade A.; Edward W. Moore, principal fifth grade B.; Mr. Della Adams, principal fourth grade; Miss Matilda A. Williams, principal third grade; Miss Palla M. Brewer, B. S., principal first and second grades.

Norman Department—Miss Cora Armstrong, pedagogy and practice teaching; Miss Fanc Adkinson, English classics and general history; Mrs. M. A. Collett, elocution, reading and mathematics.

Musical Department—Harry Weber, principal.

Biblical Department—Rev. J. O. Richards, B. D., principal.

Industrial Department—Hilliard J. Carter, printing; Ida M. Gibson, sewing.

#### THE POOR PAY THE BILLS.

Every rag stuck in a window to keep out the cold from the drunkard's home denotes a contribution toward buying new suits for the liquor dealer and his family. The more elegance and ease in his family, the more poverty, degradation and despair in the families of those who patronize him. The corner grog-shop, with its large plate-glass windows and marble floors, is paid for by the tenants of other landlords.

The more plate-glass windows in the saloon, the more old hats and worn-out

garments must be stuck in the windows of their patrons to keep out the cold air. The more silk flounces on the dress of the saloon-keeper's wife, the cheaper the calico upon the wife and children of the patrons. The more spacious the parlor, and the brighter the fire of the saloon-keeper, the more scantily furnished, cheerless and cold are the abodes of those who patronize him. When the liquor-seller drives his expensive span, his customer cannot afford a five-cent horse-car ride. From the bung-hole of every barrel of liquor that is sold by the dram-seller there flows a constant stream of drunkards, criminals, lunatics, imbeciles, to fill poorhouses, houses of correction, jails and prisons with blasted homes and ruined homes; and paupers' graves are the relics of the trade.

The more liquor sold, the more burden there is imposed upon the honest citizens and taxpayer.

The richer the landlord and his rum-selling tenants grow, the poorer becomes the landlord who lets his buildings for tenements and legitimate business.

It is an undisputed fact that the laboring man who has a family cannot indulge in liquor drinking and his landlord and grocer.—Exchange.

#### Children's Day Programme.

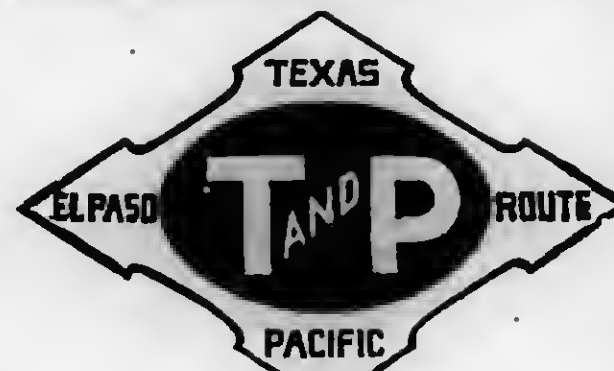
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#### OUR BOOK TABLE.

We have received the May number of the Monthly Review, an illustrated independent magazine, devoted to the interests of the American people throughout the United States. Among the many interesting articles are the following: "We are All Equal Before the Law," "One of Many," Atlanta University (illustrated), "Cuff Sketches" (with portraits), etc. Alexander L. Brown, publishers, 1705 Lombard street, Philadelphia. One year, \$1; single copy, 10 cents.

The fact that the Republican Convention is to be held in St. Louis in June directs special attention to that city and will make particularly timely the article on the city government of St. Louis which Albert Shaw, the author of "Municipal Government in Great Britain," etc., has contributed to the June Century. It is one of several articles which Dr. Shaw is writing for this magazine on the government of American cities.

The same number will contain an article by Joseph B. Bishop on "Humor and Pathos of Presidential Conventions."



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## My Back

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## A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

(Continued from Last Week.)

### Relation to Property.

The church must always antagonize the tendency in human nature to assert and maintain that all of the earth it can seize by honest labor or bloody violence and hold by the means, fair or foul, is its own. Men call their lands by their own names. To defend their possessions they organize armies and shed much blood. How different are God's ideas! He asserts himself to be the creator, upholder, and owner of all things. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." All the silver and gold is his, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. Man is tenant at will, a steward for a limited time, a lessee of the world's mines of force and value for the development of both the mine and the man—a partner working together with God in the field and the forces he has provided. God never surrenders his claim to a seventh of the time he has given, nor to percentage of the values he has made possible. In his sight, men must have a moral as well as a legal right to property in order to possess it. It is the emptiest of delusions to think we can accept Christ as a Savior and not obey him as a king. These claims are as old as time and values, and as absolute as any other law. He enforced them in Eden, and when he set apart a nation to show forth once more the possibilities of man in partnership with God, he re-enacted the old law of a seventh of the time, and not for one tithe merely, but several of all gain in property. These were not new laws, made for Jews, but old laws made for man. They were not abrogated when the church in Judea was enlarged to universality. For Christ, speaking of tithing such things as mint, anise, and cummin, said: "These things ought ye to have done." To get and to keep is not the supreme law of Christian society, but to get and give. Christ set the peerless example of giving all his things, all his life, all of himself. And in his early church, in the flush and glory of Pentecostal baptism, no man counted aught that he possessed as his own, multiplied, or surrendered abiding in this world.

The church has yet to learn that national prosperity, business success, and rich personal experience depend largely on a just accounting of material things; strictly rendering unto God the things that are God's. Will a man rob God and hope for prosperity and best success? A just accounting or one-tenth merely is enough to open the windows of heaven for the pouring out of unreceivable deluges of blessing. After that giving begins and rises to any measure that is prompted by our abounding love. And giving in our measure brings giving back in God's measure, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For God, having given us his Son, shall also with him freely give us all things.

This doctrine of partnership with God in daily business once learned and thoroughly practiced, would give his church all the necessary sinews of war to push the battle through all the gates of sin and Satan in this world. The most vivid imagination fails to picture the realities of church-building, of missionaries outgoing to every land, of educational institutions for the uplifting of the whole race, of relief to the poor, and of great tides of spiritual joy in the hearts of believers if any one church would respond to God's ideas for his co-operation with his children. One of the most board-minded, statesman-like laymen has said: "Give me the money needed and I will make New York a Christian city in twenty years."

We are glad in this connection to notice a growing recognition among our people of the fact that some phases of God's work are among man's legitimate heirs. Many a man needs his funds to carry on his business during life, but dying, needs them no more. If he has been liberal in life he can work in this world after he has left it more than while in it. The endowment of a single chair for educational purposes keeps a trained, cultured, pious man teaching the best things through all the centuries in the name, and by the agency of him that endows. The outcome of a whole life can thus be funded into Christian work at its close. Probably not one-tenth of one per cent. of those who make wills remember the causes that ought to be dearer to them than life. The proportion might be profitably reversed.

### Christian Citizenship.

It is doubtless true that Christians seek a better country, even a heavenly. But it is now the supreme duty of every man to make the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ. Once it was supposed that a patriot was a warrior in the field, ready to die for his country. But men and women can be as patriotic in the quiet walks of every-day Christian life as in the fierce excitements of doubtful battle. The time has come when every Christian should assume the duties and bear the burdens and responsibilities of true citizenship. This world belongs to Christ. He made it, upholds it, owns it, and will judge it. His purpose in this world is not merely the regeneration of the individual. He also desires the regeneration of the state. The state is as truly divine as the church. Nay, the state is the designed outcome of the perfected church. A man may be as much a missionary of God in the politics of America as in the forests of Africa. Every man owes it to God and his country to be possessed of a sound, unbribable manhood, of a personal righteousness and a perpetual, persistent, aggressive activity, to bring honesty into all dealings, justice between man and man and purity into politics. We count it among the auspicious signs of the time that Christian men are able to forego the allurements of gain and even of ease, and descend into the arena of political life. Never has better work been done for clean municipal administration than in recent campaigns from one side of the continent to the other. It has not been done in the interest of any party nor through any party, but for the sake of decency and right. Let the pulpit make manhood, eminent, a desire to save one's country supreme, and that intensest force will find its own way working. Men must be willing to serve on juries, work on committees for the public welfare, put their standing and property in peril, and defy the villification of a corrupt press in daring to enforce laws unpopular with those who feel the halter draw. For the country must be saved by the victories of peace no less than by those of war. There are certain things in this country so outrageous that every church that ever holds a great gathering should utter ringing protests against them. Divorce has been made so easy in some States that all the sacred interests of the home are in peril. The churches should demand and secure one national law to cover all States alike.

But no follower of him who is the Redeemer of all mankind can limit his view to any one country. We see in Armenia such atrocities as we never deemed possible of execution in this age. We are no more appalled at the ravage, rapine, and murder of a hundred thousand Turks than at the apathy and inaction of the so-called civilized nations. Through our whole history and national policy we have kept aloof from European and Asian complications. But we believe that the whole diplomatic and moral power of our government should be put forth to bring these gigantic wrongs to a sudden end.

### Arbitration.

For the settlement of disputes between different organizations of men, between money-capital and labor-capital, and between the different nations of the earth, we believe that the spirit of our Savior, as set forth by our church, demands that the greatest principle of arbitration shall be tried to its utmost, and that the vast majority of disputes can be happily settled in that way. The United States has already set an example to the world by decorously submitting to arbitration nearly fifty occasions of differences with other nations.

### Capital and Labor.

In the progress of our liberties and the widening of our development we have come upon perils unknown to in the earlier periods of our history. Classes are arrayed against each other with mutual misunderstandings. A ripple has come upon our shores from the far-off tidal wave of the French revolution declaring that all property is theft, that men may be as much enslaved by law as by force; deprived of their rights by trusts and combines as by arms. In these misunderstandings, and it may be great wrongs, the church must not be silent. It is her very nature to defend and care for the poor. Like her Master, the spirit of the Lord is upon her to preach the Gospel to the poor. Peculiar-

ly is this true of our church. It began its ministry to the wretched prisoners in Britain, continued it among the poor colliers, has always sought the sorrowing, wretched, wandering and lost. It has never pandered to the rich nor been silent to injustice.

In this seething discussion concerning the rights of property we think these positions are grounded on justice and right:

1. Every man has a right to acquire property by the legitimate means of activity, foresight, invention and inheritance.
2. No man has a right to use his possessions to oppress his fellow men.
3. Every man has the right to the profit of his labor. In this respect he is a capitalist.
4. No man has a right to use his labor to oppress his fellow men.
5. Every free man has a right to refuse to work for another.
6. No man has a right to prevent another from working when, and for whom he will.
7. Every man is accountable to God for the use of his time, labor and their outcome—wealth.

All these fundamental principles of progress and personal development should be plainly taught by the pulpit. If the spirit of Christ be accepted and practiced by the church, all unjust distributions of property therein will be remedied. This is a Christian communism which reaches to the hand of sympathy and help from above downward, rather than a hand of violence and murder from below upward. The equality that Christianity teaches is accomplished by raising the lowly to the highest places, even the heavenlies; not by drawing the lofty down.

It managers of business requirements various sorts of labor would take, whenever practicable, the individual workingmen into partnership by establishing a scheme of profit-sharing for all who are engaged in producing labor, then all occasion for carelessness, wastefulness, strikes, violence and heart-burnings would be avoided.

Hundreds of great concerns go on successfully year after year by adopting God's fundamental law of social unity and success.

A general statement has been made that sixty-one per cent. of employees belong to church. If this was true it would be partly accounted for by the fact that a large proportion of the laborers have but recently come to our land. But we gladly affirm that no such disparity of percentages of employees and employed obtains in our church. There are thousands of workingmen who do most effective work to bring their workmates to the church and to Christ. The Methodists in the armies of England have long been recognized as a very potent factor of the organization. And Methodists in the mines, factories, shops and on farms of the United States, are a most effective agency for the nation's good.

### Down-Town Churches.

In this connection we desire to assert our firm conviction that Methodism in our cities should be slow to abandon what are called down-town populations because of changes from native to foreign, and rich to poor. The greater the change the more need of remaining. Combine the plants, if need be; adapt them and the services to the new surroundings, but remain and save the people.

The old-time fires of revivals will burn if there is sufficient warmth in Christian hearts to kindle them. God has adapted his gospel to the hearts he has made. If we fail it is because our methods are not Methodist, or our unbelief forbids the many mighty works.

To accomplish this requires devotion of time and faculties to the essential needs of the kingdom. The evils of our social state can not be permanently relieved, much less remedied, by any abundance of donations, however liberal. Besides these, sympathy, souls are demanded. Even Christ could not save the world by gifts. He could have easily made them infinite. But he had to give himself. He founded a new order of hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart, contact with lepers of all sorts, which, if perpetuated in the lives of his followers, will heal all the running sores of the world. That is what we are for. To achieve this end mainly we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. The best are lives are good for is to be funded into the purposes into which Christ funded his. If we are wise, devoted and faithful, we shall see the knowledge of our God cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. For God is faithful. He has on record promises not yet fulfilled for Pentecosts not yet descended. The Spirit is not yet poured out in that way upon all flesh. God is always doing

more than we ask or even think. His movements go forward not only by regular progress merely; but also by sudden bounds. For long dark hours of the night there is not a hint of the morning. But finally some watcher on the hill-tops sees them lighted like gigantic altar-fires. Some watcher of the Skies sees them begin to glow and suddenly the sun is seen by all. We have been in a long, cold winter. For months there has been no hint of its ending. But our journey hither has been amid the victories of reviving life. We are now here saying the winter is over and gone, and the time of the singing of birds is come. The seasons of waiting seem long but hidden processes are going forward and the coming of the day and of the springtime is sudden. We have no measures of spiritual dynamites, no measure of God's time. What seems to be a thousand years' work he does in a day. Pray for the morning.

### Signs of Encouragement.

Let us cheer our faith by noting a few morning stars. 1. God has lately set forward in nearly every part of the earth, like that marvelous movement in the middle of the eighteenth century in which Methodism was born, a new interest in saving the lowest and worst of men. Once more colliers' faces are washed white by their own tears. Once more publicans and harlots press into the kingdom of heaven before the spiritually proud. The submerged classes are eminent.

2. To this new movement the churches are not hostile, but helpful. Converts are singing for joy where once was only spiritual death. Money is freely given. A study of the varied charities of the American people has a fascination for noble minds. The church has put away its old interpretation of the words of Christ that made him say, "I will come again at some distant appearing," and now reads as Christ said in the present tense, "I come." The absence is but for three days, then I come personally, potentially, and plenarily and receive you unto myself. I come presently and continuously to abide in my church. I am with you always. We have revised our version. We are revising our vision of duty. So the church of Christ to-day, moved by his spirit, actually comes and abides in sections of cities as bad as a lost world. As glad as Christ left heaven for earth, so gladly are some of our Christians leaving every pleasant surrounding for those most repulsive. There are university and social settlements established in the worst places to investigate and improve physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual conditions of the congested districts of cities applying practical Christianity as taught and illustrated by Christ. There is never any pack of volunteers where there is a suitable leadership. The number of these workers is a surprise. One must be in the work to measure its magnitude.

Not only to the lowest but to the highest is Christ visibly set forth. Not only does he come to needy sinners weak and wounded, but he comes to the best and widest thought of the world. All men have now made the discovery by criticism and philosophy that the dying thief made a faith: "This man hath done nothing amiss." The sinlessness of our spotless lamb is now conceded by all philosophies. He now occupies the thought of the world as never before. New lives of the Christ are written every year. His spirit fills all lines of thought till history is written to record not the ravages of some petty king in a province, but the enduring triumphs of the Conqueror who draws all men unto himself.

In so large a character partial views must necessarily be taken by men too small to grasp its plans and feel his ineffable holiness. Even of such men as Napoleon new lives must be written every quarter of a century. The angel of vision from which most men see Christ to-day is that of tender humanity. It is a humanitarian age. Christ's feeding the hungry, his kindly helpfulness to the sick, his tenderness to little children, his forgiving love to weeping women fill the thought and turn the whole world to Christly ministries of tenderness and love.

But hereafter we shall come to see that whatever honors Christ may bear as creator and king, he is not glorified until he comes to die for the world. Now is the Son of Man glorified. Before the world he was set apart as the one immortal who would achieve death for others. And the highest honor shouted to him in heaven is: "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us unto God by the blood." The greatest idea for the soul's enlargement, the great motive for work in saving the world is, Christ loved me and gave himself for me; gave not mere his things, his glories, but himself for me.



## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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## JESUS CRUCIFIED.

Luke 23:33-46.

Golden Text—"Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3).

When Jesus left that upper room, the place of our last lesson. He went to Gethsemane, a garden on the western slope of Mount Olivet. There He spent several hours in prayer. When the mob came He went forth to meet them. He was arrested and taken to Jerusalem for trial. He was taken before Annas, the aged high priest, who soon sent Him to Caiaphas, his son-in-law, and the acting high priest for that year. In His trial before the Sanhedrin, presided over by Caiaphas, Jesus was condemned for blasphemy. He made himself equal with God. There was a Roman law that prevented them from putting any one to death, hence they sent Jesus to Pilate. There He was not accused of blasphemy, but of perverting the nation, of forbidding to pay tribute to Caesar, and of claiming to be a king (Luke 23:2). The first and second of these charges Pilate knew to be false. The third he investigated; after which, "I find in Him no fault." When he learned that Jesus was of Galilee, he sent Him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time. This Herod, who had John the Baptist put to death, was exceedingly glad when Jesus was brought before him. He asked Him many questions, but received no answer. The chief priests and scribes vehemently accused Him, but they availed nothing. Herod, with his men of war, looked upon Jesus as worthy only of contempt, and sent Him back to Pilate. This Roman knight desired to release Him, but could not without offending the Jews. When Jesus was condemned, He went forth bearing His own cross (John 19:17), but soon gave way under its weight; they then "laid hold upon one Simon" and compelled him to bear it after Jesus to the place of crucifixion. The crucifixion may be divided into two periods of three hours each.

I.—The period of mocking (33-43). The place where Jesus was crucified was called Calvary, or Golgotha. Both words are the same; one is Latin and the other Hebrew, and mean the skull. It was likely an oval-shaped knoll, and almost barren of trees and grass. The exact location is not known. It was beyond the walls of Jerusalem, but "nigh to the city." It was in a garden, and in the garden was a new tomb. It was near a road, and was owned by Joseph of Arimathea. The graves of many great men cannot to-day be found.

The drink given to Jesus before His crucifixion was wine mingled with myrrh—vinegar mixed with gall (Mark 15:23). The wine was a cheap sour drink used by the soldiers. The myrrh was a bitter gum obtained from a low thorny tree in Arabia. This was likely mixed with worm-wood, or some other stupefying drug. The design was to deaden the sensibilities and thus prevent pain. It was no doubt given in mercy. There may be found some sympathy in the most unfeeling hearts. This drink Jesus refused. He felt it to be His mission to drink the cup His Father gave Him to His bitter dregs. We should be very slow to take any drug to deaden pain.

The crucifixion of Christ is a sad piece of history. The instrument on which He died was composed of an upright beam and a cross-piece. The main timber extended above His head and to it was nailed the superscription. The cross was laid on the ground, Jesus was placed upon it. His arms extended and His hands nailed to the wood. It is likely His feet were drawn toward the body till their soles rested flat on the beam, and then spiked fast. After this, the cross was raised and allowed to drop with a heavy thud into the hole made for it. We can only imagine the pain caused by such cruelty.

The time of the crucifixion was 9 o'clock in the morning. The Jews began the day at sunset, but the second twelve hours began at sunrise. Mark says, "It was the third hour, and they crucified Him." The four soldiers that nailed Him to the cross now took their seats beside Him to see that He was not removed. While thus guarding Him they cast lots for His clothes. Thus the prophecy, "They parted my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture," was fulfilled (Psa. 22:18). See how cold and unfeeling men can become. The sons of Jacob sat down to eat bread by the living tomb of their brother Joseph (Gen. 37:24-25).

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Jesus was crucified between two thieves; thus the Scripture, "He was numbered with the transgressors," was fulfilled (Isa. 53:12). One abused Him for not saving them and Himself. The other feared God, acknowledged his guilt, said his punishment was just, and begged that Jesus would remember him when He came into His kingdom. Jesus said to him, "To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." This is not an interrogation, but an emphatic assertion. The blessed Christ always hears the prayer of the penitent, believing sinner. This is the only death-bed conversion in the Bible. God has given just one to show that it is possible, only one to teach that it is not probable.

II.—The period of darkness (44-46). It began at noon and lasted three hours. It was not an eclipse of the sun, for it occurred at the time of the full moon. It was miraculous. Nature was in sympathy with the Son of God, now dying on the cross. It was that sign from heaven for which the Pharisees had mockingly asked. By it the people were awed. They became silent. All mocking ceased. No event of theirs is recorded while it lasted. It was a symbol of the wrath of God. How awful are the transgressions of men.

The seven sayings of Jesus while on the cross are impressive. When the cross fell with a heavy jolt into the hole made for it, Jesus prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." When the penitent thief confessed his sins, and begged for pardon, Jesus said: "To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." When He saw His mother and John standing near by, He said to her: "Woman, behold thy son," and to him, "behold thy mother!" When His sufferings were intense, He cried: "My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?" When his wounds had created a burning fever, He said: "I thirst." When the work the Father gave Him to do was completed, He cried: "It is finished." He then cried with a loud voice: "Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit," and gave up the ghost. The Spirit took His flight. The head fell forward on the breast. All is over. The world is redeemed. He "suffered for sins, the just for the unjust" (1 Peter 3:18). "He died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

When Jesus expired on the cross, two strange events occurred. There was an earthquake. Rocks were rent and graves were opened. After He rose from the dead many saints came forth from their graves, entered the holy city, and appeared unto many. The veil of the temple was rent in twain. This was the great veil of purple and gold that divided the holy place from the holy of holies. It was about sixty feet in length and thirty in breadth. Jehovah declared by this act that He no longer dwelt in the temple; that the work of salvation was

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Hubertville, La.—Our Easter service was more than a success; the programme for our mission cause was carried out to the letter. The church was beautifully decorated by the officers of the school. Much credit is due Mrs. H. C. Wilson, officers and teachers for their earnest effort.—R. N. Overton, Superintendent.

Island Postoffice, La.—The church at this point started with three members, and we now have fourteen, with a Sunday school of fifteen scholars. We have a church 30x20 feet, built upon ground donated by Mr. S. Downs. Notwithstanding the hard times and other troubles, God is in the lead in this Island Church. We need the prayers of our friends.—John Davis, P. C.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Our third quarterly conference closed a successful session the 9-10 of May. Rev. L. Moore was on hand and he preached two able sermons. The reports showed an increase in every department. Our Sunday school is increasing each Sabbath. Bro. R. B. Baker, superintendent, has an earnest corps of teachers. Miss Lulla L. Harrison has a nice singing choir; our Junior League is growing. Sister Price is improving slowly. Rev. B. D. Dixon, of the Central Missouri Conference, is here with his sister and has preached four able sermons.—Jesse P. Price.

Union Springs, Ala.—Our first quarterly conference was a grand success. Our presiding elder was on time with many good things to say. Reports showed progress along all lines. Ninety-two partook of the Lord's Supper and one joined the church. Raised for missions, \$10.70; for all purposes, \$60.77. Bro. Davis is an earnest preacher and thorough organizer.—Ella McKay.

Sparta, Tenn.—This is my first year on this charge. We have held one revival, which produced one convert. But the religious services created much enthusiasm in the people for good, and we hope to send in our pledge list with cash during the ensuing month. Easter day was a high day with us and we raised for missions \$5.—W. Elison, P. C.

Pleasant Hill, La.—Easter day was to us one of much joy and glad tidings, and it was observed to the highest. The exercises were grand and deserved much credit. Mr. W. L. James, the superintendent, is trying to make everything pleasant for the future of the school. The Epworth League is doing grand work, with a hopeful indication for the future. Our day school is rapidly improving, with Miss Phillis L. Carmine as teacher. The church is slowly improving, with Rev. W. Harrison as pastor. This is his fourth year at this place and he intends to do grander work this year than ever before toward the upbuilding of the church. Collection for the day, \$2.30.—James E. Harrison.

Altair, Tex. — Columbus circuit is alive. Our second quarter was held on time. The officers were all present, with good reports. Rev. B. F. Smith preached a sterling sermon. Fifty-five communed. Collection, \$13.85; raised for all purposes, \$101.45 this quarter. We closed a revival with seven converts and seven accessions to the church. We have three Epworth Leagues on the work. The Sunday schools are in good condition. We are building a church at this place, which will soon be finished.—G. W. Nevils.

Paris and Springville, Tenn.—My first quarterly conference was held May 9th and 10th, with Rev. S. B. Danley, P. E., in the chair. The reports were good, indicating that we are moving up on all lines. The elder preached an able sermon, which made a great impression. Raised for elder and pastor, \$13.32. We are planning for a good year's work for the Lord in this vineyard.—H. Robinson, P. C.

Winkler Circuit, Tex.—Our second quarter was held May 9th and 10th, with profit to all of its members. A large number partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection for the quarter, \$46.20, and five cash subscribers for the Southwestern. The Winkler Circuit is in fine religious spirit. W. A. Fortson, the presiding elder, seems to be very happy over the work.—R. Hillary, P. C.

Assumption Parish, La.—Dr. Panchow, a white gentleman of this parish, made us a present of window sash for our church. He seems to be interested in our work and we pray God's blessings on him.—Paul Narcies, P. C.

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## TRADES FOR BOYS.

Carpenters' tools have a fascination for most boys. Before he has reached his teens the young mechanic likes to handle the sharp-edged chisel, saw, hammer and plane. The desire to shape and mold rough pieces of wood into useful and ornamental articles is born in us, and while young we should give the inclination free play. A box of tools makes a pleasant and useful holiday present for an ingenious boy. The tools are packed in neat wooden chests, consisting of a small saw, hammer, screw driver, wrench, awls, files, braces, planes and measuring rod. This amateur tool box has given many a pleasant time to children and has been the means of developing latent talents for carpentry and cabinet-making.

A good carpenter is a genius. There are many carpenters who are not even good mechanics. They cannot put up a simple house without the supervising directions of a "boss." Such men have missed their calling. The young lad who takes up this trade for a living should first find out if he is in love with the work, and then proceed deliberately to master all of its details. The factory worker is a mere machine compared with the skillful carpenter. The former does the same work over again day after day almost automatically. After once mastering his simple duties he requires no brains to perform them. Such work is stultifying to the mind; it makes mere machines out of the workers. Yet thousands of our American boys are entering the factories to waste away their lives in making a pin head or some other small object, while the trades are urgently calling for good, skillful, intelligent mechanics. The work of the carpenter grows and develops each day under his manipulation. It makes brains as well as muscle, and is far nobler and more healthful to the whole body and soul than the machine-like operations of the factory hand.

Moreover, a good carpenter sees a chance constantly of becoming independent. Our modern system of house-building demands men with something more than the mere gift for handling tools skillfully. Brains of a high order are needed to give the modern improvements to handsome houses, and workmanship of this class commands high salaries. The cabinetmaker has work to do as delicate as that of the watchmaker, and as he carves and shapes his designs he finds a healthful mental enjoyment that makes labor sweet.

In our industrial schools of to-day boys are taught to handle tools quite intelligently before they have reached the age of serving an apprenticeship under a skillful carpenter. All of this early preparation in the schools is a great advantage, and the pity is that we are not supplied with more industrial schools, where every child could be taught to handle tools and other implements in an intelligent manner. A graduate of one of the industrial schools has a decided advantage over another boy who has never had the opportunity of studying in one.

Boys should place themselves under some good carpenter as soon as they have finished their schooling. There should be no waste time between the closing of the school life and the taking up of the duties that are to decide his future. It does not follow that all other studies should cease, however. On the contrary, there is all the more need of studious habits, and the boy who starts out with the right habits is sure to succeed. An hour a day or evening spent in book study will greatly help the hand and mind in performing the daily labors. Habits of study formed at this time will cling to one throughout life. Because school life has ended do not throw off all study and let the mind deteriorate.

Change the line of studies, selecting books that are instructive and pleasing. Many boys are so enthusiastic over their new trade that they are ready to read anything concerning it. They should then be supplied with books and periodicals upon their chosen work. Every boy is enthusiastic over the particular work in hand; it may not last long, but it should be encouraged while it is in him. The chief thing is to form the habit of daily study and reading. In time, then, he will select his own reading with proper discretion.

A great deal of the glamour and enthusiasm of a trade is worn off after the first six months in harness. There are many hard days, unpleasant tasks and hasty orders that must be endured. After spending this length of time in handling boards up to their builders and in pounding nails into sideboards and beams, one begins to feel a little weary of the whole job, and wonders if after all he has not made a mistake in his trade. Other boys who are not learning a trade may make more money a week,

and the labor may seem more congenial. The young apprentice does not receive much. If he gets his board and clothing for the first two years he is doing well. He may never have pocket money, except when he earns it in doing special jobs. But he must persevere and not let some side issue swerve him from his work. One of the saddest things is to see a young fellow give up his trade to take up some unskilled labor because it happens to pay better at the time. All of his early apprenticeship then counts for nothing. We have many such people in this world, men who to-day regret that they never finished their apprenticeship to some trade. They are now classed as unskilled labor, and it is exceptional for them to get wages half as large as those paid to a skilled mechanic.

When despondent the young apprentice should take consolation in the thought that he is preparing for the future, and that the day will come when he can stand head and shoulders above those who to-day are earning more money than he, but are learning nothing.

After two years the young carpenter should understand pretty well how to do the rough work in building—how to square a board, how to set and dovetail joists, and even how to make the framework of a simple building. He will have had experience in setting window frames and in measuring and making window blinds. He will know how to make allowances for chimney and fire places, and how to arrange the interior for winding and straight stairs. In short, he will know something of architecture as well as of carpentry. He will understand the natures of good foundations, and in theory at least he will understand the erection of a building.

But now he should adopt for his evening studies another phase of his work. He should study in the daily papers the price lists of building materials and begin to calculate how much plaster and how many laths, boards and shingles a building of a given size would take. When a building is to be erected he should try to make itemized calculations as to its cost. He must do this work later, if he would ever be a master builder, and the sooner he becomes acquainted with the practical figuring part the better it will be for him. During the third year he ought to receive wages besides his board and clothing. If he is bright and willing to work, he will get his pay. A carpenter knows the value of his assistants.

In order to make himself a perfect builder there should be constant progress, and the field is unlimited. Brick and stone buildings must be erected as well as wood, and the young carpenter must make himself acquainted with the fundamental laws of physics. What is the resistance of certain stones and of walls built of stone and brick? How deep must a foundation be sunk in order to hold a wall of a certain height and thickness? What allowances must be made for the action of frost and heat? All of these questions will open up fields for study and reading that will keep the boy busy every night. The weight and tension of building materials must be understood as well as the cost.

Then the cabinetmaking branch of the trade is an important one to study. Handsome buildings must be finished off in hard wood, and this is a science almost by itself. The exquisite carvings and moldings must be made and placed in position carefully. A study of fine cabinet work will give one a greater valuation to his employer. In short, the young carpenter can find plenty to do and read to make himself a perfect builder, and when he has once become thoroughly proficient in his trade he need never fear about a good living. Such men are really rare, and they are in urgent demand most of the time. Those out of work are generally the unskilled laborers or those who only half know their trade. Let enthusiasm, perseverance and thoroughness mark every step of progress, and the builder at thirty will find himself a strong, independent and useful member of any community.—New York Christian Advocate.

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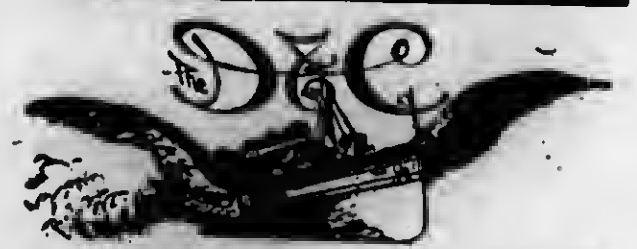
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### Our Barometer.

The following is the list for the week, ending June 1st:

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### PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

May 25.—Bishop Hurst presided. Considerable interest was manifest over the consideration of the fourth section of the new constitution, as reported by the committee. When the section was read, an amendment providing for equal representation for the laymen in the General Conference, was proposed. A motion was made, after considerable discussion, to table the amendment which was put and carried.

The order of business for the day was taken up, that of the election of a missionary bishop of Africa. The first ballot resulted in no choice, and stood as follows: J. C. Hartzell, 223; M. C. B. Mason, 81; H. N. Moore, 73; J. W. Hamikton, 15; George O. Gue, 13. The second ballot resulted in the election of Dr. Hartzell, he receiving 325 votes.

The argument of the report of the committee on constitution was taken up section by section, and debated. When the section which provided that the delegates to lay electoral conferences should be elected by the members of the quarterly conference, an amendment was made that the members of the lay electoral conference should be chosen directly by the people. A motion to lay it on the table was lost by a narrow margin. When it came to a vote the amendment was lost by a vote of 193 to 189, the laity losing by only four votes.

May 26.—Bishop Ninde in the chair. The book committee made its report. The chief item of interest in the report was the creation of the "Voice book editor." For an hour it was discussed. George C. Shirgiss made the report for the book committee, and defended it against the objections. Dr. Lanahan opposed it. He was followed by W. V. Kelly, editor of the Methodist Review, and book editor, who also spoke against it, saying that he did not think that the time had come for such an editor as book editor. George C. Sturgess, chairman of the book committee, next replied to the gentleman after several resolutions had been offered to strike out the creation of book editor. He said that it had met with the approval of every one of the book committee, and he hoped that it would be adopted.

After extended debate the report was adopted, and the Conference took a recess.

When the conference again convened, the special order—the consecration of three newly-elected bishops—was taken up.

Bishop Bowman presided, and brought up the rear of the line of bishops, elders and candidates. He announced the singing of the hymn "Heralds of the Cross," and, after the vast audience had sung the hymn through, still standing, Bishop Vincent read the collect as follows: "Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to thy holy apostles, elders and evangelists many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock, give grace we beseech thee to all the ministers and pastors of thy church, that they may diligently preach thy word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people that they may obediently follow the same, that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

The epistle from Acts 20:17-35, by Bishop Thoburn, followed. The Gospel was recited by Bishop Taylor. It was the Gospel of St. John, chapter 21:15-17.

Subsequent to this came the actual ceremony of consecration, the most important feature of the entire Conference. The candidates were presented before the assembled multitude by the elders. They are: Charles Cardwell McCabe, by Rev. L. D. McCabe, D. D., and Rev. T. O. Iliff, D. D.; Earl Cranston by Rev. D. L. Parker and Rev. S. Rust, D. D., and Joseph Hartzell by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., and Rev. Samuel L. Beidler, Ph. D. The call to prayer was by Bishop Ninde and prayer was offered by Bishop Fitzgerald. A very imposing service was the formal examination of the candidates, and invocation of divine grace upon the events by Bishop Andrews. After prayer by Bishop Fowler, came the important movement of the laying on of hands and presentation of the Bible, indicative to consecration as bishop of Christ's chosen flock of pastors. For Candidate McCabe there officiated Bishops Foster, Bowman and Hurst; for Candidate Cranston, Bishops Merrill, Bowman, Walden; for Candidate Hartzell, Bishops Warren, Bowman and Foss, and the presenters in each instance. Bishop Joyce offered prayer when the consecration had been effected, and then Bishop Newman announced the hymn, the "Ministers' Only Business," which was sung standing.

The bishops were requested to appoint fraternal delegates to a number of Con-

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ferences, including the Methodist Church South. After disposing of the temperance report the missionary committee's report was discussed for two hours, the question of lay delegates in missionary Conferences being the contention.

As adopted, the report provides that lay missionaries may sit in missionary annual Conferences on invitation and vote on all questions except those involving the character of ministers and their Conference relations and the election of ministerial delegates to the General Conference. The Conference agreed to the change of the Gulf Mission to a missionary Conference, and to Sunday school collections for missionary purposes at least once a month.

May 28th.—After a short session today, at which Bishop Joyce presided, the Conference adjourned sine die.

The Book Concern Committee recommended annual appropriations to various publications.

Rev. A. N. Fisher, D. D., was chosen editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate.

The Board of Control of the Epworth League will not meet until September.

At a meeting of the Book Committee, a temporary organization was effected by the election of Dr. W. F. Whitlock, of Ohio, chairman, and Dr. S. O. Benton, of Connecticut, secretary. The bishops will be paid \$4,000 per year and traveling expenses.

### DR. M. C. B. MASON, THE NEW SECRETARY.

(From Daily Christian Advocate.)

For sixteen years and more the colored people connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church have felt that they should be accorded some recognition by the General Conference. This feeling has been expressed openly in many ways. Sixteen years ago they made an earnest plea for a bishop of African descent. They have believed that such recognition would help our work in the South and prove a sufficient answer to the insinuation of other denominations that the Methodist Episcopal Church did not intend to give them any official position.

These insinuations have annoyed them. Since this session begun, a correspondent of the leading official paper of the Methodist Episcopal Church South said through the columns of that journal that when the report of the Committee on Episcopacy was under discussion in this body and the colored delegates appealed earnestly for a bishop, the General Conference gave them hearty applause because that was all they intended to give them.

The report of the Committee on Episcopacy which was adopted declared that in the choice of a bishop there should be no distinction on account of race or color, and that the time had come when it might be wise to elect a bishop of African descent. The adoption of this report gave the colored delegates hope. When it was decided to elect only two bishops their hope waned. But when, on the first ballot, one of their number received a larger vote than any other candidate, their waning hope revived.

Was this merely a complimentary vote? It was that and something more. Had it been merely a complimentary vote it would have fallen off after the first ballot. Instead of falling off it advanced on the second ballot, and more than held its own on the third. It is evident that white delegates who were specially favorable to the colored man's claim did not abandon him until they became convinced that under the circumstances the election of a colored man was impossible, and they determined not to prolong unduly a hopeless contest.

When it was decided to elect a new missionary bishop for Africa, the hope of the colored members revived again. But it soon fell when the first ballot showed that Dr. Hartzell was the choice of the Conference. There still remained one possibility for them in the place made vacant by the elevation of Dr. Hartzell to the episcopal office.

There were several nominations. The colored men acted wisely in withdrawing all their names except one. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., was their choice. He was triumphantly elected on the first ballot.

Dr. Mason was born in Houma, La., thirty-eight years ago. Converted in his

early youth, he united with the Methodist Church. After attending the public schools of New Orleans, he entered New Orleans University, where he completed the classical course. Afterwards he united with the Louisiana Conference and served there for seven years. Being transferred to the Savannah Conference, he was stationed at our Lloyd Street Church, Atlanta, where, in three years, he succeeded in paying off a great debt, and at the same time completing a course in the Gammon Theological Seminary, graduating from that school with the degree of bachelor of divinity. In 1890 he was elected field agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and after two years of successful work, he was elected assistant corresponding secretary of the same society, and after four years is now elected to the secretaryship.

Dr. Mason received the degree of doctor of divinity from both New Orleans and Wiley Universities, and has matriculated in Syracuse University in a course leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy.

The doctor is a fine scholar and an able orator, enthusiastic and forcible. In his extensive travels he has visited most of our Conferences, and has always come up to the expectation of his friends. He has also been much in demand as a platform speaker at Chautauqua assemblies and other similar places.

### Rice—Louisiana.

There is no industry in the United States that has attracted more attention in the past five years than the growing of rice in Southwest Louisiana. In this respect it bears the same relation to Louisiana that California and Florida bear to the orange crop. Eight years ago its cultivation was confined to small patches of land, hither the development of the industry has been phenomenal. Prior to 1890, rice growers planted only the lowest lands, depending on the rain falls for the purposes. During the past five years the thrifty Northern farmer, who has located in Louisiana, has discovered that the thousands and thousands of acres of high lands that were supposed to be unprofitable for the growth of rice, through the introduction of irrigation plants are proving these lands to be bonanzas to their owners, that readily places them by the side of the most valuable agricultural lands in the South. Through this system of irrigation rice raising in Southwest Louisiana has been completely revolutionized, eliminating the old and disagreeable feature relative to the production of this cereal. For further information write or call upon S. F. B. Morse, G. P. & T. A. Southern Pacific, New Orleans, La.

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Rev. Geo. Washington preached a good sermon at 11 a. m. and Rev. J. W. Hudson preached at 7:30 p. m. to a crowded house; all were satisfied and happy.

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J. A. W. Moore, President.

## DALLAS DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Remember that the District Conference will convene at Fort Worth July 20th, and continue to August 2d. We have arranged to give each afternoon Sunday school and Epworth League work, at which time Dr. D. I. Jones, our State agent for the Sunday schools, will be with us; also our own Dr. G. R. Townsend, of Victoria, the conference president of Epworth League. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, is cordially invited to be with us; also Rev. H. Swan, the wide-awake and progressive P. E. of the Waco district, will be present.

Now, brethren, with this galaxy of representative men of the church to be with us, it is hoped that each brother will be able to report all benevolent moneys fully raised, and that each delegate will be present and act his part.—D. C. Lacy, P. E.

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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Dallas District.

Third Round.	June.	
Millford and Oak	.....	20 21
Blooming Grove and Antioch	.....	27 28
July.		
Corsicana, Dawson and Hubbard	.....	4 5
Gateville and Valley Mills	.....	11 12
Deaton and Pilot Point	.....	18 19
Sherman	.....	25 26
August.		
Fort Worth and Wilk Chapel	.....	1 2
McKinney	.....	8 9
Lancaster and South Dallas	.....	15 16
Euless	.....	22 23
Dallas and St. Paul	.....	29 30
September.		
Denton	.....	5 6

D. C. Lacy, P. E.

## Navasota District.

Third Round.	June.	
Yarborough	.....	13 14
Anderson	.....	20 21
July.		
Caldwell et.	.....	4 5
Navasota	.....	11 12
Brenham	.....	18 19
Bryan	.....	25 26
August.		
Bryan et.	.....	1 2
Courtney	.....	8 9
Sealy	.....	15 16
San Felipe et.	.....	22 23
S. S. Convention convenes in Caldwell July 9th		
Programmes will be out in time		

W. L. Duncan, P. E.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Sister Louisa E. Pickett, daughter of Bro. Edmond Pickett, a stewardess in the M. E. Church, departed in full triumph of faith, May 26. She was a faithful member of the church and Sunday-school, and was loved by all who knew her.

L. D. Williams, Pastor.

Texas, Miss.—Sister Bella Thompson, a faithful member of the Spring Hill M. E. church fell asleep in Jesus May 14. She leaves six children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

P. S. Bowie, Pastor.

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearning subscribers. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any one where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Greenville, Texas, May 23, 1896.

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of old times in Frederick City, Maryland, that I, Sydney Woodsfork, formerly Sydney Nelson, was sold to Woodsfork by Malcomson and Nelly Nelson, who emigrated to Louisiana about 50 years ago. Margery was my mother; she belonged to Capt. Perry, of Middletown, Maryland. My grandmother belonged to the widow Nelson, of Frederick City, Md. The old widow had four daughters: Kitty, Emily, Sally and Nelly. Kitty married a man by the name of Lawrence. My aunt was named Sophy, her husband was a Methodist preacher. His name was William Tasker. Now my name is Sydney James, formerly Sydney Nelson, brought to Louisiana by Woodsfork from Baltimore, Md. I have several brothers and sisters but can't think of their names except one, his name was William, and the last I heard of him, he was in New Orleans, La. Anyone who knows anything about my mother please write to my son, Joe Wroten, Lock Box 141 Greenville, Texas.

## CLARK UNIVERSITY

Commencement week began May 14th with the president's reception to the graduating class, and ended May 20th with the graduating exercises.

The exercises were of an unusually interesting character, notwithstanding the absence of the officers of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society and others who were unable to be present in consequence of the General Conference lately in session.

All the students acquitted themselves handsomely, and elicited hearty applause from the large audiences which attended the public exercises.

The baccalaureate sermon by the president was a unique and forcible presentation of the rights, duties and responsibilities of the women of the twentieth century. The sermon was based on Gal. 3:28, which the preacher interpreted to mean that there is no sex in religion, morals, brains, church or state, but that these unjust discriminations have passed away with race jealousy and slavery, with which Paul classified them. Therefore the disabilities put upon women in the Bible are a temporary concession to a false civilization on the ground of expediency, and not inherent, organic or permanent. If sex is to be abolished in the future world, woman has the same destiny as man and should have the same rights and privileges to prepare for it, for in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God.

Six young ladies graduated from the four years' normal course, as follows: Julia Jane Allen, E. Atlanta, Ga.; Elizabeth C. Reynolds, Vicksburg, Miss.; Ella W. Butler, Atlanta, Ga.; Lenora E. Fleming, Covington, Ga.; Maggie C. Williams, E. Atlanta, Ga.; Mary J. Smith, Covington, Ga.

This closed delightfully the twentieth year of Clark University, an institution that should be enshrined in the hearts of the people of the central South. With confidence we look forward to next year as one which shall bring larger and better results.

## How A. W. James Made Money.

I saw that Dish Washers were advertised by several firms. I sent and got one and sold a good many to my neighbors and made some money. But I saw that Bert Dawson, Columbus, Ohio, had just gotten out a new Dish Washer called the Queen which was the largest patented machine in the market and had all the improvements, by which a person could wash dishes, vegetables, silverware and clothing in one minute. I got the agency and sold five the first day and my profit was \$15, and I shall easily make \$90 before the month is out as everybody wants the newest and best Dish Washer there is going and it is easy to sell what people want. These rapid times anyone who wants to make a little money honestly can do as I have done. Mr. Dawson referred me to the Cardington Bank, Mt. Gilead Bank and Quaker City Bank, so I know he was perfectly responsible. Anyone can get circulars about the Queen by writing to Mr. Dawson as above.

A. W. James.

## POPULAR WITH THE REPUBLICANS.

The Old Reliable Texas & Pacific Railway will be the "Popular Route" for the great national Republican convention at St. Louis commencing June 16th. No effort will be spared to provide for the comfort of all who use this line. Special trains will be run, with elegant day coaches and chair cars, and Pullman Palace Sleepers and you will be wise to send in your name now for necessary accommodations, as the attendance promises to be the largest for any convention yet held.

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## IT SOUNDS LIKE A MIRACLE.

## ONE OF THE BRAVE BOYS IN GRAY RELATES A REMARKABLE STORY.

Mr. C. L. Farris, While a Member of the 38th Mississippi Infantry, Contracts Disease and Suffers for Years. He Finally Recovers, and Tells the Story of His Cure.

From Commercial-Appeal, Memphis.

What in many respects is a remarkable cure has been effected in Hinds county, Miss., near the thriving little town of Utica.

Mr. C. L. Farris lives at Duke, a post-office seven miles from Utica, and at the present time he is an object of considerable curiosity throughout the community, for it was he who was cured of a chronic case of rheumatism of over thirty years standing.

A Commercial-Appeal reporter having been detailed to see Mr. Farris, drove out to his store at Duke. Mr. Farris, who is postmaster, was busy working up the mail, but as soon as he had finished he acceded very cheerfully to an interview.

Mr. Farris is 62 years of age, but one would never suspect that he carries so many years upon his shoulders, for he is erect, his step is as springy and his eye as bright as if he were only half that age. He is a perfect picture of hearty old manhood.

"To begin with," said he, "I suppose you want to know how I was cured of rheumatism? Well, it was remarkable. I had almost given up all hopes of ever being cured. Why, sometimes I couldn't walk for weeks at a time. I suffered constantly and was never entirely free from it.

"I had tried two specialists in New Orleans, one in Vicksburg, one in Atlanta and two in New York and never gained anything more than temporary relief, sometimes not that.

"One day I was reading a newspaper—I forget now which one—and my attention was attracted by an article on Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It stated that they were good for rheumatism and I determined to get some of them and see if there was any virtue in them. I went to Vicksburg two days later and purchased six boxes, and after taking the pills according to directions, the severe attack of rheumatism I was then suffering from vanished, and I have never felt a twinge of it since, and that has been over a year ago.

"Write you a letter for publication? Why, certainly, with pleasure. It will be nothing more than common humanity to sufferers from rheumatism to let them know how they can be cured."

Mr. Farris went to his desk and after writing a few moments handed the reporter the following:

Duke, Hinds Co., Miss., Jan. 2, 1896.  
"This is to certify that I contracted rheumatism during the war, in 1862, while a member of the Thirty-eighth Mississippi Infantry C. S. A., and up to a year ago I was a constant sufferer from it, sometimes being unable to walk. The first attack confined me to my bed for three months.

"About eighteen months ago I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which stated that they were a sure cure for rheumatism. I decided to get some of them and so the next time I went to Vicksburg I bought six boxes. I began taking them according to directions and by the time I had taken the six boxes, the rheumatism went away and I have never felt a particle of it since.

"I know that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are responsible for the cure. It has been over a year since I took the pills and I firmly believe I am permanently cured.

"I take the pleasure in recommending them to all who suffer from rheumatism and feel confident that if taken according to directions, they will cure any case of the kind. I have taken probably a barrel of medicine and have tried every specialist of note in New Orleans, Vicksburg, Atlanta, and New York, and have been kept poor scratching around to get money to pay them with, and I never got any relief until I used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

C. L. Farris."

Last Wednesday, June 3rd, the N. O. & N. E. R. R. (Queen and Crescent Route), inaugurated summer excursion trains, which will run every Wednesday and Sunday from New Orleans to Pearl River and return at round trip rates from New Orleans to following points and rates: Little Woods, 40c; Point Aux Herbes, 75c; North Shore, 75c; Guzman, 75c; Salmcns, 75c; Slidell, 75c; Brown, 75c; Alton, 75c; St. Joe, 75c; Pearl River, 75c.

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## HIS FINAL FOE.

Though Envy, Hatred, Lust and Greed,  
lie vanquished on life's battlefield,  
Think not the victory thine, indeed, nor  
lay aside thy sword and shield.  
One foe remains, more dread than all  
beside:  
Guard well thy soul against self-right-  
eous Pride.

—Ram's Horn.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Try the plan of praying over the affairs of every day life.

Have you ever helped to save a soul? Your duty is to lead some one to Christ.

Some of the Negroes' friends think he is declining in oratory because he insists on reading his speeches.

Genius is great but hard work and genius combined are greater.

They say it takes \$80,000 to pay transportation and entertainment expenses for our General Conference.

No, indeed, the woman question is not yet settled; each annual Conference is to vote on it at its very next session.

Each annual Conference will vote again on equal lay representation.

Many people spend too much time thinking of the great things they hope to do. Make it a rule to give the closest attention to the duty which lies next you and do it well.

The Methodist Times of Cleveland, O., showed a great deal of useful enterprise in all its conference issues. It was profuse in illustrations. Although a new comer in Methodist journalism it deserves success.

The District Conference of the Tupelo District Upper Mississippi Conference, will convene at Tupelo, Miss., July 23d. The Sunday School Institute will convene on the 21st, just preceding the Conference. Rev. P. O. Jameson will preside.

## EQUAL BEFORE GOD.

The Duke of Wellington went to receive the sacrament after one of his victories, and as he was kneeling in the church a poor man came and knelt beside him.

The church warden said: "Go away, this is the Duke of Wellington."

The great conqueror of Waterloo said: "Let him alone; we are all equal here."—Ram's Horn.

## Special Notice.

Until further notice the address of Rev. E. W. S. Hammond will be at 4022 Carondelet street, New Orleans, La.

A note dated April 25th, but which was mislaid until now, reached me from the Rev. S. E. H. Morant, P. E., Alexandria District, informing me that an elder of that district and stationed at Hubertville, La., had been suspended from ministerial duties until the next session of the Louisiana Conference. The brethren will please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

A. E. P. Albert, Sec. La. Conf.

Baldwin, La., June 8, 1896.

The Word of God will never satisfy our hearts so long as we cut it to fit our carnal appetites.—Bible Reader.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OUR TERRITORY.

The General Conference of 1896 has come and gone. It did many things, 'tis true, but left undone, and in some cases refused to do, many more. It may be necessary at some time in future to refer to its doings in general, but for the present we shall simply note the recognition it gave our territory in the elections.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., Atlanta Conference, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society. Headquarters at Cincinnati.

Rev. Harry Swann, West Texas Conference, and Rev. J. E. Wilson, D. D., South Carolina Conference, members General Book Committee.

Rev. J. M. Carter, D. D., Central Tennessee, and Rev. A. J. Taylor, Arkansas, members General Missionary; Church Extension and Freedman's Aid Committees.

Rev. Frank Gary, Texas, and Rev. M. M. Alston, Savannah, members Board of Control Epworth League.

Rev. J. S. Hill, D. D., East Tennessee, and Prof. E. H. McKissack, Upper Mississippi, members Board of Insurance.

Revs. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., Mississippi; Joseph Courtney, D. D., and J. A. Johnson, Lexington, members of the Freedman's Aid Board of Managers.

All of these are to serve four years, and will represent us on the afore-mentioned Boards, that will disburse millions of dollars during the quadrennium. Their vote and wishes will be as important as those of any other man with whom they shall serve.

The General Conference provided also for the election of an assistant secretary of the Epworth League, who is to spend his time in the work among the colored membership.

The spirit that prompted the Conference to give the Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., such a large vote for bishop convinced those of us who knew the circumstances that it meant more than a complimentary vote, and had there been more than two bishops elected, it is highly probable that Dr. Bowen would have been one of the fortunate. At any rate, our brethren are much encouraged and we feel confident that the M. E. Church will ere long take the only step remaining to be taken and place a man of African descent on the Episcopal Board.

## GILBERT ACADEMY AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

This excellent institution, under the management of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, at Baldwin, La., has just closed one of the best years in its history.

Beginning with the opening last October, every department, both literary and industrial, was kept up to the highest standard of efficiency to the close of the session.

Commencement week, May 31-June 2, was full of the most inspiring experiences.

The annual love-feast, on Sunday, brought forth many precious testimonies, which will greatly strengthen our young people in their high and noble purposes. The annual sermon, preached by the Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., President of New Orleans University, was one of great power, and left impressions that will beneficially influence all that heard it for all time to come. Sunday night the Godman and Gilbert Literary Societies and the Academy Temperance Society rendered a very interesting joint programme, which served to draw crowded houses for all the other exercises.

Monday night the exercises of the English and Primary Departments captured every heart. The cake walk especially, which was a model of perfection, was pronounced the best execution of its kind ever witnessed by all present, and elicited the most enthusiastic applause.

The graduating exercises, which took place on Tuesday night, were of a high order, and created the most favorable impression upon the immense assemblage, that had come from far and near to witness our closing exercises.

The following, having completed the English course, were awarded certificates, viz.: Adelia E. Ambler, Frank D. Bowers, Jr., Florence J. Carroll, John Henry, Laura A. James, Nora L. Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, Aristide H. Key, Virginia J. Landry, Daisy A. Labau, Lulilia A. Martin, Estella Richardson, Fred D. M. Roberts, Wesley E. Randall, Rebecca V. Smith, Mary L. Turpeau and Pinksy B. Wilson. The certificate of the college preparatory course was awarded Edmund D. Walker, he being the only one completing the course this year.

It is a source of great satisfaction to know that every one of these young people are determined to push right ahead next fall, in the normal, college preparatory or college courses, to their full completion.

There were no graduates from any of the industrial departments this session, but a large class, it is hoped, will complete next year.

In addition to the regular literary work, which is fully abreast of that done by any other institution of its grade in all the South, the following industrial departments have been in successful operation, viz.: Agriculture, printing, carpentry, cabinet-making, needlework, bakery and laundry. A beginning has been made in blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, and it is hoped that by the help of some friends that read these lines, a shop with full equipment may be had for next session. Only a few hundred dollars will be necessary.

As the work develops, it is proposed to enlarge and emphasize the industrial features of this institution until every important trade shall be represented in our curriculum.

No other institution in this country is better located, offers so many facilities, nor promises larger results in that direction than this, and we cordially invite the attention of our young people, their parents, and the friends of Christian industrial education to the fact. We have by delightful climate, perfect health, ample ground, substantial buildings, inviting surroundings, excellent teachers, moral and religious instruction, and expenses that are exceptionally reasonable. We ought to enroll 600 students next session. They are in our homes. They need the training here offered them, almost without money and without price, and they should be crowded here for preparation for their great missions of life.

The faculty during the past session consisted of Rev. W. D. Godman, D. D., President; Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., Vice President and Acting President, and Misses V. M. J. Duncan, Hattie E. Brown, Lilly M. Vinet, Laura F. Albert, Mrs. A. E. Albert, Prof. J. B. Randolph, and industrial department instructors, as follows: W. E. Randall, C. C. Landry, Newman Marshall and Mrs. F. D. Bowers.

For catalogues and other information write to the Rev. A. E. Albert, D. D., Vice President, Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La.

## AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

Who that witnessed it will ever forget the significant and impressive scene presented when the aged and honored Bishop William Taylor walked across the rostrum and welcomed his successor, Bishop Hartzell. The aged patriarch grasped the hand of the newly-made Bishop and after a hearty shake stood for a few moments gazing upon him. When the Conference called upon him for an expression, he said: "I say, amen!" Thus it would seem he not only acquiesced in the action of the Conference, but was willing to pronounce his blessing upon the man chosen to succeed him. The scene was heartily applauded by the General Conference.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HOW CAN WE REACH THE MASSES?

By H. N. Brown, P. E. Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.

The above question has been asked over and over with deep concern by clergy and laity. All alike have seen and felt the need. Church-going people in every city, town and village are few compared with the population. Yet they have souls to be saved as well as the few who attend the church. So again and again we have asked, how can we reach them? They don't come to church and many never hear a sermon from one end of the year to the other, and fewer still ever hear or make a prayer. If they don't come to church, then the church must go to them. Go, is the command of our Saviour, even into the hedges and highways. But how can we manage to take the church into the homes of this neglected crew? I answer:

1. Organize. Let the organized church be set off into organized bands as followers, since no one man, though a preacher, can well reach everybody without help.

A godly band to represent the church in active service and bring up the membership to their level or God's standard of right living by example and precept. Let them live and talk godliness from house and their "leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever they do shall prosper."

2. A working band, to look after the spiritual and temporal needs of the needy, not by giving suppers, but out of the income of the willing souls feed the hungry and clothe the naked. You may not always have money to give, but you can, with a will, find something that they need—food, fire, clothes, and above this, a church to attend. Many things would be given such a committee were they sent out by the church to help the needy when the persons who are in need could not themselves get such help. "This is the work of God; work while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

3. A missionary band to hunt down the erring souls and show them that there is still hope of a better life. If such souls could be visited by such a band and asked to attend church with a promise to make it pleasant for them there would be very few who would not come. What the human family wants is some one to love them and care for them. "To whom shall we go?" Go to the erring souls where ere they may be found.

4. An inviting band to seek those who attend no church, whether members or not, and urge them with prayer to attend church. Leave with them a card with the name of your church, number of street and time of services. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and halt and the blind. Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." This compelling business is not with a rod of iron, but by loving solicitation.

5. An enticing band to decorate and beautify the church weekly and see that it is kept clean and pure from tobacco and other filth, "and make them joyful in my house of prayer."

6. A praying band to pray without ceasing and talk up the prayer service. "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

7. A social band to attend all the class meetings, talk, sing and shout. Let them see that the class is made as good as it can be and then spread abroad its good results. "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

8. A kind band to entertain strangers and make the church a home for all. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." He that is kind is kindly, and shall not lose his reward. "Loving kindness is better than life."

9. A talkative band to hear every sermon preached by the pastor and remember everything good about it, tell it to others, make much ado about it, say nothing against him, say everything good you can to be consistent with truth. Ask others to come and hear for themselves.

"Talk ye of all his wondrous works. I'll make your great commission known."

And ye shall prove my Gospel true, By all the works that I have done, By all the wonders ye shall do."

10. A revival band to keep the church at high water mark the year round. To pray for the pastor and encourage him

to live and preach in a constant flame of fire, holy fire, not strange fire. "O Lord, revive thy work."

11. A preaching band, to preach the word, the living word. Let the pastor and his helpers, elders, deacons, local preachers and exhorters be a unit for good. Divide your time as you think best to preaching, and then preach a present, living and soul-saving Gospel. "Preach the word." There are many sides to the word. It has a rough side, a cutting side, a digging side, a smoothing side, and an oiling side. Learn to use all the sides with success. It will not do to use any one side all the time; if so, you will drive all away from you except those who love the side you preach. Give them all sides, but do it with wisdom. When you see some have about all they can stand of the rough side, turn the smoothing side till the sore is healed, and then try the rough side again, and by watching close and following up this process of turning sides, when the spirit of wisdom dictates, you will soon make of that soul a polished Christian. A man is sick and the doctor prescribes that you give him one teaspoonful of a certain medicine three times a day, and the man will get well. But you say, no, if this medicine will cure him, give him the whole bottle at once and save time and trouble. Yes, the medicine is good, but if you give it to him as you say, it will kill him. The whole Bible is good, but if you cram it all at once into a poor sinner you would do him hurt instead of good. "I have fed you with milk and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

12. A fostering band to care for young converts and train them for service in the church and see that they don't go back to the world for want of attention. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

13. A sanctified band to live in white, support the church and keep pure their garments. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth."

14. A perfect band to dwell with God in the secret place of thunder. "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."


Execute. Put all of these bands to work, each in its place, and there will be a union of the whole.

Persevere. Keep to the business and the masses will be reached. The Epworth League and Sunday school can also increase their number in the same way.

## THE RED CROSS IN TURKEY.

The Red Cross Society has now gotten a good foothold in Turkey, and is doing a grand work. The agents of the Red Cross have sent out three expeditions, one of which has gone to Marash and Zeitoun, one to Omria, and a third to Harpoot, each aiding the districts along their way. They have everywhere been welcomed by the missionaries whose work they are gladly supplementing. The following extracts should stir from Miss Barton's letters should stir a chord of sympathy in every one of our readers, sufficiently deep to touch his pocketbook.

"I have a body of relief on these fields, hundreds of miles away in the mountains, a thousand miles from me, that I could not draw off in six weeks. The best we could all do would be to abandon ten thousand poor, sick, suffering wretches to a fate that ought to shock the entire world. Dying, sick, foodless, naked, and not one doctor and no medicine among them; whole cities scourged and left to their fate, to die without a hand raised, save the three or four resolute missionaries, tired, worn, God-serving at their posts until they drop. The civilized world running over with skillful physicians, and not one there, no one to arrange to get them there, to pay expenses, take special charge and thus make it possible for them to go. And we, seeing that state of things, holding in our grasp the relief we had been weeks preparing and organizing in anticipation of this, to turn back, draw off our helpers, send back the doctors already started, give all up, because somebody had said something, the press had circulated it, the world had believed it, our disappointed committees had lost heart and grown sore, struggling with an occupation rather new to them, and the people had taken alarm and refused to sustain them. Was this all there was of us? No purpose of our own? On 'change, like the price of wheat on the market? In the name of God and humanity, this field must be carried, these people must be rescued, skill, care, medicine and food for the sick must reach them."



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The missionaries in Harpoot at latest news were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the expedition.

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A revised edition of "The Armenian Amphitheater," a 64-page booklet with a concise summary of the massacres and relief work, will be sent to any address on receipt of 10 cents. The proceeds of each book, which will feed a man for a week, will be devoted to relief.

W. F. AND H. M. SOCIETIES—  
UNION MEETING.

On Monday afternoon, May 18th, a remarkable meeting was held in the chapel of the First M. E. Church of Cleveland. At the suggestion of ladies of both organizations, a union meeting of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies was announced. The spacious church was filled to overflowing by a deeply interested audience, including large numbers of the representative women of Methodism, brought here by the General Conference. The meeting was under the auspices of the union auxiliary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which alternately furnished the programme. Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, the respective presidents, presiding.

Mrs. Skidmore, secretary of the New York branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, told of her experience in organizing the Foreign Missionary Society. She gave an account of her work at the Five Points Mission in New York City.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, national president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was cordially greeted, and gave an interesting and profitable talk. She said that there was no "home" nor "foreign" work—it was all mission work. Only one woman in ten in the Methodist church is doing missionary work.

Mrs. Keene, secretary of the Philadelphia branch Woman's Foreign Mission Society, said: "This work takes in everybody; the little boy in your alley, the woman who does your scrubbing, the heathen in the uttermost parts of the earth."

Mrs. R. S. Rust, corresponding secretary of the national organization, was next introduced, as one of the founders of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. B. R. Cowan, secretary of the Cincinnati branch, and sister of Bishop Thoburn, spoke of the home among the hills of southeastern Ohio.

Mrs. E. L. Albright, secretary of a southern bureau in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, said: "There is such great need for mission work in our own country. We have no immigration laws that restrict. Crime is on the increase. Vice and sin go unscathed. The Woman's Home Missionary Society commenced its work with the black people of the South, then took the Indian, the Mormon, the poor white, and the city slums. There is great danger from the foreign masses. Degradation results largely from ignorance of household arts, which we teach in our industrial schools. We are two great sister societies and not to be in sympathy is to be less than Christian."

Mrs. Wm. B. Davis, president of the Cincinnati branch, said that almost from the cradle she had belonged to missionary societies.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson said that this was a wonderful meeting, one that could never occur again, comprising names of the women who founded both societies.

Mr. Horace Benton, of Cleveland, said he thanked God for this assembly, which would be historic in our Methodism.

Mrs. Scott, of India, declined to speak, but said that she would sing. She requested all the India missionaries present to come forward, and they joined her in singing a Hindoo hymn and a Mohammedan song.

Dr. R. S. Rust said that of the many delightful meetings he had attended during the General Conference, this surpassed all. The Holy Spirit was in the meeting in power.

Mrs. Thoburn, of India, said: "We are all in one work. There is no foreign or home society."

Mrs. Rust presented a resolution designed to crystallize the sentiment of the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Horace Benton, and adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Whereas, In the last interview of Jesus with His disciples, as recorded by St. Luke, He said unto them: 'Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye are witnesses of these things,' and as recorded by St. Mark, He said: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,' and as we in this meeting represent the missionary work of women in the Methodist church, therefore,

"Resolved, That we recognize the mission and the field entrusted to our care by the church, and we urge upon the members of our respective societies the acceptance of this duty and pledge ourselves to redouble our efforts for the conversion of the world."

## RESOLUTION.

Whereas, It has pleased God to take from the scenes of this life our friend and brother, W. S. Jackson, who was for several years a student of this school, and

Whereas, It is but fit that the death of so good a man should be chronicled by those among whom he labored; and

Whereas, That in the death of Brother Jackson this school loses one who was always active, zealous and watchful for the good of his school and church, ever ready to show himself approved unto God, devoted to the welfare of the cause of Christ; one who was, wise in counsel, fearless in action, an honest and upright man, whose combined virtues endeared him to us and not to us only but to every one who knew him. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the students and faculty of Central Tennessee College that we do mourn for our brother who has been summoned from labor to rest.

Resolved further, That we are mindful of the beauty and virtues exemplified in such a spotless life as this which Brother Jackson has left on record, and that which we deem worthy of emulation.

## THE TIME FOR BUILDING

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

The Holly Springs District Conference meets at Hernando, Miss., Wednesday, June 24th.

Our Quarterly Conference convened on the 16th and 17th, Rev. W. McDonald was on time. The annual sermon of the Oxford Graded School was preached during the Conference by Rev. Thirkield, of Canton, and at night Rev. W. McDonald preached to the edifying of all. Collection, \$25.00. The following Sunday was rally day for the parsonage and the sum of \$81.00 was raised. Our revival meeting closed with one convert. Praise the Lord.—Yours for Christ, N. H. Williams.

Mr. N. S. Wiggins, a local preacher, writes from Ardmore, I. T.: Our church was at a standstill when Rev. Wm. Allen was sent here by our much beloved P. E., Rev. J. F. Palmer. We have had some conversions and a number added to the church. Our parsonage has been renovated until it is as good as new. The mechanics are now at work building a belfry that will tower 34 feet in the air. When finished it will be the best colored church in Ardmore. The pastor has organized two new Sunday schools—one at Springer and the other at Winewood. He has also purchased a lot at Springer where we intend to build a new church soon. Rev. Allen preached the annual sermon of the K. of P. Sunday. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a number were standing out of doors. Every ear was strained to hear all that fell from his lips. A number of wholesome thoughts were spoken; and a number departed to begin life anew. All were pleased. The pastor has raised himself a few degrees in the estimation of the people. We hope that since you have taken charge of the paper, it will double its present circulation. All were glad to hear of your selection as editor by the General Conference. We have eight or ten who are just beginning to learn of the good of the church, through the Christian Advocate.

New Iberia, La.—Rev. J. L. Augustus, Rev. H. Peere, Rev. R. Anderson, Rev. W. J. Walker and Rev. J. B. Livingstone, president of the Baptist State Convention, rendered valuable service in our rally meeting the fifth Sunday in May; raised \$75; every department is looked after.—A. H. Banks, P. C.

Lewisville, Ark.—Our second Quarterly Conference was held May 30-31, with Rev. J. E. Toombs, P. E., in the chair. Reports show that we are advancing. The elder preached at 11 and 8 o'clock, and the power of the Holy Ghost came mightily upon us. Many sinners came forward for prayer and Christians were edified. Nine persons have been received in the church this quarter and the work greatly revived. And now we start shouting into our third quarter.—Phillip Owen, P. C.

College Hill, Miss.—My second Quarterly Conference convened May 30th, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair. Reports showed the work to be in good condition. This charge will be the banner charge in the district in the near future. Communed, 146; collected during the quarter, \$100.21. The pastor with two new churches is marching on.—S. D. Troupe.

East Perryville, Tenn.—Our third Quarterly Conference convened at Howard's Chapel May 9th. Rev. S. B. Dangle, P. E., being sick, Rev. A. F. Lane, of Adamsville, presided. Elder Lane preached two excellent sermons, and forty-nine partook of the Lord's Supper. It was a high day for Howard's Chapel. The floral expositon given by the Epworth League being on hand, he addressed our young ladies. His theme was "Womanhood."—J. F. R. W. Summerhill.

Austell, Ga.—The church at this place, which was in course of construction, was recently blown down, and an appeal is made for assistance in rebuilding. It will take about \$200. With the assistance of the Church Extension and other help we expect to soon rebuild.—A. D. Jones.

Pearlington, Miss.—The Pearlington charge is alive spiritually and financially. The new church is being built for the District Conference which will convene July 15th. The corner-stone laying will take place on June 28th. All the pastors of the Shubuta District are expected to be present.—W. H. Smith.

Crawford, Miss.—My second Quarterly Conference was held May 23d, with grand success. Dr. H. R. Revels, our presiding elder, being absent on account of having to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Alcorn University, Rev. A. J. Trice presided. All reports showed

the work prosperous. Sunday school and Epworth League second to none. We expect to have a Southwestern day after Children's Day. Conversions this quarter, four; baptized, nine; accessions, twelve; communicants, ninety-four; collection, \$15.40—Wm. Bell.

Crystal Springs Circuit, Miss.—Sunday, May 17th, was a fine time with the members and friends of White Oak Church. A grand class rally resulted in raising \$25.45 for the pastor. Revs. H. Treece and J. B. Smith rendered good service.—P. H. Rembert.

Lauderdale, Miss.—Our Quarterly Conference convened at Antioch Church on May 20, 1896. The conference was well entertained. Elder Trotter was worthy of great praise. He made quite an impression in the conference.—H. B. Key.

Howell, Ark.—The corner-stone laying of Markim Chapel M. E. Church will take place July 19th, at Howell, Ark. Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, of Wesley Chapel, will preach at 10 a. m., Rev. W. O. Emory, of the Little Rock District, at 3 p. m., and J. W. Jackson at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Thomas Mason will also be on hand. We want \$150 that day. All the ministers are invited.—D. H. E. Harris.

Morton, Miss.—My second Quarterly Conference convened May 7th with Presiding Elder J. C. Houston in the chair. The brethren were present with well written reports, which showed the work in a prosperous condition. Collection \$10.25. I have secured land and built a new parsonage. Lumber is being hauled to build our new church in the town of Morton.—E. P. Chapman, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—After much meditation and prayer the work at this place has become spiritually alive. Souls are being converted and added to the church. Every interest of the church is being looked after. My pledge to the Southwestern is not forgotten.—G. W. Brame, P. C.

Anguilla, Miss.—Our second quarterly Conference convened at Harris Chapel May 9-10. We had a very good time, considering the people could not well leave their crops. Collection for elder \$7.00. I am doing all I can toward putting the Southwestern in all the homes of our people. We are raising money to build a new church.—H. Heslop.

Pocahontas, Va.—Our third Quarterly Conference was held May 9th. The business moved off nicely and at the close of the conference our dear beloved presiding elder, W. H. Pleasant, presented claims of the Southwestern. He preached two strong sermons. Thirty-three received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Collection during the quarter, \$120.83.—W. E. Mitchell, P. C.

Houston, Miss.—My second Quarterly Conference was held May 4-5. Reports from all departments of the church showed progress. Our presiding elder, P. O. Jamison, was on time. He spoke cheering words for the Southwestern. The benevolences are being looked after. Our motto is come to the front on all the departments of the church.—W. E. Logan.

Hoschton, Ga.—Our Easter exercises at this place were carried out with great success. Miss Lula Miller gave the introductory address, also a paper on Easter Sabbath. We raised \$6.63.—W. Sagoes, Pastor.

Mount Zion Circuit, Tenn.—Our third Quarterly Conference was held May 2d. Reports shows that the work is alive. Rev. L. M. Moores, P. E., was on time, preached two stirring sermons, and urged the church to set its affection on things above. We are moving forward; raised on Easter for missions \$5.10, and paid to the presiding elder \$13.15. Our April meeting was a success. Three souls professed Christ. Rev. T. Belcher, of the Rock Springs charge, was with us; spent a few days with us in revival. Rev. Jesse P. Price, of Gallatin, accompanied by Rev. John B. Bradford, of Lebanon charge, spent one evening with us in the interest of the Epworth League. Their visit was animating to the cause.—John W. Hall, P. C.

Clinton, La.—On May 2d, the stillness of the night was broken by the song, "The Lord Will Provide." This band was led by a host of members and friends of our church. Speeches stating the object of the visitors were made by F. Dotson and A. Robinson, and were responded to by Rev. R. E. Worsham and the writer. After many sweet songs, the visitors said good-night, leaving nearly 100 pounds of good things and some cash. We welcome such visitors at any time.—J. O. Richards.

Ackerman, Miss.—Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Rock Port

May 9-10. Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., was on time, looking after all the work of the church. He preached two grand sermons, and gave a timely address to the young people. He and the people are close to each other. Thirty-five members answered roll call. The reports showed progress on all lines; 106 partook of the Lord's Supper.—J. M. Nevils, P. C.

West Point Circuit, Miss.—This is my first year on this work, and I found my people with a good spirit and alive on this work.—O. W. Crump, P. C.

Vicksburg District, Miss.—My first Quarterly Conference was held March 7-8th by Rev. S. A. Cowan, who preached one able sermon, and administered the sacrament to forty-nine persons.—M. Cooper, P. C.

Oxford Circuit, Miss.—Our second Quarterly Conference convened May 22d, with W. H. Golden in the chair. Reports were encouraging. We carried out the Easter programme and it was a grand time. Total for Easter \$5.66; total collection this quarter \$55.40.—J. J. Johnson, P. C.

Oak Hill Circuit, Ala.—We held our Easter services on April 19th. The programme was neatly carried out. The Rev. Dr. Mason preached eloquently on the occasion to a great multitude of people. The collection resulted in an advance of 12 per cent. over that of last year at this time. The Rev. V. D. Jenkins, our beloved pastor, is leading all the different departments of the great work of our church to victory.—William T. Brantly.

## NOTICE.

To the members of the Huntsville District attending the Sunday school convention to be at Lovelady June 18 to 21, there will be reduced rates of the L. and G. N. R. R. from Houston to Crockett, on the certificate plan. Call for certificate when purchasing tickets.—A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

## SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

On and after June 1st, excursion tickets to summer resorts in the North and East will be on sale from all stations on the Texas and Pacific Railway, limited for return to October 31st.—Gaston Meslier, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

Navasota, Tex.—Rev. Pierre Landry, P. E., of the New Orleans South District Louisiana Conference, has spent some time in Texas, especially in the Navasota District, looking after the interest of his deceased son, P. of Oscar W. Landry, who was murdered in the discharge of his duty, the 12th day of May. The father of the deceased has been to us as water is to thirsty souls or as good news from a far country. His wonderful help and the good he has done while among us, especially in our law-abiding little city, Navasota, will not be clearly revealed until we shall strike glad hands on the eternal shore. He has met hundreds of friends both white and colored, who are friends to his murdered son, even in his grave—this they expressed to him. He preached at Lee Tabernacle, M. E. Church at 3 p. m. the last Sunday in May, which will live in the hearts of all those who heard him until we shall hear the roll call in heaven, for many were there. Sunday night Rev. H. S. McMillan, of Hempstead, preached us one of his famous soul-stirring sermons. After which Rev. Pierre Landry, P. E., took charge of the church. As a general of the Lord's host, he general and marshalled the host well. The Lord continue to bless this grand hero. He is truly a leader of men. His sermon, lectures and good deeds while with us will live in our hearts and will be remembered when passing out from to the great beyond. He is full of sunshine. Bro. Landry, come again. We welcome you at any time to the Navasota District. The people of this town as well as in the country will never forget Rev. Pierre Landry. His subject: "Thy Kingdom Come." We closed with a wonderful collection. Praise the Lord.—W. L. Duncan, P. E.

## LOW VACATION RATES.

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#### THE NEW EDITOR'S SALUTATION.

In assuming the duties connected with my position as editor of this paper, I do so, I trust, fully conscious of the great responsibility which such a position brings to me. I consider it an important trust to be charged with the duty to select and otherwise prepare the reading matter for such a constituency as I am to serve, many of whom will have no other religious periodical. It is a responsible task to be expected to dictate, at least to some extent, the policy and regulate the line of thought to be pursued by our patronizing territory.

While I am confident it would have been an easy matter for the General Conference to have chosen any one of a number of others far more able than myself, I dare say they could have selected no one who realizes more fully the gravity of the situation and his need of divine aid for the responsibilities thus allotted.

Then, too, I am confident my task would be greatly simplified were it not that I follow such men as Drs. Hartzell, Taylor, Albert and my immediate predecessor, Dr. Hammond. These are men honored and beloved by the church, who have achieved such a degree of distinction that their names and deeds will be recorded on the pages of Methodist history, and future generations will agree with the present in acknowledging them great. By the side of their greatness as orators, writers and Christian ministers, I have nothing to offer but this simple promise: I shall do my best. By this purpose and spirit I have been actuated in the performance of each and every duty hitherto assigned me by our great church.

How far it is my duty to please, I beg you to determine by the great rule of right. To please everyone I believe to be as impossible as it is unnecessary; hence I have settled my course to this extent: The Southwestern will be loyal, Christian and patriotic.

I conceive it to be of the highest importance at such a time as this that the paper shall be thoroughly loyal to God and our great church, and more especially that part of the church which we are intended to represent. In order to carry out this purpose fully, I am sure it will need to be Christian to the core. God helping us, the Southwestern shall give no uncertain sound as to its position on the great moral issues of our day.

Christian patriotism is the foundation stone of the American Republic. To do and die for God and native land should be the highest ambition of every American citizen. Christian patriotism will protect not our country alone, but the rights and home of each individual citizen. Our only hope in this country is to cultivate this spirit in ourselves and commend it to our neighbors. Under its exalted and peace-bestowing influence, all sectional lines will be obliterated, all color prejudice must finally disappear.

I have been repeatedly assured by many that I shall have both their assistance and best wishes. I am sure I shall need both and shall strive to merit and hold the same. I feel confident of this one thing and that is: If the patronizing territory will take hold of the paper as it should, we can come to self-support and become a power in the land.

I have had some experience in the newspaper line which will, without doubt, be of service to me, but I shall have much to learn and not a few things to unlearn, in all of which I ask your indulgence and assistance.

Isaiah B. Scott.

#### THE PAPER TO BE ENLARGED.

It certainly will be, but you must help to do it. The agents are ready to make this much needed improvement for us as soon as we are ready for it. That is to say, with our subscription list as it now is, they cannot enlarge the paper without serious financial loss. Our rallying cry is to be increased 2,000 new subscribers by Jan. 1st, 1897. But bear in mind, whenever we secure that num-

ber of new subscribers, the paper will be enlarged. Can we not get them in ninety days? I am sure we can if every pastor and friend of the paper will go to work at once. Let every pastor and Presiding Elder who has pledged a certain number of subscribers to the Southwestern redeem their pledges as rapidly as possible. Every name secured will help us. Every one brings us that much nearer the enlargement. Push the canvass!

#### A PROMOTION RICHLY DESERVED.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., who was in 1891 chosen Field Agent of the Freedman's Aid Society, and subsequently elected Assistant Secretary, was on Monday, May 25th, elected a regular Secretary of that Society by a large majority. The General Conference had just chosen Dr. Hartzell, Missionary Bishop to Africa, and Dr. Mason was very properly considered his logical successor. It is worth noting that he is extremely popular with that class of our white brethren at the North who have listened to his earnest and eloquent pleading during his five years' service on behalf of the cause he represented. They believe him true and level-headed and were ready to vote for him for anything for which his name was mentioned.

#### WHAT ABOUT WILEY UNIVERSITY?

The above question has been asked me so often within the last few days that I feel compelled to write a few lines in reply.

I did not accept the position I now hold for want of interest in this most excellent institution. Since my appointment as President, I have worked, planned and sacrificed for Wiley University as I have never been called upon to do for any cause before. I greatly enjoyed the work and God blessed my efforts. The result was, old debts of long standing were paid, and I think the school fully recovered from the series of misfortunes which led to my appointment. That Wiley University should have had its misfortunes should cause no surprise when we consider that misfortunes sometimes overtake the best of men and the most worthy causes. However, let me say, in all I did and tried to do while there, I had among others this purpose constantly in view: "I desire to so administer the charge thus committed to my hands that those who superintend the affairs of our church may hereafter feel perfectly safe in appointing our young men and women to positions of honor and trust whenever there is an opportunity to do so." I do not desire this to the absolute exclusion of others equally worthy, but let it be remembered their reputation is established; ours is to be made. I know our church employs a greater number of Negro teachers in her schools than any other, but my plea is: Let the Negro be tried in this new capacity and allowed to lead the van in that, until he shall have opportunity to thoroughly establish himself in the confidence of the church and nation. The Methodist Episcopal Church has a grand opportunity to do this, and I am glad to say is measuring up to it nobly. You will not understand that I leave Wiley because I feel my work on this line fully accomplished, but because a majority of our great General Conference called me to this new field of labor. But Wiley University is still on my heart. A new building is greatly needed. I shall do my utmost to help secure it. Many things are needed, both in its Literary and Industrial Departments. For these I shall continue to plead.

I confess I leave with reluctance the devoted and earnest corps of teachers, and the hundreds of most excellent boys and girls as well, whose young lives I have tried to inspire and direct. May the Lord bless them all!

Who my successor will be is not yet known, but the authorities have the matter under advisement and I shall announce as soon as I learn.

I. B. Scott.

They are surprised in South Carolina at the number of Negroes who are able to register under the provisions of the new Constitution, which requires them to be able to read any section in it. At Columbia the bulk of those who appeared before the commissioners of registration on the first day were Negroes. The Charleston News and Courier says that "the general run of colored men could read the section just as well as the members of the convention who made the law."—Exchange.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Geo. L. Knox, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind., was greatly missed in the late General Conference.

Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., Central Missouri, served with credit to himself and the church on the Committee on the Reception of Fraternal Messengers.

Revs. Drs. Geo. Whitaker and P. A. Cool, former residents of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., are doing well in their respective charges—Detroit, Mich., and Sedalia, Mo.

Rev. C. H. Phillips, D. D., and Rev. A. J. Johnson, D. D., fraternal delegates to our General Conference from the C. M. E. and A. M. E. Churches respectively, delivered polished and scholarly addresses. They made a good impression.

The new bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church are Revs. G. W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C.; Jno. Holliday, Pittsburg, Pa., and J. B. Small, York, Pa.

The C. M. E. Church will take a Free Will Offering next August for the purpose of purchasing a building in Jackson, Tenn., for a publishing house.

Rev. C. N. Granderson, formerly of our church, was a short while since reordained in the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Louisa county, Va.

Dr. Bowen made a good impression before the A. M. E. General Conference.

Dr. Bowen (colored) of the M. E. Church, and one of the ablest men of that denomination, none excepted, as the fraternal delegate from his church, delivered a matchless address in the afternoon to a crowded house. His address was unquestionably the most scholarly and reasoning we have ever heard. Dr. Jackson responded and surpassed his usual sterling eloquence in replying.—Florida Christian Recorder.

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The Presbyterian Banner is authority for the following story:

"A backwoods preacher, who knew little of books of theology, but who had what was a vast deal better, a practical knowledge of salvation through Christ, was before a Conference Committee once for examination.

"'Brother,' said one of his examiners, 'will you please name some of the evidences of the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ?'

"The brother's face wore an expression of puzzled bewilderment, and he was silent. The examiner repeated his question: 'What makes you think Christ is divine?'

"With his eyes full of tears he started to his feet, and, stretching out his arms and hands, he exclaimed:

"'How do I know he's divine? Why, bless you, he saved my soul and I love him for it.'"

You have been reading in the papers about the appalling defects of the Methodist Episcopal machine. Most of that is talk, my son. You have been told that the coming General Conference will reform the church in many ways. Most of that is also talk. Some men are born tinkers. Some tinkers will be in the General Conference. But among so many careful and solid men, the tinkering of the tinkers will not count. The fact is, my son, not one alleged reform in fifty-five will be adopted, and when the Conference adjourns you will be able to recognize the old church without difficulty even after dark.—Epworth Herald.

Banquet Without Wine.—It was a men's banquet too, the anniversary of the Bookkeepers' Beneficial Association of Philadelphia. Water was the only beverage save the coffee that followed the dessert. Of course all good business men will be glad to have their bookkeepers sober. They will do their work better and be more likely to keep their employers' business secrets. Workmen and employees of all kinds are learning how much better it is for them to be sober, total abstainers; but how long it has taken them to find it out.—Temperance Banner.



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The New York District Epworth League of the New York East Conference at its semi-annual convention held in Washington Park M. E. Church, Bridgeport, Conn., May 28, 1896, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, first, That the New York District Epworth League hereby suggests to the Chapters of our district that a free-will or self-denial offering for missions be made on July 4, 1896, to be applied towards the payment of the debt of the Missionary Society.

Resolved, second, That this action be reported to the secretaries of the Missionary Society, with the suggestion that if our action be approved by them, a request for similar action be made by the secretaries through the press of our church to all the Chapters of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### A RAILROAD MAN'S PRAYER.

An old railroad worker was converted, and being present at a meeting at which there were many inquirers, he was asked to lead in prayer.

He hesitated a moment, and then with trembling lips, but clear, resounding voice, he said reverently: "O, Lord, now that I have flagged thee, lift up my feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety lamp known as prudence, make all the couplings in the train with the strong link of thy love, and let my hand lamp be the Bible. And, Heavenly Father, keep all switches closed that lead off on the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O, Lord, if it be thy pleasure, have every semaphore block along the line show the white light of hope, that I may make the run of life without stopping. And, Lord, give us the ten commandments for a schedule; and when I have finished the run on schedule time, pulled into the great dark station of death, may thou, the superintendent of the universe, say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay-roll and receive your check for eternal happiness.'—Ram's Horn.

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### SIDE LIGHTS ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

From Christian Advocate, May 14, 1896. Among the numerous and diversified exercises which make up the programme at a General Conference are evening mass-meetings of every description. Monday evenings are devoted to the reception of fraternal delegates from various bodies. Other evenings are surrendered to anniversaries of a dozen or more organizations, beginning with the Book Concern.

Five of the best nights, however, have been reserved by the Committee on Arrangements for a series of patriotic lectures. This committee has been subjected to a very large outlay in providing accommodations for the Conference. It assumed the responsibility of temporarily fitting up the Central Armory for the use of the body. This is an enormous stone structure recently erected, and never yet occupied. It was internally incomplete. To change the vast drill room into an auditorium with platform galleries and seating conveniences was a task of formidable proportions; to fit up retiring rooms for bishops, committees, societies, etc., and to furnish postal, telegraphic, and other required accommodations was a costly undertaking; this, however, was all done, and most excellently done. The amount expended was large, aggregating probably \$10,000 at least. This was a heavy burden for Cleveland Methodism to accept, and the committee which authorized these outlays is amply justified in seeking financial aid. It does this through the course of lectures mentioned above. Tickets for the entire five, including a reserved seat, are sold at \$2 each.

On these nights this committee controls the whole house. There is not supposed to be a single "deadhead" seat in the building. Even those who have hired private boxes cannot occupy them without paying an entrance fee. Yet on Wednesday evening an immense audience was present. It was the opening night of the lecture course. Galleries, pit, platform, and even unreserved seats, were thronged. It was a distinguished audience. There sat a dozen bishops, whose authority reaches round the globe. A lieutenant governor from Vermont occupied the central chair. Judges from several of the great commonwealths were visible here and there. Scores of editors and doctors of divinity could be seen in every direction. Why such a gathering of notables! For the simple reason that Chaplain McCabe had been announced to lecture on the Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison.

For more than thirty years now the chaplain has been delivering this masterpiece of description and oratory. He speaks of it as the oldest "chestnut" in Methodism, but it is ever new and seems to have had a dip in the fountain of eternal youth. Many have heard it over and over again, and yet it is never twice alike, and they are glad to hear it again. It still attracts great audiences wherever announced, and the chaplain is kept busy responding to the numerous and continuous invitations from all parts of the country asking for this lecture. It has proved to be a bonanza for the church. When the chaplain was secretary of the Church Extension Society he drew the people from all directions to his meetings by inviting them to come and hear his lecture. He had no charge for admission, but, having captured his audience, he would close with a glowing appeal for church extension, and it sometimes cost the congregation thousands of dollars before they could get away. It is estimated that not less than \$150,000 in all has been placed in the treasuries of our various benevolent societies and of feeble churches through the instrumentality of this lecture.

The audience which gathered at the Armory in Cleveland on the evening of May 6th, to hear this more than "twice-told tale" were delighted at the very opening to see the chaplain seat himself at the piano preparatory to singing them a song. If there is anything the people like better than to hear the chaplain speak, it is to hear him sing. He possesses a voice of wonderful compass and sweetness. It fills the largest room and rings out with the smooth resonance of a great cathedral bell. There is no art in the singing except that of naturalness, which is higher and more captivating than any amount of mere art could be. It is a straightforward, hearty, wholesome musical talk, for the audience can always distinguish the words and are appealed to by the sentiments expressed as well as by their superbly melodious utterance. The chaplain's singing is not a performance, but a conscientious effort to rouse in human hearts a love for country and for God. That is why an audience so quickly catches up the chorus, when there is one, and joins in

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the singing. They are swept into the emotional current unawares, and begin to hum the tune as naturally as canaries begin to trill when their cages are hung side by side. Grand music is seldom heard than that which the chaplain leads.

The song ends and the lecturer begins to talk. It is as full of naturalness as is his singing. He takes everybody into his confidence by giving a simple account of the way in which this lecture came into existence. It seems that he was invited something like thirty-two years ago to address a company of children in Salome Church, Philadelphia. Being requested to speak of his army experiences, he prepared a little talk on his life in Libby Prison. As he was to address boys and girls, he left out whatever was sad and gave only the bright side. The talk was enjoyed so well that he began soon to receive invitations for its repetition elsewhere, and thus "he woke to find himself famous." He had no idea of talking on the subject except on that single occasion at Salome Church, but while "man proposes, God disposes," and he has been talking on it ever since. Moreover, he seems to enjoy it almost as well as his audiences do. His face kindles with enthusiasm as he recalls the thrilling scenes in Libby Prison when good news from the North reached its inmates, and they celebrated Union victories with song and speech and cheer. His face saddens again as he recalls the dark days which came when reverses befell our armies and tidings of foreign interference began to circulate through Richmond and the jail. His description of every-day life among the hundreds crowded into this big dungeon is vivid, and his audience sees what he saw and hears what he heard, and responds with laughter and tears. Few public speakers ever exercised a more magnetic influence over great assemblies than the chaplain wields. We were interested in watching the effects of his witchery. It affects not simply women and children, but men possessed with iron will and imperial intellects. While he was depicting the scene enacted when two of the prisoners were selected by lot to be executed, and President Lincoln, who had just secured as prisoners of war Fitz-Hugh Lee and the prison commander's son, sent word, "If you execute those men, I will execute these," there was strained attention, and we noticed that one of the bishops, who is among the most virile men in the Episcopal board, was profoundly moved.

We never saw a sadder looking face than his was at that moment. It reminded us of a masterpiece representing Christ on the Cross. This sadness was accompanied by tears, which the bishop quietly wiped away. Ever and anon the lecturer on this occasion wrought thus on the sympathies of his auditors. He sometimes reaches a climax by an innocent but ingenious maneuver. For example, near the close he announced a desire to say a few farewell words to "the boys of the war"—those who enlisted before they were twenty years of age, and suddenly said, "Will those, if there are any present, who enlisted before they were twenty please rise?" A surprised pause follows, and everyone seems to think that there could have been very few who enlisted so young, and that probably none such are present. But the chaplain understands the situation, and with another word of encouragement from him they begin to rise in every direction, and the astonished audience breaks into wild applause. It is a splendid trick, and as the tender words of appreciation and farewell to these "boys" fall upon the ears of the people thus roused to patriotic admiration they make an impression which is deep and lasting.

Led on thus from one form of emotion to another, and without a moment of dullness anywhere, the audience finally wakens to the fact that two hours have slipped away, and that the chaplain is bidding them good night and expressing an earnest desire to meet them all at headquarters some day after the final reveille of the resurrection.

An evening spent thus leaves no sting behind, and inspires one with a larger faith in both God and man. We hope that this lecture will continue to be given until the chaplain is called hence to receive his many-starred crown.—J. S. B.

### HOW SHE CALLED HIM.

Mrs. M. B. Griffith is the daughter of a Confederate officer killed during the war, leaving a destitute widow of twenty-two and three small children. A fine musical education, received in happier days, was turned to account, and Mrs. Griffith was trained for the same profession by her mother and has followed it successfully for years. During the summer of 1893 Mrs. Griffith visited the World's Fair, and, for the first time in her life, heard a chime of bells. In her enthusiastic pleasure over this new experience she sought the bell tower and made the acquaintance of Prof. Burbridge, the player, who, finding her interested, explained the method of playing and writing the music. Two days remained of her visit, during which she was permitted to play tunes on the bells, to her great delight. She thought no more of the incident in her busy home life until, shortly before the opening of the Atlanta Exposition, she received word from the commissioners that, upon consulting Prof. Burbridge, he had recommended her as a ringer for their bells. Thus far a peculiar interest attaches to her position, this being the first chime of bells ever heard within Georgia.

During the short time allowed her before the opening of the exposition she wrote a repertoire of one hundred pieces for the bells, some of which might have been heard each day ringing out over the grounds. Mrs. Griffith told us of an incident which had occurred to her in the rather monotonously recurring days of her life in the tower, which, told in her pretty Southern way, was so delightful, I shall endeavor to reproduce it here. The 7-year-old son of Mrs. Griffith spent many days with her, wandering out into the grounds when tired and being recalled to her by a tune from the bells. One afternoon Mrs. Griffith, forgetting for the once her boy, locked the tower and strolled away, not proceeding far before remembering her charge. She hastened back, expecting to find him awaiting her on the tower stairs. Instead there stood an old gentleman gazing out over the darkening grounds, lit up here and there by fore-runners of the electric lights so soon to transform the scene, to whom Mrs. Griffith said: "O, sir! have you seen a small boy about here, with beautiful brown eyes and a little red necktie?" The gentleman had not and was somewhat surprised to have the anxious mother unlock the tower doors, explaining she "must ring for him." Presently out from the tower floated the notes of "Home, Sweet Home," and the old gentleman watching below saw a small boy fly across the plaza and up the tower stairs. The sweet, safe shelter of mother's arms attained, the small boy panted out: "I'd borrowed a nickel and was starting for the city when I heard the bells, and I said, 'Nobody can play like that but my mamma, an' so I came oack.'"

Mrs. Griffith found under the tower door the next morning the card of the old gentleman, and on it was written: "The little boy of seven was not the only one who had tears on his cheeks when you played 'Home, Sweet Home.'"  
—Northern Christian Advocate.

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Track Athletics in Detail is the title of a book compiled by the editor of a department in Harper's Round Table, and published to-day by Harper & Bros. From the introduction we extract the following sentences, which contain a clear statement of the design and scope of the work: "These papers are rather to aid and instruct the young athlete who is so situated that he cannot secure the personal training and instruction available to those who live in large cities, or who attend schools and colleges where physical instruction forms part of the regular work. A majority of the illustrations are direct reproductions from photographs taken of the best and most experienced exponents of each special event, and the accompanying text has in most cases been revised by the athletes represented. In this way there is offered to the reader the clearest possible explanation and description that can be obtained of the standard athletic events, and every one who follows the directions and suggestions offered may feel confident that he is working along the right track, and that when he eventually secures the assistance of a trainer he will not find it necessary to start again at the beginning and unlearn all that he had hitherto looked upon as the correct method. Because of the widespread interest in the bicycle, it has seemed advisable to add a chapter on bicycling for men and one on bicycling for women, and a few hints and suggestions on the care of the wheel."

The supplement to Harper's Weekly for June 6th will be largely devoted to "China To-day," concluding the observations and studies of that country by the members of the World's Transportation Commission. The Great Wall, the Chinese Railway, and Russian Influence are among the interesting topics discussed and illustrated. Apropos of the beginning of the yachting season, there will be a double-page drawing by T. de Thulstrup, illustrating the recent improvements in the house and grounds of the Larchmont Yacht Club. The recent opening to settlement of the Red Lake Indian reservation will be the subject of an illustrated article.

"Rigs and Makeshifts of the Small Boat" is the title of an illustrated article that Dudley D. F. Parker will contribute to Harper's Round Table dated June 2d. It is of special interest, and will commend itself to yachtsmen's attention, as it contains many practical hints and suggestions on the handling of yachts. In the same number, in the fifth paper of a series on "How Magic is Made," Henry Hatton will disclose more of the mysteries of that art. William Drysdale will contribute a story entitled "Christobel the Catalan," and there will be an installment of Marian Harland's serial entitled "An 'Old-Field' School-Girl," and of Kirk Munroe's serial entitled "Rick Dale." There will also be another letter from the "Chums," and the usual number of interesting short stories, departments, illustrations, etc. Harper & Bros., publishers, New York.

The New England Magazine for June is an unusually beautiful number, very strong in its important illustrated articles, the principal of which are devoted to Mt. Auburn, the old town of Andover, which celebrates at this time its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and the Boston Water System. "How Boston Gets Its Water" is the title of the article upon the last of these subjects, and a most interesting article it is, giving the history of the development of the present Boston water system. Miss Helen Marshall North contributes one of her admirable New England character studies entitled "Uncle Seth." There are other short stories, and there are poems, several of them relating to Memorial Day. The Editor's Table is devoted to a study of Immanuel Kant's great essay on "Eternal Peace" published a

hundred years ago, which was a remarkable prophecy of international arbitration and the federation of the world, for which political reforms to-day are so earnestly working. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

The June number of The Preacher's Magazine is at hand with its charming contents. A Missionary Sermon, of sterling worth, by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, appears as leader in this issue. Also a sermon by Rev. W. L. Watkinson, entitled "The Life Indeed," of great excellency. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse contributes another article to "In the Banqueting House" series termed "The Full Beauty." It is full of beauty. "A Flower Sermon," by F. W. Farrar, D. D., is rich and beautiful and appropriate for the season. A full and choice number of sketches, sermons and outlines is to be found in the Homiletical Department. It is one of the best of this steadily growing and popular magazine. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

"Thrilling Moments" in sport, travel, and adventure are described for the readers of the Outlook in its annual Recreation number by the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, Gen. A. W. Greely, Charles F. Lummis, Thomas W. Knox, Ernest Ingersoll, Walter Camp, Kirk Munroe, and J. H. Sears. These personal experiences relate to fishing, hunting, canoeing, mountain-climbing, war, Indian-scouting, etc., and are genuine incidents told by men who are peculiarly identified with various phases of sport and outdoor life, and are at the same time writers of recognized ability. Dan Bard has illustrated these true stories admirably in his characteristic manner. Ten cents. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.

The June Arena opens its 16th volume, appearing in a new dress, and being printed by Skinner, Bartlett & Co. It is an unusually strong number, opening with a brilliant paper by Rev. Samuel Barrows, D. D., the distinguished editor of the "Christian Register" of Boston, on "The First Pagan Critic of Christian Faith and His Anticipation of Modern Thought." Prof. Parsons, of Boston University Law School, continues his masterly papers on the "Government Control of Telegraph," a series of careful papers hitherto unapproached in authoritative character. These are by no means the full quota of the strong attractions of this brilliant number of America's great progressive, reformative and liberal review.

The Decoration Day number of the New York Ledger, with its four cover pages and its newly increased number of inside pages, is a marvel of cheapness even in this age of low-priced literature. There is no extra charge for the special numbers which are issued on every holiday, and which contain a rich table of contents illustrated with a cover of surpassing beauty. The price of the holiday numbers of the Ledger is the same as the regular weekly issues—only five cents.

## GRANT.

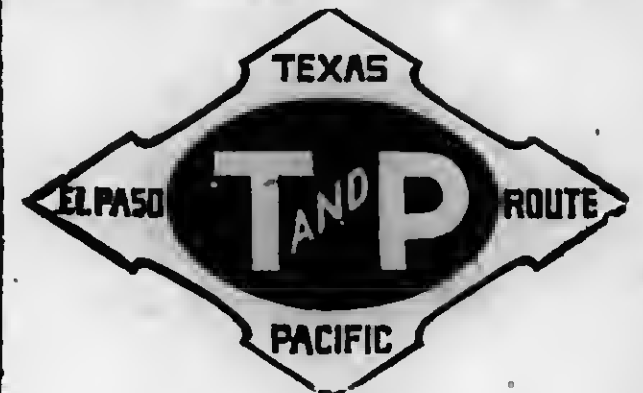
General U. S. Grant in all the qualities which make the man, the patriot, and the hero, stands unequalled in modern history. No higher encomium could be paid to his character than that he was true and faithful to his country. Under the qualities of faith and courage he rose in a short time to the highest position ever occupied by any man in the hearts of the people. From a life of comparative obscurity he became in a few months the idol of the nation. It was not by accident, nor by any of those inexplicable impulses which at times suddenly move the multitude, but it was by the unfolding and developing of the latent forces which, awaiting God's own time, had found their occasion and opportunity. There can be no more doubt that God raised up Washington, Lincoln and Grant for the work they did than that Moses, and Joshua, and David were selected by God for the work they did.

God chooses the men when he has a work of importance. David's father did not think it worth while to call him from the field. The father would never have selected David. Gideon, that wonderful warrior, whose battle cry was, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," was a poor and humble man. His family was among the poorest in Israel. Lincoln, whose name stands alongside that of Washington, could not have dreamed of the honors that awaited him when he worked for \$12 a month on a farm. There were hundreds of men that entered the army that seemed to have a better chance to raise to the position of commander-in-chief than Gen. Grant. He commenced at the bottom round of

the ladder. There was no wealthy friend to hold out his hand and help him mount the ladder. But from the hour that he entered the service of his country oneness and firmness of purpose, faith in the cause he has espoused, and honest devotion to his country's flag, became the ruling principles of his life. Determination was marked in all he did (he was not a speechmaker). A military career of unwonted success and rapid personal advancements such as might have turned the head of others, never for a moment led him to forget the duty that he owed to his country. Gen. Grant never skulked, but was always the leader.

Gen. Grant was a magnanimous man, and the succeeding generations who will read the history of the war will look with wonder at the conqueror who did not cease to respect the feelings of his fallen foe. Never in history did a general receive the surrender of an army as Grant received the surrender of Lee. He asked for the surrender to save the shedding of more blood; and when Lee gave up to him his sword, Grant gave it back to him. There were no conditions imposed by Grant to the fallen foe that tended to add needless humiliation. Grant said to Lee, "I will instruct my paroling officers that all the enlisted men of your cavalry and artillery who own horses are to retain them just as the officers do theirs. They will need them for their spring plowing and other farm work."

When the war was over and he was nominated for the highest position in the gift of the nation, he closed his letter of acceptance with the words, "Let us have peace." The Old World did him honor. His trip around the world was a continuous ovation of praise. When he returned home he met a welcome such as has never been accorded another American citizen. Grant was a believer in the Christian religion, and died in the Christian faith.—Philadelphia Methodist.



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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21 1896.

## THE RISEN LORD.

Luke 24:36-53.

Golden Text—"The Lord is risen indeed" (Luke 24:34).

The body of Jesus was taken from the cross by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. They wrapped it in a linen shroud, laid it in Joseph's new tomb, rolled a great stone over the entrance, and went their way. The governor's seal was placed on the stone and a guard stationed about the tomb. On the morning of the third day there was an earthquake, an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone, and Jesus came forth from the grave. No one saw Him arise, yet all knew He had arisen. Ten times did He appear to His disciples between His resurrection and ascension. In this lesson we have His fifth and last appearance on the day He arose from the dead.

1.—Jesus convincing (36-43). 1. The appearance. The disciples were assembled, likely in that upper room, and the doors were shut for fear of the Jews. As they ate their evening meal, they listened to the story of the resurrection as told by Cleopas and his companion. Suddenly "Jesus stood in the midst of them." No one knew how He had entered. He broke the silence by saying, "Peace be unto you." He had not come as an avenging judge. They had forsaken and denied Him, yet He held nothing against them. Jesus is ever near His worshippers. "When two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). "They that fear the Lord spoke often one to another" (Mal. 3:16).

2. The effect of His appearance was wonderful—"They were terrified and afrighted." Why? They knew His body was not in the tomb. The angel had told them He was alive, some of them had seen Him, and yet when He stood in their midst they supposed "they had seen a spirit." They likely thought this because He entered without noise when the doors were shut and barred. After the resurrection the body of Jesus was not subject to the law of gravitation, neither did material walls hinder its progress.

3. Proofs of His identity. (1) He appealed to their reason—"Why are ye troubled? and why thoughts arise in your hearts?" They acted like superstitious children, that had never been taught the resurrection. "Why should it be thought a thing incredible that God should raise the dead" (Acts 26:8). It is not contrary to reason. (2) He appealed to their sight—"Behold my hands and feet." They saw Him nailed to the cross, and they may now see the holes in His hand made by the spikes. His form, features and voice strengthen this proof. It is likely His appearance and voice were not what they were when He was crucified. The terrestrial body was changing to the body celestial. (3) He appealed to their touch—"Handle me." There are spirits, and their dwelling place is shades. They have not now flesh and bones because death has robbed them of these. Jesus was not a spirit. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen" (Rev. 7:18). (4) Still they "believed not for joy." It was news too great and glorious to be credited. But every doubt must be swept away. He called for food; it was given and He ate before them. And now they were no doubt ready to cry out, as did Thomas a week later—"My Lord, and my God."

II.—Jesus teaching (44-49). 1. The Scriptures. They are divided here into the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms. The entire Old Testament teaches Christ. The redemption of the world by Him is the theme of the Bible. These facts Jesus had taught them "while He was yet with them." Some books teach His life, other His death, and others His resurrection. He was taught as a Prophet (Deut. 18:15), as a Priest (Psa. 110:4), and as a King (Psa. 2:6).

2. Understanding the Scriptures—"Then opened He their mind that they might understand the Scriptures." "He breathed on them and said: 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost' (John 20:22). The Holy Spirit was given as they were able to bear it. They had Him in a measure before the death of Jesus; here more was given, and on the day of Pentecost He was shed forth in all His fullness. The design in giving the Spirit here was to aid in understanding the Scriptures. The things of God "are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things

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our of thy law" (Psa. 119:18). "When the Spirit of truth is come He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). All preachers and teachers in Sunday schools are wretched expounders of the word of God without the aid of the Holy Spirit.

3. The chief doctrines of the Scriptures. Christ is the subject, and the leading acts of His life are the cardinal teachings of this subject. (1) The death of Jesus—"Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer." Sad is the story of the trial and death of Christ. His greatest trials were His temptation in the wilderness, His conflict in the garden. His mock trial, His bitter scourging and His shameful death on the cross. (2) The resurrection of Jesus—"And rise again from the dead on the third day." The leading thought of the Gospel is His resurrection. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). Let Jesus be preached as a living and highly exalted Savior. (3) The remission of sins in the name of Jesus—"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name." Faith, a repentance, prayer go before the remission of sins. Pardon, cleansing and the witness of the Spirit go with the remission of sins. And a godly, consecrated, holy life should follow the remission of sins.

4. These doctrines are to be preached. (1) "At Jerusalem." Why? (a) Because God has so willed it—"For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:3). (b) Because there Jesus had lived, died and arose from the dead. Let those who knew Him while on earth investigate these doctrines. (c) Because God would set us the example of forgiving enemies. It was at Jerusalem where Jesus received His worst treatment. God would have them know there is remission for them if they will repent and believe the Gospel. (2) "Among all nations." They are for Gentiles same as Jews. The blessed Christ "by the grace of God, tasted death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). It was hard for the apostles to learn that the Gospel was for the heathen. There is an election of faith and a reprobation of unbelief. But whosoever will may be saved.

5. The disciples "are witnesses of these things." That Christ is the theme of the Scriptures; that the Word of God is spiritually discerned; that sins are remitted through the death and resurrection of Christ, and that these doctrines are to be preached to all nations. There is a sense in which the Bible and the Son of God are on trial in the world today. Many say they are not what they claim to be. But we know they are true, and must affirm the same to a gain-saying world.

6. The promise of the Father—"Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This refers, no doubt, to the gift of the Holy Spirit. He had been promised by Isaiah, Ezekiel and Joel. He was given, in part, when the Saviour opened their mind that they might understand the Scriptures, and in His fullness on the day of Pentecost. They needed the Holy Spirit to comfort their heart; to teach them the will of God; to bring all things to their remembrance; to testify of the goodness of God; to reprove the world of sin; to guide them into all truth and to show them the things of God.

III.—Jesus ascending (50-53). Forty days have passed since the event of the last verse occurred. The disciples are again in Jerusalem. Jesus is with them. The time for His ascension is at hand.

1. The place—"He led them out as far as to Bethany." He conducted them from that noted "upper room" over the Kidren to the summit of Olivet, and down the eastern side till Bethany was in full view. It was the great Shepherd again leading His flock. Christ has ever been going before and guiding His church from conquest to victory. It is likely they had some idea of what would soon transpire.

2. The blessing—"He lifted up His hands and blessed them." I do not suppose His hands rested on them. He likely extended them and pronounced a benediction on His followers. What were the words of this blessing? We know not. But they may have been like those God gave Moses to pronounce on the children of Israel—"The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine in upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace" (Numb. 6:24-26). Christ is always blessing His church with every needed comfort.

3. The ascension—"He was parted from them and carried up into heaven." As He spread His hands over them and pronounced a blessing upon them, He separated Himself from them. Slowly He began to arise. Earth had lost her power to keep Him. Heaven was claiming her own. As He floated away through the yielding air, His eyes were bent down upon the disciples. His hands extended in benedictions over them, and His voice was heard dying away in blessings upon them. In silence they followed Him with their eyes. His body lessened to sight. A cloud inclosed Him. They saw Him no more. But they may have heard the hosts of heaven sing: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty; the Lord mighty in battle. He is the King of Glory" (Psa. 24:7-8). Jesus is to-day seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high—"Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Ephc. 1:21).

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If I were told that I should die to-morrow,  
That the next sun which sinks  
Should bear me past all fear and sorrow—  
What should I do?  
I do not think that I would shrink or falter,  
But just go on  
Doing my work, nor change, nor see to alter  
Aught that is gone;  
But rise, and move, and love, and smile,  
and pray  
For one more day.  
And lying down at night for one last sleeping,  
Say in that ear  
Which harkens ever, "Lord, within thy keeping  
How should I fear?  
And when to-morrow brings thee nearer still,  
Do thou thy will."  
—Christian Advocate.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Avoid all appearance of evil.

What good books have you read this year?

Let your light shine wherever you go for God.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Do nothing that you cannot do for the glory of God.

A kind word will go farther and strike harder than a cannon ball.

To think of it, the church has no longer a Chaplain McCabe!

Improve your time and make the most of life for you will never pass this way again.

You can sin by omitting to do what you ought, as well as by doing what you ought not.

Girls you will be the stronger and safer if you will frown down some people on whom you now bestow smiles.

The man who plays the fool to entertain others is hardly more responsible for his actions than those who are entertained by him.

The people said you preached a great sermon, but what did you say? How much thought did you put in it? How much reading did you do to prepare it? How much real earnest prayer?

To us it seems exceedingly strange that the National prohibition Convention should split on the money question. Brethren, while you are contending over the single gold standard and the coinage of silver at 16 to 1, your common foe goes right on coining heart pangs, shattered hopes and neglected children at a ratio perhaps very little less than 16 to every \$1 spent in the liquor traffic.

The all important question of removing the time limit stands where it did before the assembling of the General Conference, and will so continue for another four years at least. The report of the Committee on Itinerancy on this subject was not called up till the last night of the session of the General Conference, and, judging from the closing vote by which the substitute to remove the limit altogether was tabled, we are of the opinion that there would have been an extension of the time in some form had there been sufficient time to consider it properly.

## A MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

Rev. D. J. Price, the pastor of Simpson Chapel, and the members and friends of his church did themselves much credit in the management of the brilliant reception tendered Bishop Hartzell, Drs. Mason and Hammond, delegates to the late General Conference, and the editor of the Southwestern. The church was crowded at an early hour, and the great audience seemed to enjoy much the addresses delivered. The audience-room was beautifully decorated and all the surroundings were of a character to impress one with a feeling of welcome and put even the rank-est stranger at ease. Rev. Pierre Landry presided.

The music furnished by the choir was of a high grade, and the vocal solos rendered by Mrs. B. M. Hubbard and Miss J. V. Stewart deserve special mention.

The report which follows is a part of that given by the Daily Picayune of this city.

An outline of Dr. Mason's address may be found in another column.

The platform, upon which were seated the distinguished guests, the delegates, and the pastors of Methodist Episcopal Churches participating in the ceremonies, was bordered with flowing draperies ornamented with trailing evergreens and clusters of flowers. Over the arch back of the rostrum a trophy of national colors was capped with a floral inscription, "Welcome." Beneath this inscription was the words, "Hail Bishop Hartzell and Dr. Mason" and "Welcome Dr. Scott, Well Done Dr. Hammond."

This appropriate and tasteful decoration was the work of a committee composed of Mrs. E. Moore, president; Amelia Warren, N. Sloan, J. Royster, M. Warfield, M. Collins, L. Garrett, E. Gesnon, M. Oubes, Messrs. M. R. Hite, Z. Smith, P. R. Moore, H. T. S. Johnson, E. P. Damon, H. Davis, Major West, L. A. Dunbar and Thomas Smith.

Not all the delegates were present. Dr. (now bishop) Hartzell could not attend. He is in Cincinnati, preparing to leave for his post in Africa, having been appointed missionary bishop to Africa at the recent session of the General Conference. Dr. A. E. P. Albert also was missed. He wired from Baldwin, La., that he was unable, owing to professional duties, to attend the reception. Rev. Pierre Landry, Rev. Stephen Duncan were present; also Rev. Drs. T. J. Johnson, W. R. Butler and T. C. Montgomery, fraternal delegates of the preachers' meeting to the General Conference.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, the new secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and Dr. I. B. Scott, appointed by the General Conference to the editorial chair of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, were the distinguished guests of the evening.

Dr. Mason enjoys the honor and the distinction of being the first colored man who has ever been appointed secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, a significant and triumphant proof of the fact that the colored element is forging ahead as a potent factor in the cause of Methodism. The new secretary is a native of Louisiana. He was born in Terrebonne parish and was educated in New Orleans, graduating at the New Orleans University. He was received in the ministry and was detailed for duty at Atlanta, Ga. He is a very erudite, eloquent and zealous, and will prove a valuable man in the special field of work incumbent upon him.

Dr. Scott, who succeeds Dr. E. W. S. Hammond as editor of the Southwestern Advocate, is from Marshall, Tex., and was president of Wiley Institute. He has the reputation of being not only a ready and pleasing writer, but of possessing rare executive ability.

The exercises opened last night with a hymn, which was followed by prayer by Rev. Charles

Monroe. Dr. L. G. Adkinson, president of New Orleans University, read a scripture lesson, after which the choir, under the leadership of P. R. Moore, and J. V. Stewart, organist, sang a beautiful anthem.

Addresses of welcome to the delegates were made by Mrs. Ada E. Lavigne, on behalf of Simpson Chapel; Rev. D. W. Boatner, of the preachers' meeting, and Rev. Stephen Duncan, for the Methodist fathers.

Rev. T. J. Johnson submitted the report of the fraternal delegates of the preachers' meeting to the late General Conference.

Mrs. B. M. Hubbard was heard in a vocal solo.

Dr. Scott also spoke. He told his hearers, in plain and sensible words, that they must support their home paper. The colored people "must come up with the round dollar" if they want the official organ of Methodism in the South to prosper. He hoped to be able, in a short time, to enroll 1000 subscribers in New Orleans, and believed that this could be accomplished if the church members but showed a little enterprise accompanying their good will.

At the conclusion of Dr. Scott's remarks, Miss J. V. Stewart favored the audience with vocal music.

Benediction, by the Rev. J. F. Marshall, closed the reception.

Henry Taylor, B. M. Hubbard, D. G. Butler and Wm. Porter were the committee on reception.

A supper was served at the Cadiz Hall, under the direction of the following committee on arrangements and decorations: S. Drummond, S. Augustus, C. V. Garrett, B. Warfield, E. Warfield, W. Warfield, J. A. Davis, S. S. Edland, T. Sears, M. Minor, E. Landry, E. Johnson, A. Scott.

Rev. D. J. Price, pastor of Simpson Chapel, was proud of the success of the reception, whose harmonious and satisfactory course was so flattering to himself and congregation.

Dr. Mason, in his address at the reception, uttered these significant words:

I must be frank with you and I invite you to be frank with me. I want you to understand my position so that I may not embarrass you and you may not embarrass me. If you sincerely believe in my election, and I cannot but believe you do, then give me a little more tangible support, than mere words of congratulation. Double your apportionment and then give me substantial support. Do not burden me with needless applications for positions. Recommend only those who have character, ability and common sense. Recommend no man because he is colored. It is no man's fault that he is a Negro and I shall not give him any special credit for it. In an address which I made at the last General Conference on the election of a man of African descent to the Episcopacy, I took the ground that no legislation should be taken to exclude our present board of bishops from the South. For the same reason I hope the time will not come when our white brethren shall not be welcomed in these institutions. The number of negro presidents, professors and teachers in our schools has constantly increased during the last ten years. This increase will be kept up and I will be only too glad to help and encourage any young colored man or woman who has character, ability and common sense, not so much because they are Negroes, but rather because they are men and women prepared for their work.

The aim of morality is to turn from sin; the aim of religion is to turn toward a Savior.

You cannot successfully live for God in public unless you live for God in secret.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FROM BOWERTON CIRCUIT.

Bowerton, Miss., June 8, 1896.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me to say through your paper that the Bowerton Circuit is slowly coming to the front. It is pastored by that upright Christian gentleman, Rev. A. Reid, accompanied by his amiable wife, Sister Amy Reid. He was sent to us in January, 1896, and found us in debt, and nowhere to live. Up to date he is moving things up. We have started the parsonage and want to try and get the pastor into it by the next quarterly Conference.

We had a rally on the fifth Sunday in May and collected \$14.40; paid part of this on indebtedness.

When Bro. Reid reached this place, an epidemic kept him from the leading point (New Hope) until first Sunday in April. The Lord lifted the disease from the neighborhood and opened the doors of the church, and we have been gradually moving off ever since. Brethren, pray with all your power while we try to move along. We are trying to annex another point to this circuit in a hard place. Pray for our success.

Bro. Reid delivered a sermon to the children which was good and edifying to both parents and children. He says if he as our co-operation, he can get us out of debt this year, and we mean to hold up his hands.

Lexington, Miss., June 10, 1896.

Dear Editor:—Please allow space for the following: The Ministerial Institute and District Conference of the Greenwood District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened at Winona, Miss., June 24 and 25th, 1896, in the M. E. Church. Rev. W. E. Mask, P. E., president, conducted Bible studies W. H. Hundley, secretary. Two days of hard work on the Bible studies was enjoyed by all present. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the following: President, W. E. Mask, P. E.; vice-president, B. F. Woolfolk; secretary, W. H. Hundley; lecturer, T. W. Davis; treasurer, D. Green.

District Conference was organized June 5th. W. E. Mask, P. E., in chair. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk was elected secretary, with F. G. Wilbon assistant. A. D. Gerren was elected statistical secretary with W. H. Hundley assistant. W. H. Hundley was elected reporter of the Conference. T. W. Davis was elected critic. Reports from presiding elder and pastors showed the district to be alive spiritually and financially. The statistics show that \$7,000 had been collected during the past six months. Full members, 3,038; Sunday schools, 50; officers and teachers, 305; scholars, 1,050, with some charges not reported.

One gratifying feature of the Greenwood district is that it has raised and sent more money to aid in the completion of Rust Hall than the whole of both Conferences in the State. The Conference licensed four preachers. Among them are three Johns and one Moses, something that rarely happens. The persons licensed are John W. Byrd, John B. Scott, John W. Buchanan and Moses Donaly. With this host of Johns and one Moses (a law-giver) we expect better work and greater results from the local ranks.

Revs. W. McDonald, P. E. Holly Springs District; E. W. Lampton, P. E. of Greenville District; A. M. E. Church, and F. H. Bunton, A. J. McAllister and W. H. Golden were visitors.

W. H. Hundley.

## WILEY UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

On May 14th, Wiley University closed one of the most successful years in its history. The attendance has been increased and the spirit of harmony, of work, of progress characterized all.

The popularity of the school was shown in the crowds that attended the exercises. At every exercise, many were turned away for the lack of even standing room.

The prize for the best essay, a gold Edworth League pin, given by Miss E. O. Elliott, was won by Miss Maggie Morrow, of Little Rock, Tex. A scholarship for the best oration, given by Miss C. I. King, was won by Mr. J. H. Roberts, of Liberty, Tex. Miss Rosa L. Stewart, of Houston, Tex., won the medal in the Demorest gold medal contest.

Dr. C. P. Westbrook, of Dallas, Tex., preached the baccalaureate sermon. It was thoughtful, earnest, and well received by the large audience that greeted him.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Duncan, of Navasota, Tex. His subject was, "No man liveth to himself," and ably did he handle it.

The Alumni exercises were of a high order. Miss Bessie Brantly and Rev.

J. C. Eusan, of Louisiana; Mrs. Prof. Billups, of Sedalia, Mo.; Miss M. L. Jones and Messrs. Walton Brown and P. F. Dennis, of Marshall, took part.

The exhibit of the beautiful sewing and excellent cooking of the King Industrial Home; the new building for carpentry and shoe departments; the work of the printing department; the drilling of the young men by Prof. Marshall; the beautiful singing in charge of Prof. J. W. Jones; the band in charge of Mr. R. E. Brown, were all interesting features of the week.

Commencement day was full of interest. A class of five strong young ladies was graduated as follows: Miss Effie E. Lewis and Marie M. Peppers, of Marshall; Miss Madara T. Foster, of Houston; Miss M. E. Luster, of Smithland; Mrs. Lucinda Brown, of Marshall.

The Hon. R. L. Smith, member of the Texas Legislature, delivered the commencement oration. His oration was one of the ablest ever delivered here. He took high ground on all questions affecting the Negro, and made a strong plea for higher education.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Bishop R. S. Williams, of Washington, D. C., an old student of Wiley, and the Rev. P. M. Harmon, A. M., of Minnesota.

The friends of Wiley look hopefully to the future, and when the bell rings on October 2, 1896, may all the old students and many new be on hand.

## A GREAT YEAR AT GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Gammon Theological Seminary has just closed its most successful year. Its total attendance of young colored ministers was ninety-three, an increase over last year of nine. They were from fifteen States and the West Indies, and from twenty-one higher educational institutions. The graduating class numbered sixteen, and was the largest in its history. Eight of them were also college graduates. The exercises of commencement week were full of interest. President Thirkield's baccalaureate sermon on "The Preacher as a Prophet," was strong and eloquent. The original essays, orations and hymns presented from the students of the Seminary and various schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, at the Anniversary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, showed that the younger generation of the leaders of the colored people are becoming interested in thought and heart in the redemption of their fatherland. Rev. E. M. Jones, of the class of 1888, and presiding elder of the Montgomery District, Central Alabama Conference, delivered the annual address on "The Preacher that the Church Needs." It was a strong and manly plea for intelligence, deeper consecration, higher moral life and more devoted zeal in the ministry that is to hold the rising generation to the church. The call now is for men who will face the facts as to the moral and intellectual status of the ministry, as a whole, and who will seek to elevate and purify that ministry.

Dr. W. W. Wadsworth, of the Church South, gave an inspiring annual missionary lecture on "The Missionary Movement by an Eye Witness." The exercises of commencement day were full of strong utterances by the graduating class. One of the ablest members of the class, Rev. J. D. Whitaker, A. B., B. D., of South Carolina Conference, has announced his conviction of a divine call to the missionary work in Africa.

Vocal music has been a special feature of the year's work. Mr. J. H. Shilling, Ph. B., a graduate of Taylor University, Indiana, a competent and enthusiastic instructor, has had charge of this important department. Thorough drill in the rudiments of music is fitting these ministers to organize and give direction to their choirs. It gives them power to utilize the musical genius of the Negro race, which is an element of wonderful power in church work and worship.

The music in the Chapel services has been much improved. A beautiful cantata, "Under the Palms," was successfully given this spring, and the commencement music was well rendered. The gift of a piano and a superior cornet by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Haven, has added greatly to the success and enjoyment of the work in music.

Since the great "Congress on Africa," an enthusiastic interest in mission work has been manifested. The "Friends of Africa" Society had charge of the monthly missionary service.

A number of fine addresses have been given by the students.

There is hardly an institution in the country that offers, year by year, such an extensive and valuable course of special lectures as does Gammon Seminary. The young ministers are thus brought

into contact with the representative men and women of the church. Personal contact with such leaders of thought is of inestimable value. The course for the year just closed, besides the notable lectures given at the "Congress on Africa," included the following: Bishop Randolph S. Foster, LL. D., Experience in Early Methodism, The Minister's Work, and the Minister, Doctrines Emphasized by Methodism; Bishop Willard F. Mallieu, LL. D., A Missionary Trip to Europe and Asia; Bishop James N. Fitz Gerald, LL. D., Across the Meridians; Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., The Heritage and Responsibility of the Methodist Preacher; John F. Goucher, D. D., Christian Triumphs in the Field of Missions; S. L. Baldwin, D. D., The Work of the Missionary Society, China, the Country, its People and Language; Edwin A. Schell, D. D., The Aristocracy of Youth, Great Deeds for Great Men; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, The Deaconess Movement on the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mrs. Catharine Lente Stevenson, The Work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Henry Hugh Proctor, B. D., The Theology of the Slave Songs of the South; James M. Freeman, D. D., The Work of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society; Bishop R. S. Williams, D. D., The Christian Ministry, its Functions and Obligations; Dean Marcus D. Buell, D. D., The Shepherd's Crook and Club; Willard W. Wadsworth, D. D., The Missionary Movement by an Eye Witness.

## CLARK UNIVERSITY.

Resolutions with reference to Bishops I. W. Joyce and J. C. Hartzell, passed by the trustees of the Clark University at their last meeting:

Whereas, Bishop I. W. Joyce, in consequence of his change of residence, has tendered his resignation as president of this Board of Trustees, and,

Whereas, During his long connection with the Board he has greatly endeared himself to us by his urbane manner, wise counsel, judicious administration, and devotion to our work; therefore,

Resolved, That we accept his resignation with extreme regret and only because peremptorily tendered. In parting with him we feel that we have lost an able advocate, a wise counsellor and true friend. Provisionally called to a distant field where other educational institutions will demand his attention, we affectionately take leave of him, and devoutly pray that God's blessings may rest as signally upon his work in the Northwest as it has in the South.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and to the New York, Northwestern and Southwestern Advocates.

M. C. B. Mason,  
D. C. John,

Committee.

Whereas, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., ex-Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and now Bishop to Africa, is compelled to retire from our work, in order to enter upon the great mission to which he has been called by the church, and,

Whereas, During his long connection with this Board he has greatly endeared himself to us by his courteous manners, wise counsels, and singular devotion to our work; therefore,

Resolved, That we decline to accept his resignation as a member of this Board, and, while making no claim upon his time, we hope he will meet with us whenever practicable and give us the benefit of his judgment and thorough familiarity with our work. We shall sorely feel our loss, but acquiesce in his call to the most important mission on the globe, because we believe it to be the call of God. Our hearts will follow him to his distant field, and we pray that God may spare his life to see successful missions planted in every destitute place on the continent of Africa.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and to the New York, Western and Southwestern Advocates.

M. C. B. Mason,

D. C. John,

Committee.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. C. R. Buffington, pastor of the Gainesville charge, departed this life May 18th, in full triumph of a living faith.

Bro. Buffington was born in Hall county, Georgia, in 1851; but removed with his owners to Alabama, where he remained until freedom came.

Receiving a primary education, he began his public career as school teacher. After teaching for some time in Alabama, he returned to the State and county of his birth, and in 1871 was married

to Miss Julia Buffington.

After his conversion in 1873, he joined the M. E. Church, and was soon licensed to preach by Rev. J. L. Fowler.

Feeling that his educational qualification was insufficient for the responsible work of the ministry, he sought further preparation by attending Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

Beginning with Suwanee, Ga., as his first appointment, he served the church in the pastoral relation in various charges until the session of the Savannah Annual Conference, held in Waynesboro, Ga., January, 1895, from which he received his appointment to the presiding eldership of the Gainesville District. He entered upon his work with bright prospects of success, but on September 7th, was stricken down with paralysis which ended his effective work.

He rallied sufficiently to meet the last session of his conference, January, 1896.

The cabinet fully realized his hopeless condition, but to gratify his desire to work for the Master, appointed him to the Gainesville charge. His health continued to decline until the end.

Bro. Buffington was an affectionate husband and father, a faithful friend and a successful pastor. He leaves a wife, three children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

"Rest from thy labor, rest,  
Soul of the just, set free!  
Blest be thy memory, and blest  
Thy bright example be!"

J. C. Hunt, P. E.

## W. M. H. S. NOTES.

"Blessed are they who hear the Master's plea,

In every cry of human woe or need;  
Lo! in their hearts the Lord is risen indeed.

Blessed are they whose prayers indeed find wing,

Whose hands the gifts of humble service bring,  
And in His lowly children serve their King."

Appeals still come from Nebraska for food, clothing and money. Who will respond?

Rev. J. L. Burchard writes from our Mission in Ukiah, Cal.: "You ask about our California Indians. I do not hesitate to affirm that no race of people in the same length of time has made greater advancement in civilization. They are our fellow-men, our brothers, made of the one blood of which was made all races of men who dwell upon the face of the earth. We are fortunate, they are unfortunate. We are educated, they are ignorant. We are strong, they are weak. The United States government is maintaining schools to educate Indian children. As a matter of undoubted fact, the English nation has been 1,000 years reaching the standard of culture and civilization it now possesses. That being true, we should not expect too much from Indians, for whom nothing had been done fifty years ago in California."

Recently three deaconesses from the Buffalo Deaconess Home rented a flat for a small sum in a thickly settled German and Italian neighborhood and commenced housekeeping. They also secured, in connection with the flat, a hall well warmed and suited for the purposes of work. Here congregate fifty-six little children, whom they instruct in kindergarten work and teach lessons of cleanliness and order. Sewing classes and cooking classes are formed for girls from 10 to 16 years of age, in which they are trained to repair their clothing, make plain garments and to cook plain, wholesome dishes. Mother's meetings are also held, where instructions in home life are received. By these means the homes in this vicinity are gradually becoming elevated.

The Deaconesses Convention, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will take place July 20th and 21st at Ocean Grove, N. J.

The annual meeting of the General Board of Managers convenes at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 21st.

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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## ATLANTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The District Conference will convene in Hogansville, Wednesday, Aug. 5th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Let full reports come up from every charge, have all benevolent claims raised, if possible, and report at the Conference. All candidates for examination will be present and examined first day of the Conference. Epworth League and Sunday school work will receive special attention.—Yours for success, G. W. Arnold, P. E.

## AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Let every member of the district be at the roll call, Wednesday morning, Aug. 5, 1896, with reports in hand. We are expecting a grand time. I have blanks printed to the amount of \$6. Let us all come prepared for them.—Yours for success, Moses Smith, P. E.

## HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The district camp meeting convenes at the old camp ground, Harrisburg, Tex., Aug. 4th. The district expects every preacher on the district to be in attendance.—Wm. Bartley, P. E.

## PALESTINE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The Palestine District Conference convenes at Palestine, Tex., Aug. 19, 1896, at 9 a. m. Please begin to prepare for the same by having sweeping revivals, building churches and raising your benevolent money. Let us congratulate ourselves on having Dr. I. B. Scott, A. M., one of the members of our Conference, editor of the Southwestern. \*Strive to put it in every home in your congregation. Push things to the front.—Yours, W. A. Fortson, P. E.

## JACKSON DISTRICT.

The District Conference of the Jackson District will meet at Bradon, Miss., July 22d. The energetic pastor and his good people are making large preparations for our reception, and we are expecting a grand time in every way. The programme will be out soon.—J. C. Houston, P. E.

## OHIO DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Our first Quarterly visits have been exceedingly pleasant; we hope for still better things. Take special pains in the benevolent collections. Raise your minute money and bring it to the District Conference. Our District Conference convenes at Columbus, Tuesday, August 25th. District Stewards, the Epworth League and Sunday School Institute will meet with the conference. We extend a cordial invitation to all presiding elders. Session will open at 9 a. m., and 2 p. m. All are expected to be present at roll call.—M. S. Johnson, P. E., No. 222 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O.

## LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Our District Conference Sunday School Institute and District Epworth League will convene in Shelbyville, Ky., July 8th to 13th, 1896. We are anxious to have our minute and benevolent money collected in full on the District at once, so we will be able to make full reports at the District meeting; let no member absent himself from the meeting. Be present at the roll call Wednesday morning. District Stewards will meet Friday, July 10th, at 2 p. m. We extend our invitation to all the P. E.'s and pastors of the other districts.—Yours, Geo. A. Sissle, P. E. Louisville, Ky.

## LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

Dear Brother:—You will raise your minute money at once. The District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Chapters will meet at Flemingsburg, Ky., July 22, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. District Stewards will meet at the same place Thursday 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m. Let our reports be full in every particular.—Yours for success, Joseph Courtney, P. E., 270 East Short street, Lexington, Ky.

## GRIFFIN (GA.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—We trust you are praying, planning and working to have great success in your work. Give attention to the great end of your ministry—the conversion of souls. Let your aim be to have a full report of the Missionary, Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Societies; do not forget any of the other claims. Push the canvass for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The District Conference is to meet at McDonough, Au-

gust 6th. Let there be a full attendance at this conference, and also at the Sunday School Convention, July 3d. Drs. D. C. John, M. C. B. Mason, W. P. Thirkield, J. C. Murray, J. W. E. Bowen and others will be present.—Yours for the work—"Victory," Jno. P. Wragg, P. E.

## NOTICE, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Dr. Albert writes to say that in reporting in last week's issue the brother who had been suspended at Hubertville, the name of Hiram C. Wilson was by an oversight omitted.

## NOTICE.

The Baton Rouge District Conference will convene in Jackson, La., Aug. 19th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Preparation is being made for a good session. We expect a number of prominent visitors. Among them Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and Dr. M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Every pastor is urged to be ready to pay over to Dr. Mason his full apportionment for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

Further notice will be given later. J. F. Marshall, P. E.

## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Mr. James Jackson, Baldwin, La., writes: Please allow me a small space in your columns to announce that on the nights of May 22d and June 5th, there was an unusual alarm at the parsonage, and a host of friends, headed by Miss Willy Johnson, with the brass band of Baldwin entered the parsonage and crowded the safe, table, etc., with groceries amounting to about 100 pounds. Lemonade and cakes were passed around by the surprisers. Speeches were made welcoming the pastor, Rev. T. D. Bowers, assuring him of the warm esteem that the people of Baldwin have for him.

Rev. J. H. Everett, Shelby, Miss., writes: I came back from the Annual Conference for a more prosperous year's work. Have built a nice parsonage, added five to the membership, and am preparing to seat the church with chairs. Have the promise of several subscribers to the Southwestern, which I hope to send in soon.

L. H. Mixon, Eutaw, Ala., writes: Our second Quarterly Conference was a success. Rev. F. L. Teague, P. E., was on time, and preached two able sermons that will live as long as the people live who heard him. One hundred and sixty-three communion, and collections were, P. E., \$20.09; P. C., \$70.00; Missions, \$8.75. Total, \$110.84. The Lord has given me a commanding influence over the people of Eutaw, and it is being prayerfully used for the salvation of souls and the advancement of the church. The benevolences and Southwestern were ably represented; every local preacher and exhorter is being ledged for the support of the Southwestern before getting a recommendation for renewal of license.

Alexandria Tenn.—The Overlaying the Golden Altar, was a new and interesting scene in Seay Chapel M. E. Church, May 23d. The object of the exercise was to raise money to paper the church. A large crowd attended, and now the chairman, Bro. Peter Tubb, is happy with \$15 to begin work.—R. H. Johnson, P. C.

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## THE BISHOPS AND THEIR EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The Board of Bishops have made selection of their places of Episcopal residence for the coming quadrennium, which is as follows:

S. M. Merrill, D. D. LL. D., Chicago.  
E. G. Andrews, D. D. LL. D., New York.  
H. W. Warren, D. D. LL. D., Denver.  
C. D. Foss, D. D. LL. D., Philadelphia.  
J. F. Hurst, D. D. LL. D., Washington, D. C.  
W. X. Ninde, D. D. LL. D., Detroit.  
J. M. Walden, D. D. LL. D., Cincinnati.  
W. F. Mallalieu, D. D. LL. D., Boston.  
C. H. Fowler, D. D. LL. D., Buffalo.  
J. H. Vincent, D. D. LL. D., Topeka.  
J. N. FitzGerald, D. D. LL. D., St. Louis.  
I. W. Joyce, D. D. LL. D., Minneapolis.  
I. P. Newman, D. D. LL. D., San Francisco.  
D. A. Goodsell, D. D. LL. D., Chattanooga.  
C. C. McCabe, D. D., Fort Worth.  
Earl Cranston, D. D., Portland.  
I. M. Thoburn, D. D. LL. D., Bombay.  
J. C. Hartzell, D. D., (residence not yet known.)

## NEW PUBLISHING AGENT AT NEW YORK.

Dr. George P. Mains, of the New York East Conference, has been elected to fill the place made vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Sanford Hunt.

He is a native of Newport, N. Y., has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was fourteen years of age, and is an alumnus of the Wesleyan University of the class of 1870.

Dr. Mains has spent his entire ministry in the New York East Conference, in which he has had important pastorates, the last being New York Avenue, Brooklyn, during which the magnificent church was erected. Dr. Mains, when presiding elder of the New York district, was invited to become Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn, filling that position with conspicuous efficiency for several years. At the close of his pastoral term at New York Avenue, he became corresponding secretary of the Brooklyn Church Society, remaining in this position until the late session of the New York East Conference—less than two months ago—when he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mount Vernon, one of the most prosperous suburbs of this city.

Dr. Mains sat in the General Conferences of 1888 and 1892; has been secretary of the New York East Conference for a number of years; is one of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital; is a man of ideas and of unusual force and variety of expression. His ingratiating manner, diversified information, powers of expression, large experience and facility in adaptation, together with his physical vigor and habits of industry, raise the presumption that he will be of great use to the church in this new capacity, worthily representing and directing the vast institution which is so closely connected with all the interests of Methodism.—Christian Advocate.

## A NEW STORY OF LINCOLN.

Abraham Lincoln was a compassionate man. Gov. Rice and Senator Wilson entered one morning the president's private office. With them slipped in a lad who had been waiting days for admission. The president briefly saluted the two men, and turning to the lad, said kindly, "And who is this little boy?" The child told him that he had come to Washington seeking employment as a page in the House. Lincoln replied that application must be made to the doorkeeper of the House at the Capitol. "But, sir," said the lad, "I am a good boy, and have a letter from my mother, and from the supervisor and from my Sunday school teacher." The president took the lad's papers, ran his eye over them, then wrote upon the back of one of them: "If Capt. Goodnow can give a place to this good little boy, I shall be gratified. A. Lincoln." The war was at its fiercest. The great man was worn with anxiety and labor, tormented by the complaints of the envious, crowded with numberless cares incident to his position, pressed constantly to decisions of grave moment in public policy, but he forgot them all to listen to the troubled tale of a little boy. It reminds us of Him who bore the heavier burden than any nation's chief, yet was always compassionate and self-forgetful.—Selected.

## LOW VACATION RATES.

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I. Hardy, G. P. A.,  
New Orleans, La.

The Hampton Institute, at Hampton, Va., is to have a trade school added to it at its next session, called the Armstrong and Slater Trade School. It will be aided by \$5,000 per year from the Slater fund. We hope our people in that vicinity will attend and patronize it well. See advertisement in another column.

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I am human, but I am sure I should not be thought so were I to fail to make some acknowledgment for the pleasant things said about me and good wishes extended me since my election as editor of this paper. The brethren of the press, both religious and secular, have been especially kind, and I shall hold in grateful remembrance the many hearty welcomes and unselfish commendations given me. I take it now that I have been duly initiated, though I am sure I have much to learn regarding grips, pass words, etc. These pointers I doubt not you will give me from time to time without my asking, whenever you have reason to think I need them. However, you will please understand from this on, I am one of you and desire to be treated accordingly.

To the brethren and friends who have sent me such pleasant letters of congratulation and pledges of support, I have tried to make individual replies. There may be a few cases in which I have failed to do so. If so please accept this instead. Your words are very helpful and encouraging to me and I begin my new duties with much more hope of success than I would have done without them. With your assistance, I expect soon to so increase our list of subscribers that the publishing agents will in a short while feel justifiable in restoring the paper to its original size. We shall begin the canvass at once, and if your assistance on this line be as vigorous as your words are hearty, we are sure of success. Yours truly,

I. B. Scott.

**TO THE PATRONS OF THE "SOUTHWESTERN."**

I desire to say this is your paper and we wish to continue to make it such as you will be proud of. The manager and editor, backed by the agents, are going to work in this line with all their might. Cut we need your help. In fact, we cannot succeed without it.

First, We need your assistance in securing new subscribers and retaining the old ones. We will, of course, do all we can here, but you are our main dependence, so push the canvass with all possible vigor.

Second, When you write for the paper, make your articles as short as the news you are giving us will allow, and as correct as you possibly can. Prepare your articles carefully and then go over them and cut out all you can. See that every word is properly spelled, and, if necessary, rewrite your whole production.

Third, Keep in mind the fact that you are writing for the public and not for yourself. Hence you should give such facts as will be of interest to the public.

Fourth, Please understand we shall be glad to have you make your complaints to this office at any time, and, moreover, the new editor will be pleased to have you write him of anything you think prevents the increase of our subscription list.

Fifth, Any communications you desire published, or for the editor personally, address to Rev. I. B. Scott, but all business matters to Eaton & Mains, 631 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

**TAKING THE PAPER.**

The General Conference of the A. M. E. Church which met in May, ordered that no local preacher's license be renewed who does not subscribe for the church paper—The Christian Recorder.

All the District Conferences in our work in Texas have been enforcing this rule for years, as regards the Southwestern. The A. M. E. brethren seem to endorse their position.

**ENVY IS IGNORANCE.**

This world is overstocked with a class of individuals who accomplish little or nothing themselves because their time is spent either in efforts to prevent the progress of others or to show the insignificance of the deeds of those whom they envy. Such persons would do far more good for themselves and the world about them, if they were to bend to their tasks without reference to either the successes or failures of others. Envy not only impedes the progress, but in many cases absolutely slays the man who cherishes it. The man who a few months ago envied another his diligent wife and finally murdered him that he might secure the widow to be his wife, and was hanged for his trouble, was actuated by the same spirit that prompts one individual to slander another in order to destroy his reputation or curtail his prosperity. Those who do such deeds or harbor such thoughts are evidently ignorant of the laws which relate to cause and effect as set forth by the philosophers. Even though no public calamity follow such persons the absolute certainty of moral damage that is sure to follow, where such degraded thoughts are entertained, should be sufficient to deter one. But since they are not, we are led to conclude as we assert in the outset, Envy is Ignorance. If not so, why will a man strike and continue to strike the object of his envy when any reasonably intelligent person can see that his blows are not only not accomplishing their purpose but recoiling on his own head.

We are led to this line of thought by the fate of a young man in an adjoining State who is reported to have hounded a teacher for months and to have finally shot him down for fear the party in whom he was interested might not be re-employed. That makes an opening, of course, but who profits by it? Not the murdered man, but who?

There are cases on record of professional men—physicians, ministers and others who seemed to conclude they could never succeed, never be happy, never become great, unless some other one in the same line of business could be destroyed. No time or inclination to work, study or anything else, till the other person is disposed of. Since this envious spirit is not confined to any particular race it is fitting that every man should guard against it. Envy is destructive in its effects. It offers happiness, but leads to grief; it promises greatness, but gives insignificance; it points to plenty, but brings to poverty. In short, it entices, binds, destroys.

It is silly to so envy another man's success that you consume valuable time in trying to explain how little he deserves it. Do not stand idly by waiting for the successful man's place; go make a place for yourself.

One has said: "There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance." If we have not already attained it let us hope we may soon reach that point.

Our brethren of the Texas Conference have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that their representatives to the General Conference were successful in securing an episcopal residence for Texas; and that Bishop McCabe chose Fort Worth, Tex., as his residence when he might have selected instead either Portland, Ore., or the city of New Orleans. We trust the four Conferences of the Lone Star State realize fully the value of the prize they have drawn. We dare say there is no man in Methodism more popular throughout the church; no man in Methodism who has raised more money for the church and few who can raise as much. The Church Extension and Missionary Societies were greatly developed by his remarkable gifts on this line, and without doubt every benevolence of the church has felt the influence of his rallying cries. Should he take hold of our interests in that great State as he can, he will work wonders for the church during this quadrennium; and if the brethren succeed in getting hold of him as they ought, our Methodism there will become a greater power for good than it now is. May it be even so!

Our General Conference gave the evangelists a crumb of comfort at last. It is provided that one or more may be appointed for each annual conference. A bishop may set aside a man for this purpose when authorized to do so by a two-

thirds vote of an annual conference. When this is done, should pastors wish to employ any other they must get the consent of their presiding elder.

This is a new move for our church, and I may add, a very important one. No doubt all will admit the necessity of some action along this line. If no other good is accomplished for this section than to stop irresponsible, and, in some cases, bad men from drifting around annoying the pastors and harming their flocks, we shall have reason to be grateful. Good and successful men on this line are much needed, and if the conferences will be careful and make proper selections they can be of great service to the church; otherwise the provision has better remain a dead letter.

Do not dwell on the past and take its dried joys and steep them into cup of bitterness and make that your daily draught. There is no tonic in such a decoction. Do not sigh: "Oh! that I were as in days past." Do not preserve these faded flowers, but think of the growing plants. Bloom is ever coming on, if you will seek for it.—Selected.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Dr. M. C. B. Mason gave our office a pleasant call.

Dr. Adkinson, president of New Orleans University, called in to shake hands and cheer us.

We were all glad to meet at the General Conference Mr and Mrs B. E. Titus. He was once the business manager of this paper, but is now of the Northern at Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. C. B. Rouss, a millionaire of New York, is losing his sight, and offers a million dollars to the oculist who can treat him successfully.

Mrs. E. C. Slay and Miss Elnora Johnson have been appointed by Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor of Wesley Chapel, to canvass his congregation for subscribers to the Southwestern. We wish them success.

Our office enjoyed the pleasure of a kind of surprise party in the visit of Revs. Landry, Marshall and Duncan, presiding elders, and Revs. Battise, Fields, Priestly, Boatner, Porter, Johnson, Montgomery and Clark, pastors in Louisiana Conference; also Bro. Clark, local preacher.

Bishop Joyce sails from Vancouver June 22d, for his work in Japan, Corea and China, to be absent from this country for two years. Meanwhile those desiring to write him will address No. 19 Highland avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. The Southwestern wishes a most pleasant and successful trip.

Gov. Atkinson of Georgia speaks out positively and unequivocally against lynching in his State. He says among other things: "This lynching business must be stopped." All law abiding citizens appreciate the governor's efforts and words along that line.

We take the following clipping from a letter to The Freeman, by Dr. Henderson, of New York.

Prof. Kealing has, for a number of years, been president of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex., and is without doubt one of the brainiest young men of the race. We certainly wish him the best of success as editor of the A. M. E. Review:

"Prof. H. T. Kealing has made a stern struggle for an education and for usefulness. He has acquired some property and has performed splendid work along the lines of his vocation as an educator. The fact that he was elected with so well known a competitor in the field as Dr. L. J. Coppin is a compliment of the highest kind, but carries with it great responsibility. A great deal will be expected of him. In many respects he has the most difficult task entrusted to any general officer. I predict for him a signal success. He will rescue the Review from the 'dry as dust' state into which it has fallen, and will make it sparkle with current thought."

He must be a very weak man who is always stumbling over the faults and imperfections of others.



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## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Scott Chinn M. E. Church, New Orleans.—Sunday, June 14th, Dr. M. C. B. Mason was with us and preached a soul-stirring sermon, and the people highly appreciated the sermon. A host of friends came to witness the same, who pledged themselves to respond at any time in a way of helping the doctor in his new field of labor.

The Rev. R. C. Barrow was called to the bedside of his son, R. C. Barrow, Jr., who has been quite ill for the last week. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended and we hope that he may soon recover from his illness.—Rev. Eugene Baptiste, Pastor.

Simpson Chapel.—We were favored with the presence of Dr. I. B. Scott, our editor; Rev. Pierre Landry, our presiding elder, and J. W. Hilton, of Camp Parapet, on last Sunday. Dr. Scott preached an excellent sermon at 11 o'clock, which was acceptable to our people. Rev. Hilton gave us a good sermon at night. Six subscribers for the Southwestern were taken.

New Orleans North District Conference will meet at Thompson Chapel, M. E. Church, August 12, 1896. The session will begin at 9 o'clock a. m., on the above named date. Brethren will please be on hand for the first days' proceedings. Come prepared to make it the best District Conference in the North New Orleans District.—Fraternally, S. Duncan.

New Orleans South District Conference will convene at Simpson Chapel, M. E. Church, August 19, 1896. First day's session will begin at 9 o'clock a. m., for organization, and preparation for good times. Brethren will hold themselves in readiness for strong putting along all lines. Further notices later.—Yours fraternally, Pierre Landry.

We have a few more programs for Children's Day left. Our orders have been larger than ever this year and we judge it has had an unusual success.

We are to have a large invoice of books and church requisites to arrive this week. Do not forget that such as are most needed by our people are kept constantly in stock here, the same as at a regular depository. Send us your orders.

To the memorial of Rev. C. R. Bufington of the Savannah Conference, published in another column, the business manager desires to add a word to his worth as a faithful worker. Bro. Bufington has been a good friend to the Southwestern, sending a good list of subscribers and meeting his obligations. To our mind this is a good test of religious character in a saintly calling.

The New Orleans Preachers' Meeting, subscribed on behalf of their churches the following amounts to the Freedmen's Aid Society:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Preachers' Meeting, are highly delighted and gratified at the address of Dr. Mason, and all pledge ourselves to give our hearty support financially to the cause which he represents. We pledge ourselves as follows:

Union Church, H. Taylor, pastor...	\$100
Mt. Zion Church, T. G. Montgomery, pastor	50
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Scott Chinn Church, E. Baptiste, pastor	20
Thompson Church, D. W. Boatner, pastor	40
Williams Chapel, C. Monroe, pastor	20
St. Matthews Church, Wm. Porter, pastor	20
Gretna Church, F. Harvey, pastor	10
Asbury Church, B. Balden, pastor	10

T. G. Montgomery, President.  
C. Monroe, Secretary.

## SEND FOR THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

The General Conference ordered a copy of the Episcopal Address sent to all official members of the church whose pastor would write and ask for them. This gives the same broad outlook to the official members that was given to the General Conference. Bishop Warren.

## A CAUTION!

To Whom it May Concern:

It having been brought to the attention of the trustees of the American University, that certain persons owning or controlling ground situated contiguous to or in the vicinity of the grounds belonging to said University, have subdivided the same, and are offering it for sale, using in connection therewith, and apparently for the purpose of promoting said sales, the name of the American University, the trustees of said University consider it their duty to advise the public that it has not now, and never has had, any land for sale; that it has not now, nor ever has had, any interest in any subdivision or land offered for sale in the District of Columbia; that the use of its name in such connection is without its authority or consent, and until recently, was without its knowledge; that no person or persons have any right or privilege to use its name in such connection, and if used at all, it is used to promote private interests of the persons owning or interested in the land, and not for the benefit of the University in any manner.

This public announcement is due to the University, as well as the community at large. John F. Hurst, Chancellor.  
Washington, D. C., June 9, 1896.

## "THE METHODIST PRESS."

Under the above caption we publish the following extract, taken from the Daily Christian Advocate, published during the Conference at Cleveland, O.:

"In establishing the Book Concern the early Methodists sought to utilize the press in Christian work. Their hopes have been more than realized. The influence of the publications of this establishment on the thought and life of Methodism, and of the nation is incalculable. It was founded in 1789, with a capital of \$600, borrowed from John Dickens, the first agent of the Book Concern. The total net capital of the two houses in New York and Cincinnati, is now \$3,396,925. The sales of the Western house for the last year amounted to \$1,001,343, and of the Eastern house \$891,849, making a total of \$1,893,192. The net profits of the Cincinnati Concern for the year were \$150,435, and of the Eastern, for 16 months, were \$124,404. Of these profits \$120,000 was distributed among the annual conferences for the benefit of superannuated preachers and other conference claimants.

"The amount of money made by the Book Concern does not represent the principal benefit rendered to Methodism by the press. Nor is the highest aim of these publishing interests realized in the large sum of money distributed annually among conference claimants. The chief end sought is to provide wholesome literature for the people. Every precaution has been taken to secure this object. The books, papers, and periodicals sent out in such vast quantities, all pass under the supervision of

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"Ten weekly papers are published in English with an aggregate circulation of nearly 300,000, several German and Swedish weeklies, one German monthly, one English bi-monthly, and 3,000,000 Sunday school helps which are sent out every week. Besides these, a large number of semi-official and non-official papers are published as private enterprises, or under the direction of Methodist associations."

## THE FIRST FUGITIVE SLAVE HUNTED IN MASSACHUSETTS.

George W. Latimer, who died in Lynn, Mass., on May 29th, was the first fugitive slave hunted on Massachusetts soil. When 21 years of age he ran away from Norfolk, Va. His old mistress had freed him in her will; but as her daughter never probated the will and the estate was sold, Latimer and his wife smuggled themselves into the hold of a steamer and thus got themselves conveyed to the North. He was recognized in the Boston post-office by a man from his old home, and his master, James B. Gray, came on and had him arrested. He was put in Leverett street jail and proceedings were begun to have him returned. A great excitement arose and a crowded and indignant audience that assembled in Faneuil hall was addressed by Wendell Phillips, Fred Douglass and others. At another meeting held at Marlboro chapel it was determined to break into the jail and free the fugitive; but his owner had already become greatly alarmed and had him released for \$400, raised by the pastor of Fremont Temple. This incident was the occasion of Whittier's most vigorous anti-slavery lyric, "Massachusetts to Virginia."—Northern.

## THE FAULTLESS ONE.

One of the excellent results springing from the frankness of the Biblical writers concerning the sins and faults of the people they portray, is that the sinlessness of Jesus stands out with wonderful distinctness. We cannot say, "Oh, well, it is their way to say only good of the dead; if we knew all the facts, a very different impression would be made." This retort is prevented by the frankness with which they relate their own discreditable squabbles and darker doings. They compel us to trust them by their evident honesty and simplicity. They are truth-telling men, we are forced to exclaim; they hide nothing, they show up the imperfections of the great men of Hebrew and Christian history against a background of purest light. Therefore, when they draw this one perfect picture we cannot do otherwise than fall down and worship. We cry, "Yes, He walked the earth completely upright. Peter might lie, and John flee, and Moses get angry, and Elijah wish to die, but One there was against whom none of these charges can be brought. Him we will hear, Him we will follow, Him we will adore and love. All glory to His blessed name! We will bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all, our Saviour, our King and our God!"—Zion's Herald.

## AFTER DEATH.

The burial customs of the Quinault Indians are interesting. After death the Indian is dressed in his best and, with blanket about him, laid in his favorite canoe and taken a little distance up the river to some chosen spot near the bank, where the whole is deposited out of reach of high water. The boat is roofed over with a closed frame work, entirely protecting the body from animals and the weather. To the side of the little house thus made and fronting the river, are attached plates or cups or white ware or tin. Bits of looking glass, or often whole

ones in cheap frames, occupy the post of honor. Bright bits of cloth or other showy ornaments are also conspicuously displayed. These baubles are supposed to propitiate any evil spirits that may chance to come that way.—Ran's Horn.

## FINE CLOTHES AT CHURCH.

There seems to be one rule in the discipline which we Methodist girls have forgotten. It isn't dancing, nor theatre-going, nor card playing, for we do a great deal of talking about these things, and I hope that very few of us indulge in them. But it is one that I think Mr. Wesley was very wise in making—at least with limitations. He forbids the wearing of gold and costly apparel; but we have broken that rule to atoms, and not only wear as much as other people, but wear them to church! Now, I do not object to beautiful and expensive clothes in appropriate places; but I do not think it is right to wear them in church. Such displays often hinder God's kingdom, and keep from his house the very souls for whom Christ died. Why not enforce this restriction, so far, at least, as church-going is concerned? Sister Epworthians, will you help?—Epworth Herald.

Falsehood may have its hour, but it has no future.—Pressense.

## BARKING AT THUNDER.

The first time our young dog heard thunder it startled him. He leaped up, gazed around in anger, and then began to bark at the disturber of his peace. When the next crash came, he grew furious, and flew around the room, seeking to tear in pieces the intruder who dared thus defy him. It was an odd scene. The yelping of a dog pitted against the artillery of heaven! Poor foolish creature, to think that this bark could silence the thunder clap, or intimidate the tempest! What was he like? His imitators are not far to seek. Among us are men of an exceedingly doggish breed, who go about howling at their Maker. They endeavor to bark the Almighty out of existence, to silence the voice of His Gospel, and to let Him know that their rest is not to be disturbed by His warnings. They defy their Maker to-day, but may be crushed beneath His righteous indignation to-morrow. The idea of fearing them must never occur to us; their loudest voice is vocalized folly; their malice is impotent; their fury is mere fume. "He that sitteth in the heaven doth laugh; the Lord doth have them in derision."—C. H. Spurgeon.

He had told a thrilling story of rescue from a mountain canyon. "But how did you attract the attention of the searchers?" "It was entirely accidental. After I'd fired my rifle and shouted myself hoarse, something accidentally tickled my nose and I sneezed."—Chicago Record.

A higher end no creature in any world, however exalted, can propose to itself than the glory of God; and a lower one the humblest believer in all God's family should never seek.—J. A. James.

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## OUR BOOK TABLE.

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Dr. Trumbull believes that a Sunday school is not a Sunday school without a teachers' meeting, shows why this is true and tells, (with practical illustrations, how such meetings may be conducted.

One of the latest stories written by the late H. H. Boyesen will be published in Scribner's for July. It is entitled, "In Collusion with Fate," and is a charming love story, the action of which takes place on an ocean steamer.

The irrepressible Alden (John B.) has just published his "Living Topics Cyclopedia," with information generally from one to five years later than can be found in any of the leading encyclopedias. The whole work complete to date costs only \$1—John B. Alden, 10 and 12 Vandewater street, New York.

## ST. LOUIS AND THE COLORED MAN.

The Republican party has never been satisfied with the selection of St. Louis as the place for the convention. It is hot. It is distant for the majority of the delegates, and the local population and social atmosphere are not on the whole much in sympathy with Republican ideas. It was feared from the first that the colored delegates from the South would not be decently treated. Such assurances were given on this point that apprehensions were dismissed. When the question was again raised a few weeks ago by the difficulty experienced on the part of some of the Southern delegates in pre-engaging rooms, it was again covenanted that there should be no difficulty whatever.

On the very verge of the meeting the hotel and restaurant proprietors announce that the colored man shall have no place where he can eat or lay his head. In short, that St. Louis will not receive him. What these foolish men expect to gain by such a breach of faith, it is hard to say. Either the delegates must get accommodation or the convention can not be held. Somebody will have to yield.

It is unfortunate, too, that when the city is in such distress its citizens should behave in a manner calculated to close up the channels of sympathy and deprive the victims of aid they need. For, although in one sense they may not be to blame, the benevolent will say, "Let a community capable of such misconduct and unchristian, inhuman behavior look after its own sick and hurt. We feel no call to help such people."

It is to be hoped that he trouble may be arranged and the St. Louis hotel and restaurant people come to their senses. Under the circumstances, no Republican convention will be held in St. Louis for a long time again, and the Republican National Committee that voted it there this time will probably wish they hadn't before they hear the last of the consequences of doing so. In addition to the heat engendered by the climate, there are a good many who will get hot over the deception practiced upon the committee and the Republican party. It is something St. Louis will not recover from in a long time. It will be on the wrong side of the Republican party's books for many a year.—Cleveland World.

## THEY COMMUNED TOGETHER.

For more than two weeks delegates and visitors to the General Conference have been entertained by great speeches of great men on great questions. On Sunday morning, May 17th, the Armory was well filled with men and women who came to hear from those whose hearts God moved to speak on another topic. It was the General Conference love feast, and the subject was the grace of God which bringeth salvation. No one who went to that meeting hungering for spiritual food went away disappointed.

The services were in charge of Bishop Walden and Dr. A. J. Palmer. No sooner was the opportunity given than one brother was on his feet to tell what God has done for his soul. For nearly an hour the speaking continued without a moment's intermission. Most of the time ten or twelve persons were standing at once waiting to be recognized by the leader of the meeting. Only one man occupied more than two minutes of the time. Many of the speakers announced the State or country to which they belonged, giving the hearers the satisfaction of knowing how uniform is the work of the spirit of God under all skies and all circumstances.

There were witnesses from New England, the Pacific Coast, from the great

West, from the Middle States and from the South. There were missionaries and natives from India, from China, from Japan, from Africa, from Germany. Some were white, some black and some brown. Men and women, ministers and laymen, delegates and visitors to the Conference participated in the exercises.

To give a clear idea of the utterances of that hour in print would be impossible. If one of the official stenographers had reported the speeches verbatim, and we should print them in the Advocate, the report would inadequately represent the services. To comprehend the import of such words one must see the speakers, feel the spirit that accompanied their testimony, and know by experience something of the divine realities of which they spoke.

A missionary from Africa said: "In Africa I learned, as I have never learned before, to distinguish our God from the gods of the heathen from this fact, that he is the Almighty God." A native of Japan said: "I came from the ends of the earth expecting to receive a great blessing from communion with my elder brethren in the Lord in this Christian land. I have heard many eloquent speeches concerning ecclesiastical questions, and have learned much, but must confess that I was disappointed in that I did not receive much food for my soul. But this morning I am not disappointed. I rejoice in this holy fellowship, and share this Christian hope."

A brother from Rome said that he belonged to a family of seven sons. When he was converted to Christianity he brought down on his head the malediction of all his brothers. But through faith and prayer the malediction had been transformed into a benediction. One brother who despised and persecuted him and was ready to take his life came into the church where he was preaching in Rome, but he did not know that his brother was among his hearers. "After the sermon," said he, "my brother came forward, fell on my neck and kissed me, and begged my forgiveness. Now nearly all my father's family have been converted and one of them is a preacher of the gospel."

The eloquent speeches and wise counsels of great men who have come together to devise means for advancing the kingdom of God are valuable. But without the spiritual life to which expression was given in that love feast, all the ecclesiastical machinery of Methodism and the devices of human genius would be worthless. So long as the spiritual life of the church flourishes it will prosper. Let this element of the power of Methodism be cultivated throughout the whole earth. May there be such a spirit kindled while these servants of God remain together by prayer and testimony that when they shall separate they shall carry with them to the ends of the earth a brighter hope, a more ardent zeal, a more heroic spirit and a richer experience of fellowship with God.

The love feast will be continued next Sunday Morning.—Daily Christian Advocate.

## THE LATE DR. JOHN M. REID.

This veteran in the service of the church died May 16th of pneumonia at his home in New York City, after an illness of about ten days. He was born in New York seventy-six years ago. He attended various schools, graduating from New York University in 1840, and afterwards taking a course of instruction in Union Theological Seminary. He taught six years in the Mechanics' Institute, New York City. He joined the New York Conference in 1844. After fourteen years in the pastorate he was elected president of Genesee College, which afterwards became Syracuse University. In 1864 the General Conference appointed him editor of the Western Christian Advocate. The next Conference made him editor of the Northwestern. While occupying this position he was elected a bishop in the Canadian Methodist Episcopal Church, but declined the honor. The General Conference of 1872 appointed him corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, and he was re-elected three times, retiring in 1888 on account of ill health, but holding the title of honorary secretary. In 1881 he was a member of the Ecumenical Conference held in London. Full of years and of labors, he has been gathered to his fathers. One writer says: "He was in all respects a great man. He had a magnificent intellect, a splendid body, a great heart, and a record of unimpeachable integrity. He early came into recognition as the possessor of superior talents, and his whole life has been a career of usefulness and fame. His strength as a preacher had few equals

in Methodism. His thoughts were invariably sublime, his language chaste, rich and elegant, his voice melodious and flexible, his manner impressive and inspiring, and the general character and pitch of his sermons on an extraordinary high plane." A noble man's voice is hushed in death. While his spirit lives above, he also lives on earth in the good he wrought.—California Advocate.

## RUM AND RUIN.

That heading is logical. Whisky is the "dynamite of civilization." The bottle slays more people than the battle. Beer is never so flat as the man who drinks it. Drink first damps, then darkens, then deadens, then damns. The ballot you cast makes you either a home-defender or a saloon-defender. England's annual drink bill reaches the extraordinary total of almost \$800,000,000. The man who thinks more of the drink-seller's wife than his own needs whipping. A match may start a conflagration, and a tea-spoonful of brandy a thirst for liquor. Don't wait for public sentiment to kill the rum-demon. If your sentiment is all right, strike! Many a man is on the side of the liquor interests because he has not the courage to declare prohibition. The saloon-keeper never produces a single dollar. His fine house is built with the poor man's earnings.—Epworth Herald.

## ALL WASTED.

"Boy at head of class, what are we paying for liquor as a nation?" "Nine hundred million dollars annually." "Step to the blackboard, my boy. First, take a rule and measure this silver dollar. How thick is it?" "Nearly an eighth of an inch." "Well, sir, how many of them can you pile in an inch?" "Between eight and nine." "Give it the benefit of the doubt and call it nine. How many inches would it require to pile up these \$900,000,000?" "One hundred million inches." "How many feet would that be?" "Eight million three hundred and thirty-three thousand, three hundred and thirty-three feet." "How many rods is that?" "Five hundred and five thousand and fifty rods." "How many miles is that?" "One thousand five hundred and seventy-eight miles." "Miles of what?" "One thousand five hundred and seventy-eight miles of silver dollars laid down, packed closely together, our national liquor bill would make." "Now add the \$600,000,000 we are paying for tobacco annually to the liquor miles of silver dollars, which is two-thirds as much, or 1,052, and we have 2,632 miles of silver dollars packed closely together for our nation's one year's grog and tobacco bill. Let these same silver dollars be laid flat, touching edge to edge, and they would make a continuous ring around the earth. Reader, if you need facts about this question, nail that to a post and read it occasionally. It would take a small army of men with scoop shovels to throw away money as fast as we are wasting it for grog and tobacco.—Anti-Tobacco Gem.

## WOULDN'T DRINK PUNCH.

We have advanced in one way, at any rate. Nobody argues with or "chaffs" the young man—and there are a great many of him—who says: "No, thank you. I never drink wine or spirits." "I confess to feeling a little glow of pride and approbation rise within me when I hear this, and I want to shake hands with that young man. They tell me that where six fellows 'line up' at a bar these days it is no uncommon thing for three of them to take ginger ale or vichy, and nobody says a word either. At a reception not long ago a handsome young man stood in the marble hall and ladled out lemonade and claret punch to a contingent of pretty women, who appeared to dote upon him. One of them said: "But, Mr. Morris, ain't you going to have some punch?" "I'll drink lemonade." "Oh, pshaw! Drink a glass of claret punch with me." "Thank you, no." She was the prettiest girl in the house and the richest. Her eyes flashed and she said coaxingly: "As a personal and especial favor to me, please do. I'll give you every dance you want if you will." The young fellow reddened and then turned pale. "Thank you very much," he said, "but I couldn't do it."

And then from all those other women went up such a round of applause that, had he been an actor, he would have started out "starring" at once, while the temptress swept into the next room in a blaze of indignation.—Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

A gentleman, traveling in Utah, picked up the following story of Mormon cunning which equals anything from Delhi or Bagdad. A Mormon had the misfortune to lose a leg by accident. A friend with great faith in Brigham Young's healing powers, told the unfortunate that the head of the Mormon Church could give him back his lost limb. He accordingly presented his case to Brigham. The reply he received was: "Brother you know that in the heavenly world you will have two good sound legs. Now if I perform this miracle and give a new leg, you will have three in the future life. Would you sooner be inconvenienced here below, for a little time, with one leg, than to spend an eternity with three? It is needless to add what choice was made. Brigham saved his reputation.—Ex.

A new scheme for arctic exploration will be described in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for July, by Robert Stein, of the United States Geological Survey. The chief features of the plan, which has been commended by many experienced explorers, are that the work shall be continuous, and that it shall have a base of supplies reached every year by the whalers.

A disappointed fish-hawker was belaboring his slow but patient horse in the street one day, and calling out his wares at intervals, as: "Herrin! Herrin! Fresh Herrin!" A tender-hearted lady, seeing the act of cruelty to the horse, called out sternly from an upper window, "Have you no mercy?" "No, mum," was the reply; "nothin' but herrin'."—New York Clipper.

We have heard the people testify to being saved from sin, who shrink from testifying to salvation from all sin. What a fallacy! to believe that the Lord is willing to save from sin but not from all sin; to think it proper to testify to salvation from some sin, but fanatical to testify to salvation from all sin! This limits the power of God. Yet this is the business in which many are engaged—discounting the promise and power of God.—Clippings from the Christian Witness.

He who really believes in holiness will do all he can to promote it among the people. He who does not give his life for its advancement either fails to comprehend what it really is or has not the experience.

Taken in time Hood's Sarsaparilla prevents serious illness by keeping the blood pure and all the organs in a healthy condition.

Every man is a specimen of the work either of God or Satan. If a professor of religion commits sin, whom does he represent?

It is possible to believe the theory, know the arguments and the scripture in favor of holiness, without having the experience at all. Be sure your heart keeps up with your head.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Illinois Central.			
ARRIVE—		LEAVE—	
Local mail.....	8:50 pm	Local mail.....	6:00 am
Chicago limited.....	7:30 pm	Chicago limited.....	6:00 am
Fast mail.....	7:45 pm	Fast mail.....	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.			
Fast mail.....	7:45 pm	Fast mail.....	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3.....	7:30 pm	No. 4.....	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31.....	9:35 am	No. 32.....	5:15 pm
Yasoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local		No. 6, Memphis Local	
Fast express.....	3:30 am	Fast Train	4:00 p.m.
No. 51, Vicksburg ex-		Vicksburg ex-	
press.....	5:35 p.m.	press.....	8:10 a.m.
No. 52, Baton Rouge a.c.	10:00 a.m.	No. 53, Baton Rouge a.c.	3:15 p.m.
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 2, fast ex.....	7:40 am	No. 3, fast mail.....	7:10 am
No. 7, coast a.c.	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.....	9:45 am
No. 1, l.h. ex.....	4:50 pm	No. 6, coast a.c.	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....	8:20 pm	No. 3, l.h. ex.....	7:50 pm
Sunday ex.....	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.....	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Oul. ex.....	6:35 pm	No. 53, Cal. ex.....	8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Sp. ex		No. 51, Hot Sp. ex	
express.....	9:15 am	express.....	7:20 pm
Queen & Crescent Route.			
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York.....	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York.....	8:20 pm
No. 2, local.....	6:20 am	Local.....	7:10 am
Southern Pacific Company.			
Texas and Mexico		California ex.....	8:15 am
fast mail.....	6:45 pm	Texas and Mexico	
California ex.....	6:45 pm	fast mail.....	6:45 pm



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28 1896.

## REVIEW OF THE SECOND QUARTER.

Golden Text—"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations" (Luke 24: 47).

Lesson I.—The resurrection. Friends begged the body of Jesus; removed it from the cross, wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid it in a new tomb. It remained in the sepulcher about forty hours. On the morning of the third day there was an earthquake. An angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone, and Jesus came forth from the grave. No one saw Him arise, yet all knew He had arisen. Women were the first to visit the empty tomb. Angels were the first preachers of the resurrection. They told it to the women, and the women carried it to the apostles. There was great excitement among them. Nothing was done slowly.

Lesson II.—The great supper. This lesson is a table talk by our Saviour. The man who made this supper represents God; see His authority and His goodness. The supper is a figure of the Gospel dispensation. It was great because God made it; because it cost much, because it is for all people, and because of the work it does. Its moving cause is the love of God, its meritorious cause is the blessed Christ, and its instrumental cause is faith in Him. The invitations teach the offers of the Gospel. God invites through His servants, His words and His Spirit. The excuses show some of the reasons men give for not accepting Christ. They teach pursuit, or money-making, possession or self-satisfaction and pleasure or social enjoyment. The results of the excuses were anger, invitation to others and destruction to the negligent.

Lesson III.—The lost found. This was no doubt a model Jewish home. The atmosphere was too religious for this young man. He desired his part of the estate. This was granted. The father was no doubt indulgent. He soon took his departure. The "far country" was morally a long way from his father's home. There was nothing little about him while his money lasted. The sinner may squander the gifts of God. A continual out-go and no income soon exhausted all. Hard times began. He hired out to feed swine. The bed-rock of misery was soon reached. He came to his senses and soliloquized. He called up the past, viewed the present and considered the future. He returned and was forgiven.

Lesson IV.—The rich man and Lazarus. This is a parable founded on facts. The name of the rich man may have been Nimeusis. He showed his wealth in dress and food. Purple was the royal color. The linen was sometimes called "woven air." Lazarus means, "in God is my help." He was an afflicted beggar. Nimeusis was not good, for he treated Lazarus the same as he did the dogs. Both died and were likely buried. Hades in the spirit world. Abraham's bosom, or Paradise, is the abode of the good, and Gehenna is the dwelling place of the bad. Between the two is a "great gulf fixed." With death, probation ceases and destiny is sealed.

Lesson V.—Faith. The disciples desired to have their faith increased. It is likely they felt their need of this. One with great faith would not cause others to offend. Faith is a gift of God and an act of the creature. It is increased, not by miraculous power, but by constant use. The sycamore tree is an apt representation of the kingdom of God. The place where it was then growing was the Jewish church and the sea into which it might be planted was the Gentile world. We should work for God without ceasing. All that we can do is only our part. Leprosy, like sin, begins in the centre, works slyly, defiles the body, is contagious and hereditary, incurable and works death. Jesus is the great healer of soul and body.

Lesson VI.—Lessons on prayer. This parable teaches humility in prayer. The class addressed was likely a sympathizing, self-righteous company who followed Jesus. One may be the best man in a locality and yet be lost. No good person ever despised a brother man. The Pharisees were the best sect of the Jews. The Publicans were collectors of the Roman revenue. The Pharisee thanked God for what he was not, and then gave Him a few pointers about his work. The Publican realized his condition, confessed his sins, and begged for mercy. He went down to his home justified.

These were young children. They were brought to Jesus that He might bless them. The of such refers to other children like those present, and to grown up people who have the disposition of children.

Lesson VII.—Parable of the pounds. This is very much like the parable of the talents recorded by Matthew. Jesus often repeated Himself. There was a growing excitement among His followers as He neared Jerusalem. Many thought He would there set up a temporal kingdom. This nobleman is Christ, the far country is heaven, the servants are the disciples and the pound is the grace of salvation common to each believer. Jesus will bless the efforts of those who work faithfully for Him. There are degrees in glory. The one who has made the best use of his gifts will receive the brightest crown. There are those who think God gives little and requires much. Jesus is not an unfeeling Master. The bank is the church. Negligence will be punished.

Lesson VIII.—Jesus teaching in the temple. This householder is God; the vineyard is the church or Jewish people; the hedge is the law, psalms and prophets; the wine-press is the altar of the Old Testament economy; the husbandmen are the Jewish people, especially the priesthood. The servants were the prophets and the son was Christ. God knew from the beginning what He would do. Jesus came in the fullness of time. The Jews, through their Scriptures, saw Jesus coming, held a council, condemned Him, cast Him out of the vineyard and slew Him. For these cruel acts the kingdom of God was taken from them and given to the Gentiles. and Christ, though rejected by them, became the chief stone of the corner.

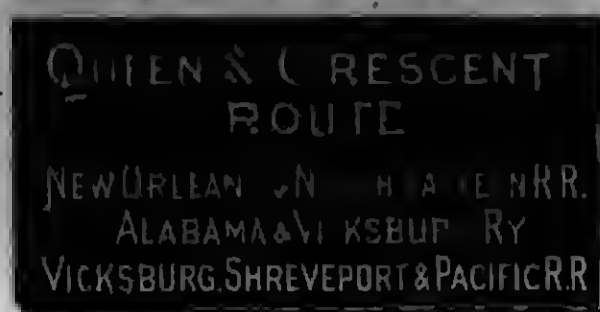
Lesson IX.—Destruction of Jerusalem foretold. The Roman armies had overrun Palestine. They encamped about Jerusalem. The Jews scorned every proposal to surrender. They were brought to extreme suffering. The people fed on one another. Mothers boiled and ate their babes. After a siege of six months the city fell. One million, one hundred thousand Jews perished, and 97,000 were carried away captives to labor as slaves. When the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled, the holy city will cease to be trodden down, and will regain her former glory. This destruction of Jerusalem is a type of the last judgment and of the punishment of the wicked.

Lesson X.—Warning to the disciples. There was strife among them for the most desirable places at the table, or the highest offices in the kingdom of God. The Gentile rulers exercised rigid, bitter laws, like those of a slave holder over his slaves. The disciples were not to be like them, "lording it over God's heritage," but should rule with wisdom, justice, love and mercy. The greatest in His kingdom is not too high to do the humblest work. The reward of those who are faithful will be great. Satan desires to have all people, that he may sift out of them all that is good. Christ is our great High Priest, and ever lives to make intercession for us. Flaming enthusiasm always betrays weakness.

Lesson XI.—Jesus crucified. Jesus was crucified on Calvary, or Golgotha, "the place of a skull." It was an oval-shaped knoll, beyond Jerusalem, in a garden, and near a road. The drink of wine mingled with myrrh was given in mercy to deaden pain. The superscription, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," was written in Greek, Hebrew and Latin, the three leading languages of that age, and tacked over His head, and showed the crime for which He died. The salvation of the thief on the cross is the only death-bed conversion of the Bible. When the period of darkness began, all mocking ceased. Silence reigned for the next three hours. When Jesus expired on the cross the earth quaked and the veil of the temple was rent in twain.

Lesson XII.—The risen Lord. Ten times did Jesus appear to His disciples after His resurrection and before His ascension. They were in that "upper room," and the door was shut. Suddenly Jesus stood before them. They were greatly frightened. He removed their fears by appealing to their reason, sight and touch. The entire Old Testament teaches Christ. He is its theme. The Holy Spirit aids in understanding the Scriptures. The things of God are spiritually discerned. The cardinal doctrines of the Bible are the death and resurrection of Christ and the remission of sins in His name. These doctrines are to be preached beginning at Jerusalem, and extending to all nations. After forty days Jesus led them forth to Bethany, blessed them, and was received up into glory.

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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place..	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13....	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19....	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandcon	Aug. 20....	Warren
Central Swedenb., Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20....	Warren
West German, Padalia, Mo.	Aug. 16....	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 20....	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima.	Aug. 26....	Cranston
Black Hills, Miss. Conference.	Aug. 27....	McCabe
Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27....	Foss
Nevada, Mission, Carson, Den.	Aug. 26....	Foss
Indiana, Ellettsville, Ind.	Sep. 2....	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2....	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2....	Cranston
Wyoming, Wyo., Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3....	Vincent
Central Bureau, New York, N. Y.	Sep. 9....	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9....	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9....	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9....	Hurst
Delaware, New Castle, Del.	Sep. 9....	Walden
Detroit, Mich.	Sep. 9....	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekio, Ill.	Sep. 9....	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9....	Andrews
Northwest Nebraska, Albus, Neb.	Sep. 9....	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10....	Warren
Utah, Ogden, Utah.	Sep. 10....	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16....	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16....	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16....	Hurst
East Ohio, Lorain, Ohio.	Sep. 16....	Walden
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16....	Ninde
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, Ohio.	Sep. 16....	Fowler
South Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16....	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16....	McCabe
North Swedenb. Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17....	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17....	Mallalieu
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17....	Vincent
West Virginia, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17....	Newman
Western Norwegian, Darleh, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17....	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18....	Foss
Ohio, Wilmington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23....	Merrill
Minnesota, Mpls., Minn.	Sep. 23....	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23....	Foss
Pittsburg, Ind.	Sep. 23....	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23....	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23....	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23....	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23....	Andrews
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23....	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24....	Andrews
Bleed Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24....	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24....	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30....	Andrews
North Minnesota, Mpls., Minn.	Sep. 30....	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30....	Walden
Hoston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30....	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30....	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30....	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1....	Cranston
Genesee, Arden, N. Y.	Oct. 7....	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7....	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7....	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda, Pa.	Oct. 7....	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7....	Mallalieu
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8....	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9....	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14....	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15....	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22....	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19....	Ninde
Southwestern, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 28....	Ninde
West Texas, Waco, Tex.	Dec. 2....	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10....	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16....	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4....	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24....	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria.	July 8....	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15....	Goodsell
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 22....	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29....	Goodsell
Denmark, Mission, Vleto.	Aug. 12....	Goodsell
Korea, Seoul.	Aug. 19....	Goodsell
Norway, Trondheim.	Aug. 19....	Goodsell
Sweden, Stockholm.	Aug. 26....	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg.	Aug. 26....	Goodsell
Mission, Abou.	Sept. 9....	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22....	Goodsell
Central China Mission, Nan.	Oct. 21....	Goodsell
Algeria, Algiers.	Nov. 18....	Goodsell
Congo Mission Conference.	Nov. 18....	Hartzell
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## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Knuston, Miss.—Slater Irene Bates died May 12th. She was president of the Epworth League, and a consistent member of the First Baptist Church at this place. Also, Sister Baldwin, wife of C. B. Baldwin, died May 4th. W. E. Logan, Pastor.

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## Griffin District.

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Johnsonville	18 19
Hampton	25 26
August.	
Onk Hill	1 2
Loon-t Grove & Lue la	5 9
Fa etteville	22 23
Union Grove (Rev. V. D. Jenkins)	29 30
Griffin	29 30
September.	
Covington	4 6
Oxford	12 13
Brooks (Rev. J. A. Wyatt)	19 20
John P. Wragg, P. E.	

## Louisville District.

Second Round.	June
Chapin	20 22
Wilsonville	27 29
July.	
Simpsonville	4 6
Shelbyville	11 12
Ha dingburg	18 20
Mo gantown	22 24
Leitchfield	25 26
Harard	29 30
August.	
Auburn	1 3
Bowling Green	7 10
S. Nora	14 15
Coke Chapel	15 17
New Haven	15 17
Lagrange	20 24
Owenton	25 26
Bedford	27 28
Powee Valley	29 31
Loyd Street, Louisville	29 31
September.	
Mt Washington	1 2
Portland Miss	12 13
Anchorage	15 17
Louisville	18 19
Worthville	25 26
Vinn Grove	28 30
Jacksonville St. Louisville	31 14
Geo. A. Sissle, P. E.	

## Palestine District.

Third Round.	July
Hean	4 5
East Olivert	11 12
Fairfield circuit	18 19
August.	
Winkler	1 2
J. C. K. v. l. e	8 9
Palosine station	15 16
Buffalo circuit	22 23
September.	
Oakwinds circuit	5 6
Leona	12 14
Madsouville circuit	19 20
W. A. Fortson, P. E.	

## Lexington District.

Second Round.	June
North Middletown	23 24
Moorefield	27 28
May Hick, J. H. Ross	27 28
Shapburg	28 29
Sherrill	29 30
July.	
Klinev circuit	4 5
North Fork	8 9
Orangeburg	10 11
German's, J. Small	11 12
Washington	12 13
F. linoth	15 16
Leechu g. r.	18 19
F. emingburg	25 26
Corinth	29 30
August.	
Cle eland	1 2
College Hill circuit	3 4
Parl	8 9
Boyd circuit	11 12
Cynthiana	13 14
W. onchester	15 16
Sp. ara	19 20
Ca dentown	25 26
Ash y Temple	27 28
Rud ois' M. lla	29 30
Geor. etown	29 30
September.	
Frankfo t	5 6
V. eal les	12 13
New Zion	19 20
Joseph Courtney, P. E.	

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## MALARIA AND RHEUMATISM

(From the Journal, Wilmington, Ohio.)

On one of the fertile farms of the rich Ohio Valley, seven miles from Wilmington, the county of Clinton county, Ohio, and but a short distance from the small town of Melvin, their postoffice, in a cozy, little country home, resides John Arrasmith and his wife, Minnie.

A few days since a representative of the Journal drove out to Melvin to see them. In the course of the conversation Mrs. A. detailed the facts of her cure:

"Last July," said she, "from undue exposure in my work about the farm, I contracted malarial fever and rheumatism and suffered from the illness greatly. I could not throw it off, and although constantly attended by local physicians, continued to grow worse. In September I caught a severe cold, which greatly increased my troubles, and taking to my bed, there I lay for months. The rheumatism grew more aggravated, and for eight long weeks prior to last Christmas I was perfectly helpless, my limbs below the hips being as if paralyzed and I having no use of them whatever. I could not help myself in any way, and was not able even to turn over in bed unless my husband or some one else came and turned me. Medicines which the physicians left did no good, and nothing I could take afforded any relief. I was discouraged and feared that never again would I be up and about the house. It was anything but a bright prospect, for I was but 20 years old, had been married only two years and my life was before me, and to go through it a helpless cripple, a burden to my friends, was a fearful fate to think of."

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"Four hundred dollars."

"I'd rather have the four hundred dollars than the horse," replied Conkling.

"That's what the butcher thought," coolly said Grant. "Put him back into the stall, John."—Youth's Companion.

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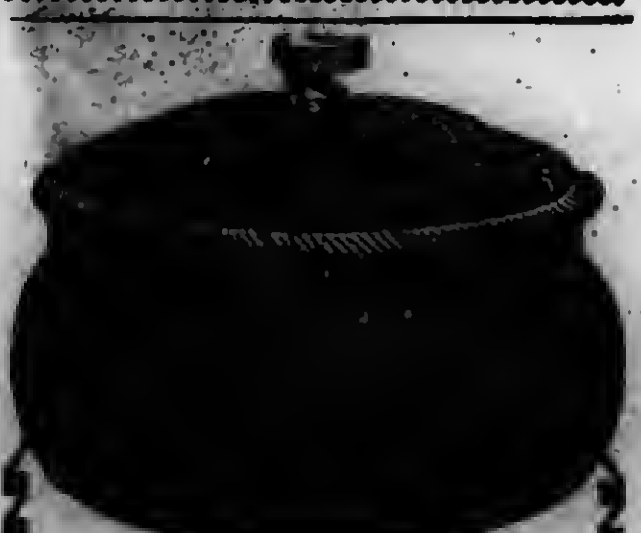
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## OVER THE HILLS.

Over the hills and far away,  
A little boy steals from his morning play  
And under the blossoming apple-tree  
He lies and he dreams of the things to be;  
Of battles fought and of victories won,  
Of wrongs o'erthrown and of great deeds done—  
Of the valor that he shall prove some day,  
Over the hills and far away—  
Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away,  
It's O for the toil the livelong day!  
But it mattereth not to the soul aflame  
With a love for riches and power and fame!  
On, O man! while the sun is high—  
On to the certain joys that lie  
Yonder where blazeth the noon of day;  
Over the hills and far away—  
Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away,  
An old man lingers at close of day;  
Now that his journey is almost done,  
His battles fought and his victories won—  
The old-time honesty and truth,  
The trustfulness and the friends of youth,  
Home and mother—where are they?  
Over the hills and far away—  
Over the years, and far away!  
—Eugene Field.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The vice which finally ruins a man is the one whose growth he has cultivated most diligently.

The man of genius must be a man of wisdom or else he may be wrecked by his brilliance.

The preacher who is going to feed the people must have something on which to feed them. Study, brethren, study!

The Republican National Convention which met in St. Louis last week was very harmonious and enthusiastic. A few extreme free silver men, headed by Senator Teller, withdrew from the Convention because they did not endorse the financial plank of the platform, which, however differs little from that adopted four years ago. A sketch of the candidates is given in another column.

A State College for Colored people has been organized in South Carolina and Hon. Thos. E. Miller elected president. Buildings are to be erected at once and it is hoped to see the school opened by next fall. Our Claflin University has for some years past been receiving the State appropriation that will go to support this school, and we understand the separation is made by mutual agreement. We certainly wish President Miller and faculty the greatest possible success.

We cannot argue law with the Supreme Court of the United States, but we can argue morals. That court has decided that the Louisiana Jim Crow law is not unconstitutional, which requires railroad companies to provide separate coaches for whites and Negroes. But the law is a crime before God, no matter whether it does or does not contradict the constitution of the United States. The constitution is not as broad as the Golden Rule, and the justices of that court have narrower jurisdiction than God has; nay, a narrower jurisdiction than any man's conscience.—The Independent.

The Secretary of the Navy, Hon. H. A. Herbert, appointed W. A. Atkinson, a Colored boy, to an apprenticeship in the Navy Yard machine shop against the protest and opposition of every white foreman in the shop.

This is the second Colored boy appointed in the machine shop of the Navy in thirty years. Ex-President Andrew Johnson appointed the first Colored youth in this shop.—Afr-American.

## GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

The election of Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., to be the Missionary Bishop to Africa, removes from the active work in this country a man who has for twenty-six years been closely identified with every interest of this Southern field. He came to us with his talented and refined young wife just after he had completed his classical and theological studies in the Illinois Wesleyan and Garrett Biblical Institute. He came, yea, they came, with the same unselfish, self-sacrificing spirit with which they now turn their faces toward Africa, to meet privations, hardships and proscription. He was misrepresented, abused, denounced and threatened, but he was as true to his convictions and his work as the needle to the pole. He began as pastor of Ames chapel, this city; from that he went to the presiding elder and finally to be assistant secretary and then secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society. Meanwhile he established and served as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. He traveled through the rice swamps of Louisiana in stage coaches, wagons, horseback, and when these were not convenient, on foot. He slept in our cabins, shared with us our scant meal and wept over our departed dead. He married our sons and daughters, baptized their children and has lived to help many of them grow to be educated and honored young men and women. There is not a Southern State in which he is not known, loved and honored. The people delight to hear him preach, and no one was more successful than he in moving them to contribute freely and joyously to any cause he represented.

The Louisiana Conference sent him as a delegate to six successive General Conferences, and to this day there is no honor that their votes could give him but that they would be delighted to bestow. He is enshrined in their hearts; they believe in him; they honor, they love him. He gave the strength of his life to their interests and believed implicitly in them and in their future. He treated them as men and regarded them as brothers beloved. Many of the Southern brethren had hoped to see him a General Superintendent in the church, but the General Conference has decreed otherwise. Anyone who knows the circumstances of the doctor's election to the Missionary Episcopacy cannot help but feel that it is a providential call. In some respects it was peculiar. He had already been re-elected to his old position of Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society and not only had no thought of being chosen Missionary Bishop to Africa, but told a number of friends he thought Dr. M. C. B. Mason the proper man for the place. He even went so far as to say, in a speech before the Conference, that he felt this the only opportunity left the General Conference to do the proper thing by the colored delegates. It was while he was up making this speech that we heard one of the Bishops or some one near them (we were on the rostrum at the time) say, "There is the man for Africa." From that very moment the thought of Dr. Hartzell's election began to grow on the Conference. By Saturday evening nearly every one you'd meet seemed to have just left some one who was thinking the same way, and so it went. By Sunday evening the matter was as good as settled and all that was lacking was the Doctor's consent.

When first informed of the growing conviction of his brethren, he was, to say the least, greatly shocked. First he thought it out of the question; he could not go to Africa. Then, too, he had a fear that his colored brethren might think he was not sincere in advocating that one of their number should be chosen for the place. He could not bear the thought of such a thing. Whatever else might be said, they must think J. C. Hartzell untrue to them. He was led in himself with his great problem. He was to

nati for his wife; he called for and consulted with his friends, the editor of this paper among the rest. Till a very late hour Saturday night he talked with friends and really agonized over the matter. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hartzell came, and after they had mingled thoughts, their prayers, their tears, he was enabled to look up and say: "Father, thy will be done!" We shall never forget the peaceful expression that covered her face when she said: "If the General Conference shall to-morrow settle on Mr. H., I feel I can go to Africa with as little dread as I had when we were first called to go into the South."

As far as they were concerned, the matter was settled; if God and the church wanted them to go to Africa they could not take the responsibility of saying no. With this feeling they entered the Conference Monday morning. A ballot was taken and he had more votes than all others combined; a second one, and Joseph C. Hartzell, of the Louisiana Conference, was elected Missionary Bishop to Africa. He was escorted to the rostrum by one of the Bishops, shook hands with Bishop Taylor, and was greeted by other Bishops and friends. From the rostrum he passed to the private box in which his wife was seated, kissed her and sat down, while they wept together like two helpless children.

The Bishop sails for Africa next November and is hopeful for the future of his work. God has called and will sustain him. The whole church will pray for him, but no part of it more lovingly and tenderly than this Southern field, which looks to him as their representative, though he is in Africa.

## BRUSH COLLEGE FOR TRAVELING AND LOCAL PREACHERS.

Our purpose is to organize in a few weeks what we desire to have known as Brush College.

The headquarters of the institution will be in the office of the Southwestern and for the present the editor of this paper will have charge.

We have concluded to do this because we know there are many preachers throughout the territory who need and will be glad to have assistance in prosecuting the course of study laid out for them by the authorities of the church. For some time past we have been doing this kind of work on a limited scale and some of the brethren think they are greatly benefited. We have carried it on by correspondence and at our own expense because we were confident there are many good, honest fellows who have never attended any college and who, with a little assistance, would become much more useful and efficient. We found a great many who were glad to have assistance. Of course, there are many more who are too lazy to study under any circumstances; for them we cannot do much. Our purpose is to help those who try to help themselves. This scheme into effect on a larger scale. We ask the assistance of a number of educational ministers who feel they desire to help this line. Let such who will voluntarily write us.

Meanwhile, let every traveling preacher who may desire to Brush College write us at once, carry on your work and keep up your home—right in the brush; and yet in this institutions. The work we do you do will be published in a Southwestern which will be set on its nose. In due time we shall let you know books you need. As soon as we are elected we will make further arrangements. Address Brush College, 631 New Orleans, La.

Great talkers as a rule do not do much.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ECHOES FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

(By S. A. Huger.)

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Cleveland, O., last month, was one of the most important conferences ever held in the history of the church. Questions of very great magnitude were met and disposed of to the best interest of the entire church. It is exceedingly difficult for a church that is made up of all the great nationalities of the world as is the Methodist Episcopal Church, to adjust every question touching the interests of all her constituents to the satisfaction of all. This is obvious when we consider the circumstances and conditions of the complex membership of this church. Nevertheless, every member is placed on an equitable footing before the law, and that Gospel truth has given so much satisfaction to the nations of the earth, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is clearly exemplified in the administration of these laws. There is one fact that I wish every member in the M. E. Church and out of it as well to note, that the church does not entertain any prejudice whatever against any of her members, on account of race, color, or previous condition. She provides for and treats them all alike. I cannot say, however, that there are not individuals in the church (some in high standing) that are not entirely free from prejudice; that would be misleading. But it must be remembered that these persons have no more rights guaranteed to them, by the church, than the poorest and most ignorant colored man. If a man has the ability to fill an office, and the influence necessary to command sufficient votes to elect him to that office over his competitors, but can enjoy the privilege of that office as any man in the church whatever his race or color. The right of membership in the church is the fundamental principle; guard this and everything else will follow. To wish to elect a man to an office in the Methodist Episcopal Church for mere policy, is a gross mistake that we have allowed our enemies to drift us into. We should not base our plea on policy, but on our fitness for the position we seek. Policy cannot stand the test of our advancing civilization, but ability will. The General Conference has again defined the position of the church on this great question, by adopting the report of the Committee on Episcopacy.

Every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church would deplore the election of a colored bishop on any other principle than that of fitness. To show that the church believes that the colored man has acquired the ability necessary to fill the highest office in the gift of the church, she adopted the following:

In presence of this statement often reiterated by various bodies of our church we believe the time has come when the General Conference may safely and wisely choose a bishop from among our 1,700 ministers of African descent. This is no uncertain sound; it is the unqualified opinion of the greatest Protestant Church on the globe. If the colored race appreciate this acknowledgment, it will readily agree with me, that this is one of the grandest victories we ever achieved. The church must first acknowledge the ability of the colored man, and that acknowledgment must be heralded forth until it settles or controls public sentiment, before we can hope to gain sufficient votes to elect a colored man to this great and responsible office.

To show that the church really practices what she preaches, Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph. D., D. D., ran ahead of the other candidates for the Episcopacy on the first ballot and increased on the second, in the face of the small majority of colored delegates. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., was elected secretary of the F. A. and S. E. Society by over a two-third vote on the first ballot. These are very encouraging features, and predict the future of the colored man in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Now instead of complaining, let us unite hands and heart in making the administration of our representatives a success. The S. W. C. Advocate and F. A. and S. E. Society, as well as all the other departments of our church work, should lie close to our hearts.

## BISHOPS TAYLOR AND HARTZELL AND OUR AFRICAN WORK.

New York, June 16, 1896.

My Dear Doctor:—I send you the enclosed item, the importance of which you will at once recognize, as it con-

tains not only news, but indicates the cordial and brotherly relations which exist between Bishop Taylor and myself. Many of my most cordial congratulations have come from his ardent friends and supporters. The old hero himself, together with his son, are doing everything in their power to facilitate the favorable inauguration of my work in relation to his missions, which heretofore have been conducted independently of the Society and the church.

You will note that it is my purpose to encourage with the utmost diligence the development of indigenous resources wherever our missions are, and wherever possible to make them self-supporting; also, to encourage friends of Africa to establish and maintain missions and stations by direct donations.

The final and official adjustment of Bishop Taylor's missionary work in Africa as related to the Missionary Society and the church will be passed upon by the Board of Managers and the General Committee in due time. In the meantime it is very important that the process of adjustment now being inaugurated, and which, through the blessing of God, is meeting with success, should be given to the church.

Whatever you may say, do not fail to urge all who have been helping Africa in special donations to continue and to help at once. All the missions heretofore conducted by Bishop Taylor must still depend upon special donations.

Pray for Africa!

Sincerely yours, J. C. Hartzell.

Bishop Taylor sailed for South Africa June 18th. He goes for evangelistic work among the Kaffirs, where thirty years ago his preaching was blessed in the conversion of many. His labors will be in the churches and missions of the English Wesleys, and will not bring him within thousands of miles of his old missionary work on the West Coast.

Bishop Hartzell, his successor as Bishop of Africa, has been in consultation with Bishop Taylor in New York concerning the transfer of his independent, or self-supporting missions in Africa, to the direction of the Missionary Society. The old and new bishops are in perfect accord. Bishop Taylor accepts, because of his age, his release by the General Conference from financial and administrative responsibilities as providential, and is doing, in connection with his son, the Rev. Ross Taylor, all he can to transfer to the new episcopal supervision all his African work, so that it may be conserved to the church and made permanent. Several requests to "Bishop William Taylor or his living successor" will come to Bishop Hartzell, to be used as the donors have directed. The principle of self-support will be maintained as far as practicable, and friends desiring to maintain special missions or stations will be encouraged to do so. Bishop Taylor appeals to all his friends and patrons to welcome his successor as being divinely appointed, and to continue their support through him to benighted Africa. The demand for financial aid is now very pressing. Money can for the present be sent to the Rev. Ross Taylor or Dr. Homer Eaton, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## MISSIONARY APPEAL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH.

Among the many grave and important questions which have claimed the attention of this General Conference, no one has more fully engaged our sympathy and profound thought than that which relates to the more complete evangelization of our own country and the conversion of the nations that are sitting in the darkness of paganism or are bound with the fetters of superstition and dead formalism. We find abundant reasons for thanksgiving in the great work God has enabled the church we represent to accomplish in both the home and the foreign field.

At home the church has reached a membership of 2,616,656, while abroad there are not less than 150,000 more, making an aggregate of 2,766,656.

At home there is still much to be done in reaching the masses in our great cities and providing for our scattered population on our Western frontier, and for both white and colored people in the South. Our great cities, the storm centers of our civilization, need to be more thoroughly permeated with Gospel leaven, and for the attainment of this end we recommend that the most effective methods be adopted. The city evangelization movement that has been incorporated meets with our hearty approval, and from it we anticipate large results. We approve of the policy of the Missionary Society in setting apart forty-five per cent of its income for the home field. We cordially indorse the efforts

of our Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Societies, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and also the deaconess work, as most valuable agencies in carrying the Gospel to the neglected, the destitute and the suffering.

But we rejoice to say that our church has not confined its labors exclusively to our own country, but has, in obedience to the Master's command, established great and prosperous Missions in foreign lands. Sixty-three years ago our church sent out its first foreign missionary. Africa was the first field entered, and South America, China, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia (including Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland), India, Bulgaria, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Korea followed in the order given. We have delegates now sitting in this General Conference from all these countries except Bulgaria and Korea. The reports they bring from their respective fields are most inspiring and encouraging. Doors of opportunity open on every hand, and the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," comes from many lands.

Commercial enterprise and naval prowess have covered all seas and oceans with fleets of ships, and are rapidly bringing all the nations into closer social, business and political relations than ever before in the history of our race. The bonds thus created and the vast interests involved are putting a new emphasis upon the inspired declaration that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," and that the interests of mankind are identical, no matter where the bounds of their habitations may be fixed.

Railroads are traversing and telegraph lines are interlacing all the continents and islands, and electric cables throbbeth beneath all seas. Countries may now be reached by the heralds of salvation in a few days which required weeks and months in the recent past, while electric currents bring to our doors daily the events of the whole world.

These mighty agencies are at the disposal of the church of Christ, and may be freely used in carrying out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Surely the time is already at hand which Daniel foresaw, when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." The outlook for the rapid evangelization of the world was never so encouraging as now, and the facilities for its accomplishment were never so numerous and complete.

The vantage ground already won is vastly important. Languages have been mastered by a host of devoted missionaries; the Bible has been translated into many languages; an extensive Christian literature in native languages has been created; schools of primary, intermediate and superior grades have been established, in which thousands of children and youths are being educated; hospitals and orphanages have been founded; houses of worship have been erected, in which multitudes are gathered from week to week to hear the word of life, and a native ministry, converted and called of God, has been raised up to declare to their own people, in their own tongues, "the wonderful works of God."

All this vast work has been founded and has grown to its present proportions through the agency and fostering care of the Missionary Society, aided most efficiently in later years by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the self-supporting efforts of Bishop William Taylor and his heroic band of workers.

These Missionary Societies are thoroughly organized, efficiently and economically managed, and are worthy of the entire confidence of the church.

While we approve of special individual efforts, special gifts for special objects in special emergencies, we earnestly advise all our people to give regularly and generously to the treasury of the Missionary Society for the support of the work under its care and for the objects it approves and commends.

We regret that by reason of the financial and industrial depression that has prevailed during the past quadrennium the income of the society, though generous, has not been equal to the demands upon its treasury, and that as a consequence a debt which at the close of the fiscal year, Oct. 31, 1895, amounted to \$240,000 has been of necessity created. A part of that sum has been provided for through special contributions to a Memorial Fund to the late efficient and laborious treasurer of the society, Dr. Sandford Hunt, and we recommend that the fund be completed and the debt extinguished at the earliest possible day. Most earnestly do we urge that not only

the debt be promptly paid, but also that the regular income of the society for the support and enlargement of the work be immediately secured.

If this is not done there is great danger that important work, particularly in India, will be greatly damaged, if not entirely destroyed. The wonderful growth of the work in that country, and others as well, and the almost boundless possibilities of the immediate future demand greatly increased resources. We beg you to be assured that we are sounding no false alarm, but that imminent peril is at hand if help is not promptly afforded.

We call upon our churches, Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues, through whose gifts, labors and prayers our widely extended missionary work has been established and developed, to come to the help of the Missionary Society without delay.

We exhort all our Bishops, presiding elders, pastors, Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents to give increased and prompt attention to this great cause by sermons, addresses and faithful instructions, and thus secure a wide diffusion of information and interest among our people. Let the coming quadrennium, which will close the nineteenth century, be distinguished for its missionary zeal and the enlargement of the kingdom of God in all the earth. To our beloved missionary bishops and delegates from foreign fields in attendance upon this General Conference we give our hearty blessing. We commission you to bear our Christian greetings to your fellow-laborers and to the native churches in all the lands to which you go, assuring them that they are remembered in our prayers daily, and that we have them always in our hearts. We send them greetings and our apostolic benediction:

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts, and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen." (Signed) A. B. Leonard, A. J. Palmer, W. T. Smith.

## NOTICE.

Presiding elders, pastors and Epworth League presidents of the Texas Conference will kindly send me the names and postoffice addresses of active Epworthians on district for the Conference Epworth League convention, to be held this summer (see program later). Suggestive subjects will be accepted. Presiding elders and district presidents will please notify me of the time of their district Epworth League conventions. Please do this at once. Would like to receive suggestions from presiding elders, pastors and Epworthians as to time and place of holding the Texas Conference Epworth League convention. Faithfully yours, H. B. Pemberton, President. Box 487, Marshall, Tex.

## ONLY A PIECE OF PAPER.

The following illustration of what may be accomplished by good literature is recounted by an exchange:

"I was asked to go to a public house in Nottingham to see the landlord's wife who was dying. I found her rejoicing in Christ as her Saviour. I asked her how she found the Lord. 'Reading that,' she replied, handing me a torn piece of paper.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

## NOTICE.

To the Members of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference:

The District Conference will convene at Alexandria, July 23rd. All parties and persons coming to the conference over the N. and K. Railroad will purchase tickets to Brush Creek. There you will be met by a hack and conveyed to Alexandria. The hack is only obligated to meet the trains the 23rd; so come on that day.—R. H. Johnson, P. C.

Crysta' Springs, Tenn.—I write to let the many readers know that my dear wife who has been in bed for twenty months, is not much better. So I am still asking the prayers of all of God's people.

This is my first year at this place. I came here January 20th, and the people received me gladly. I followed Rev. A. Davis, who closed his fifth year with success and left the church in good condition. I have received into full membership fifteen; on probation, sixteen. I have not been able to do my whole duty by the church on account of my wife's sickness, but I hope this will not be so long. Our second quarterly conference convened June 6th and 7th, with Rev. I. L. Pratt, P. E., at his post. Reports showed the church to be alive on all lines of church work. Paid to pastor this quarter, \$314.35; to P. E., \$21.00; benevolent, \$14.10. The P. E. preached us two of his best sermons. Then he gave us a good talk about the grand old Southwestern, which I have been taking since 1873. He also spoke highly of Drs. Hartzell, Albert, Taylor and Hammond, then closed by saying that past blessings do not suffice, that God kept back the best wine till the last. Go ahead Dr. for we are with you, and, before the next General Conference, you shall have your 10,000 subscribers.—H. May, P. C.

(Thank you, Bro. May, now send in a few.—Ed.)

Rocky Mount, La.—The pastor being absent for a few days, visiting relatives at Vanceville, on his return found in his room several valuable presents, given by the stewardesses. Among the names are Sisters Rebecca Brooks, Maggie Stephens and others. Thanks, come again!—J. D. Brightop, P. C.

McMinneville, Tenn.—The large service room of Clark's Chapel, this place, was densely packed May 29th. The occasion being the commencement exercises of the city schools. Every piece from the junior grades to the more advanced of the senior classes was well received, and many elicited long and continued applause. Many white people were present. Among them the mayor, members of the city council and board of education.

Prof. J. G. Meadows, superintendent of all the schools, made a characteristic address.

Rev. J. A. W. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered the commencement address. This address was an eloquent and forcible presentation of the leading questions relating to the betterment of the entire race. It was well received with many hearty applauses.

Dr. R. T. Burt, principal, and Mrs. R. O. Speers, assistant, have made a splendid record. They have been retained for the next year. The local orchestra rendered some choice selections of music.—J. W. Woodlee.

Fort Smith, Ark.—At the second Quarterly Conference services were held by Rev. W. O. Emory, D. D., P. E. Many came up for prayer. Collection, \$18.75. During the week he lectured on "Practical Education" and "The Church and the Race." Each lecture was a treat to all that heard him.—John Qualls, P. C.

Oak Grove, Tex.—Children's Day was a grand day here. Miss Hattie Tyler and Miss Ella Mayfield took the collection, \$12.30.—G. S. Helm.

Corrigan, Tex.—My second Quarterly Conference was held June 6-7, 1896. Reports show great improvement along all lines. We have just closed a revival—twenty converts. We have built one new church since the Annual Conference. We have also bought and paid for a church. Paid P. E., \$15; P. C., \$65; raised on missions, \$20. Elder Culbreath, P. E., preached a good sermon.—E. Nicheaux, P. C.

Rosedale, La.—Hartzell Chapel, M. E. Church, is alive both spiritually and financially. We have painted the church and parsonage at the cost of \$225. We began to raise this money the first of May and are nearly out of debt. We have a beautiful church and parsonage in this little village. I must say we have

some earnest workers here for the church. The stewardesses are planning to help us pay the remainder of the debt.—I. R. Scott, P. C.

Shady Grove, La.—Children's Day was carried out here successfully before a large congregation. Three prizes were given to the best speakers as follows: The first prize to little Jackson Davis, a 10-year-old boy; the second to Miss Maggie Henderson; the third to Miss Effie Simonds. These young people will be stars in Shady Grove in the future. Rev. P. C. Colton is doing great work here at Shady Grove, and carrying the people with him. He is an excellent preacher and good man.—E. D. Simonds, Superintendent.

Augusta, Ky.—We observed Sunday, June 7th, for our Children's Day; it was all that could be expected. The programme was carried out in full, and is said to be the most successful of any yet rendered. Rev. G. N. Jolley, of the white M. E. Church, this city, and his Sunday school, also Rev. E. R. Lewis, of Dover, were with us and aided greatly in the services. Our collection was more than doubled, it being \$13. Prof. R. L. Dent, our efficient superintendent, deserves much credit for his faithful and untiring zeal. Our Sunday school is second to none on the District.—B. W. Kirtly, P. C.

Rev. D. D. Dukes, of Hazlehurst, Miss., writes: Our second quarter was held at Bismark charge June 6th and 7th, by Rev. A. Gunsby, P. E., I. L. Pratt could not be with us. Our officers made their reports. The spiritual condition of the church is very good. Mr. John Martin joined us from the Baptist church. He, too, is a useful man. Collection for presiding elder was \$3.25; pastor, \$8.40; expenses, \$5.05. Since going to the work I walk seventy-five miles each month to Bismark, after riding to Wesson on train. Bros. G. W. Bridges, A. Low, West, Craft, McElliott and James Toller have been at work repairing the seats in the churches; also made a new pulpit.

Greenwood, Miss.—We gave a rally for the benefit of church on the fourth Sunday in May, and raised \$105.35. J. W. Park, pastor at Winona, and Rev. N. W. Wallace, of the Baptist Church of this place, assisted in the exercises. We are moving on grandly.—B. F. Woolfolk, P. C.

Decatur, Ala.—Rev. Herman Matthews was born in Limestone county in 1846. He died at Decatur, January 13, 1895. He died in full triumph of Christian faith; he talked of his heavenly home and his crown that was prepared for him. He said, Saturday morning, the 12th, that the Righteous Judge himself was going to place the crown on his head and would not suffer the angels to put it on. The same night he sang: "Alas Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free." Again he sang, "Swing low sweet chariot coming for to carry me home." He then said, "Oh, holy dove of heavenly rest come." Sunday morning about an hour before his death, Rev. Smith came in and told him that he had several letters from his friends in Birmingham asking how he was; he hugged Rev. Smith and told him to dispatch back to his good members at Enon and tell them "I have accomplished my work; I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith and I am now ready to go." He desired the people to sing at his funeral hymn No. 200 in the Gospel Hymns. He said his mother and brother had called to see him that morning and sang that hymn. "About the eleventh hour, Sunday morning, the carriage of death came in sight. He sang, 'I am passing away into that great judgment day, and as the angels bore away his soul, he broke forth and sang, 'Go preach my Gospel, saith the Lord.'—Rev. Hiram Matthews.

Gainsville, Ala.—Children's Day was a success; programme used. For education, \$10; other causes, \$21.—A. S. Williams.

(This Brother sends two yearly subscribers with this information and an invitation to the District Conference.—Ed.)

Meadville, Miss.—Children's Day was a success. We carried out the programme just as laid down. Collection, \$17.50.—R. McAlpin, P. C.

Abbeville, Miss.—The first Sunday in June Children's Day was observed in high order. Everything was grand. Collection for the children, \$2.02. On the second Sunday, at old Providence Church, Superintendent E. J. Turner called for order and introduced his army of Crusaders. The programme was carried out to the letter, just like it

was laid down. God bless Dr. Payne. May he live long to work in the cause of the Sunday school. The whole day was given to the children. In the afternoon the time was given to essays and Bible verses. Bro. John Logan made an address on the growth of the Sunday school, which was grand. Mary F. Yark had the audience spell bound, and men and women shed tears. Providence Sunday school is second to none on the Holly Springs District. There were several white ladies and gentlemen who took part in the Responsive services. Our collection was \$8.10; total collection for the day, \$17.35; and two subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. We are glad to say we are at home again, after months out of our parsonage that was destroyed by fire March 13th. We have built another at a cost of \$75. The work is alive on all lines. This is our first year on this charge, and we are not in a hurry about moving. We have sent in fourteen subscribers since conference, and we would send in fourteen more. Every interest of the church is looked after, and we are now preparing for the District Conference which meets at Hernando, Miss., June 24, 1896. Pray for us!—C. W. Butler, P. C.

Jackson, Miss.—Sunday, June 7th, was our new seat entering day. Although much of the day was unfavorable because of rain, it was a glorious day in Zion. The Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B., B. D., principal of Meridian Academy, was with us and preached two able sermons to the joy and satisfaction of all who heard him. The collection was as follows: Miss Ella Patton, Sunday school class, \$3.40; public, \$20.65; Rather's Assembly, Miss S. M. Rather, president, \$50.10; Willing Works, Mrs. S. M. Powell, president, \$147.55; True Zions, Miss Annie Patton, president, \$202.96. Total, 424.66. This collection was principally taken through our sisters' aid societies. Leaders' collection, April 26th, \$195.15. Grand total on our new seats, \$619.81. Our seats cost \$653.60 cash. We will raise balance in thirty days. Our work is moving along fairly well.—J. C. Hibbler, P. C.

Rosedale, La.—The members of Hartzell Chapel and sincere friends surprised me with many good things. On the 5th of June, at 10 o'clock at night, after I had gone to bed, I heard the sound of many people singing at the parsonage door. I awoke and was presented many valuable groceries.—I. R. Scott, P. C.

## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## COLUMBUS (Tex.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Remember this District Conference will convene in the city of Hallettsville, August 18th, at 9 o'clock. We are expecting every member and delegate to be on hand to answer at roll call. We hope each pastor will be able to report all their benevolent money, or, at least, half of it. The District Epworth League and W. H. M. Society will be, we hope, well represented. The local preachers and exhorters will bear in mind their license will not be renewed unless they are taking the S. W. C. Advocate. Let us have a grand session.—Yours in Christ, B. F. Smith, P. E.

## ROME (Ga.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—We are depending upon you to raise every dollar assessed upon your charge. A new era has dawned upon our work, and with it new responsibilities rest upon each pastor. Can we depend on you to raise every dollar assessed upon Children's Day? Don't fail, for the age of the church is upon you. The District Conference will convene August 6th at Douglassville. Let each delegate be on hand with full and clear reports. Dr. M. C. B. Mason will be present to say a cheering word for our work. He will receipt all the pastors for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Bring it with you. Don't forget Dr. Scott and the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Push every interest!—Your, H. R. Allen, P. E.

## NOTICE.

The District Conference of the Cumberland River District of the Tennessee Annual Conference will convene for its second semi-annual session for this conference year at Alexander, Tenn., July 23d. We want to see all of the members present at roll call. Please come with your reports written and your souls filled with the Holy Ghost.

L. M. Moores, P. E.

## NOTICE.

The first District Conference for this

year of the Shubuta District, Mississippi Conference, will convene at Pearlinton July 15th. All the members are urged to be present.

J. M. Shumpert, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Local preachers and exhorters prepare to preach and exhort. All are asked of their free will to bring one dime for Marion Institute. The District Conference will open Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Aug. 26th, in the M. E. Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Several visiting brethren are expected to take part. Rev. Wm. Strickland will preach the opening sermon. Report all benevolent claims full.

H. N. Brown, P. E. Dadeville District.

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Third, Keep in mind the fact that you are writing for the public and not for yourself. Hence you should give such facts as will be of interest to the public.

Fourth, Please understand we shall be glad to have you make your complaints to this office at any time, and, moreover, the new editor will be pleased to have you write him of anything you think prevents the increase of our subscription list.

Fifth, Any communications you desire published, or for the editor personally, address to Rev. I. B. Scott, but all business matters to Eaton & Mains, 631 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

**THE NUMBER OF METHODISTS.**

One person out of every fourteen, one Christian out of every five, one Protestant out of every three in the United States is a Methodist. The statistics for 1895 show that there are in this country 5,452,654 members of the Methodist Church and that the increase in membership for the year has been at the rate of one thousand every day.

The above, clipped from the North American Review, shows the vast army to which we belong. When we consider our small beginning in comparison with this remarkable display, it seems altogether fitting to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" May it please Him to increase both our numbers and usefulness.

In the Christian Recorder, Editor Johnson's associate who is furnishing copy during the editor's illness, has this to say regarding his work and the communications sent the paper:

"We can say, however, as acting editor during his absence, that we know he is sincerely grateful for the pleasant words from the many different friends. His work is harassing and arduous and needs just such a brain and heart as his to give the church what he has during the last four years. No one but those who are associated in the work know what it is. Communications that come with misspelled words, no punctuation, sometimes one long sentence from beginning to end, another without a capital letter anywhere in it. As for bad grammar and faulty rhetoric they are common, yet the writers of these are often honest hearted Christian men and women who have a word that they feel ought to be said to their brethren. The editor must straighten all this out and make it readable matter, and at the same time keep up the literary tone of his paper.

In this office many articles are published after being read over and corrected many times which would find the waste-basket in almost any other office in the country. All the Sunday schools, conventions, district conferences want a hearing. This is a church paper and they demand it; yet sometimes when the editor, in justice to all and malice toward none, cuts something superfluous

from the article of one that he may give another a little space, he brings down upon his head many unkind things."

The above describes so well some of the work we find to be done in this office, we publish it that the brethren may see just why some of their articles cannot be published just as they are sent in.

**DEBT-PAYING DAY.**

A debt is not always a calamity; it is sometimes even a blessing. Business men often find it to their great advantage to contract debts. It is better to create a debt when there is a fair prospect of being able to pay than to allow an important business to break down or valuable property to be sacrificed.

From 1884 to 1892 there was an almost constant advance in the annual income of the Missionary Society rising from \$735,225 in the former year to \$1,269,483 in the latter. The growth was steady and had financial and industrial prosperity continued it would have steadily increased and ere this the income of the Missionary Society would have crossed the million and a half line. The prosperity of the country was checked early in 1892, and since that time the income of the Missionary Society has been almost at a standstill. During the period above named, the expansion of our work in the foreign field was unexampled in our previous history. In 1884 our foreign membership was 46,407. In 1892 it was 90,790, showing an increase of 44,383. During the same period our Sunday school scholars increased from 62,810 to 120,954, and our property from \$1,940,217 to \$3,206,534. Since 1892 there has been a further increase in membership of 56,413, making a total increase of members and probationers since 1884 of 100,769.

When the General Committee first faced the fact that the growth of the income of the Missionary Society had practically ceased and the further fact that the growth of the work was not only unchecked, but more rapid than ever before, it was compelled to take the risk of a debt with the hope that times would soon improve and an increase of revenue be restored, or assume the responsibility not only of stopping the growth of the work, but of allowing some of it to perish. The Committee heroically chose the latter alternative and the debt is the result. It can scarcely be doubted that if the entire membership of the church had been consulted the unanimous judgment would have been with that of the General Committee. The people would have said, "Take care of the work God has placed under your care and we will stand by you and pay the debt at the earliest possible day."

At the close of the last fiscal year, October 31, 1895, the debt was \$240,000. Since that time special offerings have reduced it \$20,000, leaving \$220,000 still to be paid. The General Conference has just said that the debt ought to be "extinguished at the earliest possible day." Our Bishops say it ought to be paid immediately and the Board of Managers say the same thing. It is believed that presiding elders, pastors, official and private members, Epworth Leaguers and Sunday school scholars, if they could be consulted, would all join in the chorus and say, "The debt can and shall be paid."

The Missionary Secretaries, after much prayer and careful consideration, have determined to name Sabbath, July 26, 1896, as "Debt Paying Day." A minimum of eight cents per member in addition to the regular contributions, will wipe out the debt and free the Missionary Society of its burden. We confidently expect that all our people will heartily fall into line. Let full and early announcement of the day be made and let it be repeated from the pulpit, in the prayer meeting, the Epworth League and the Sunday school until the atmosphere of the church shall be surcharged with a hearty enthusiasm which will insure success. Let us "all at it" and the work will be done. Let no congregation, however poor, Epworth League or Sunday school, however small, be counted out, but let all take part in the good work and then all can share in the joy that will follow when success is achieved.

A. B. Leonard,

A. J. Palmer,

W. T. Smith,

Missionary Secretaries.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

We thank Rev. S. A. Huger, P. E., for a copy of the Florida Conference minutes.

Rev. Julius Benn, pastor at Mandeville, was in the city to attend the Preachers' Meeting last week, and gave our office a pleasant call.

Dr. Albert, vice-president of the Gilbert Academy, arrived in the city on Monday, and will remain several days at his residence, 7800 St. Charles avenue, where he will be pleased to have his friends call or write.

Bishop John Holliday, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is in the city preparing to assume the duties connected with his new office. He was elected bishop at the late session of the General Conference of his church and assigned to the Eighth Episcopal District, which embraces Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

Rev. J. C. Phillips, pastor Mt. Calvary C. M. E. Church called to see us, and the reunion, after a separation of about four years, was mutually agreeable. He reports his work both enjoyable and successful.

The editor has had the pleasure and honor of being entertained for a few days in the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. Pierre Landry while in the city. He goes now to see about moving his family.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, has been sick ever since his General Conference. We sincerely trust he may be speedily restored to his wonted health.

Bishop Goodsell left the General Conference before its adjournment in order to take passage for Europe where he is to hold the conferences of those countries twice before his return. This will cause his absence from this country nearly two years.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard is so well known in our territory that it is only necessary to say he was re-elected with a greatly increased majority. He now begins his third quadrennium and will, as the senior Missionary Secretary, have a most excellent opportunity to arouse the whole church to the full recognition of the demands upon it.

Lincoln University, the great Presbyterian Institution, has just given the Rev. D. M. Minus, A. M., of Greenville, S. C., the degree of Doctor of Divinity pro honoris. The Rev. Minus is a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, South Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Homer Eaton returned to his office in the Book Concern on Monday of this week, and received an enthusiastic welcome from the employees of the house. He was prostrated by an attack of the grip while in attendance upon the General Conference in Cleveland, and was unable to attend the session of that body during the last few days of its work. His friends will be glad to know that he is now rapidly recovering.—Christian Advocate, June 4.

**TO PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS.**

Delaware, O., June 13, 1896.

In examining the list of charges not reporting collections for General Conference expenses, the Committee on Entertainment is persuaded that the charges have not designed to be deficient and that a mere postponement, or oversight, in taking the collections, or in reporting them, explains the fact that they have not been received. The deficient list represents the names of churches and pastors not accustomed to neglecting the church's claims upon them. Surely the neglect is not intentional. All desire credit for meeting their share of the responsibilities. Delay in transmitting the collections is greatly embarrassing the treasurer, Richard Dymond, Esq., in adjusting accounts and in attempting to make full reports for the General Conference Journal and the Discipline. If the brethren in arrears, in whole or in part, will promptly send their collections to the agents at New York or Cincinnati, all indebtedness can be met and full credit given in the reports soon to be published.

In behalf of the Committee on Entertainment,  
W. F. Whitlock, Secretary.



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### OFFER EXTRAORDINARY.

The manager will send a well bound, complete copy of "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" (by T. S. Arthur) to every one who subscribes for one year during the first week in July next. This is a special offer made by him for that week only. Mention it with your subscription. It is an extra inducement, over and above usual commissions or other inducements. Let us see how many will get the book. Watch this close for valuable notices.

The chair that our business manager occupied during the General Conference as lay delegate from Louisiana, now graces this office. The chairs of Delegates Adbert and Marshall are also in the city. They are interesting mementoes of that historic session.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

The University of Denver has just closed its most successful year. The attendance in the College of Liberal Arts increased 37 per cent. over the year before, and in the Kliff School of Theology the attendance doubled; the School of Dental Surgery showed an increase of 33 per cent.; the School of Music doubled, and all other departments held their own, most of them making a slight increase. Degrees were conferred upon forty-six graduates. The treasurer's report showed gifts amounting to about \$16,000 during the year. The library of the late Rev. Dr. F. G. Hibbard, of Clifton Springs, 2,000 volumes, has been given to the Kliff School of Theology.

### A MASS-MEETING OF DEACONESS WORKERS.

In accordance with action taken during the session of the late General Conference, the National Deaconess Convention, called at Ocean Grove for July 20th to 21st, will take the form of a mass-meeting on deaconess work, to which all persons engaged in deaconess work are invited. The first day, July 20th, will be given to private sessions of those engaged in actual service as deaconesses, members of Boards of Direction or Conference Boards. The second day, July 21st, will be devoted to public meetings, in which able speakers will present different aspects of work. Bishop W. X. Ninde, and one or two other bishops, are expected to be present to preside and assist in these meetings.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Thompson Chapel M. E. Church Society.—M. C. B. Mason preached a most interesting sermon Sunday morning, the 14th inst. The speaker made a strong presentation of the truth and received the closest attention on the part of his congregation. As a former pastor, he is much loved by the people of Thompson Chapel.

The Building Committee of the Lafon Old Folks' Home held a meeting Wednesday, 17th inst. The committee is planning for the ceremonies of the corner-stone laying, in which it is expected that the whole city will be interested.

Closing exercises of Southern University will commence with the sermon by Rev. J. W. Whitaker, at Chapel Hall, Sunday, June 21st, 7:30 p. m., running up to the commencement, Thursday, June 25th, 7:30 p. m.

### A BARBAROUS LAW.

The General Conference authorized the Freedman's Aid Society to test the constitutionality of an oppressive class law which would greatly hinder the work of the society in the South if allowed to go unchallenged. It was passed by the Legislature of Florida and provides that if any individual or association in conducting a school shall teach colored and white students in the same class at the same time or board them together in the same building they shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$500, and imprisonment from three to six months. This law also extends to patrons as well as those actually engaged in the work of teaching or conducting the school.

Already the American Missionary Society of the Congregational Church has had a clash with the authorities of the State of Florida over the matter and several arrests have been made. The persons arrested are out on bail. There will doubtless be a joining of interests for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the law in question. Several of the Southern States have this provision in the constitution of the State, but Florida is the first one to make the statutory enactment.

If the law is not "up set" it will be only a question of time until a number of the Southern States will have similar laws enacted. It is almost needless to say that such a law would greatly cripple the work of the church among the colored people of the South.—Penn. Meth.

### AN AFRICAN GIRL'S PLUCK.

An exchange tells the following incident of missionary life in Africa:

A girl named Nyangandi, who lived near the Ogowe river, West Africa, one Saturday came in her canoe with two bunches of plantains to sell to the missionary. When she was going away, Mrs. Batchelor, the missionary's wife, said to her:

"Now, you must not forget that tomorrow will be the Sabbath day and you have already promised to come every time."

"Yes," said the girl, "I will surely come if I am alive."

And so she did, but no one knew how she got there until she told the girls that in the night her canoe had been stolen, but she swam all the way! The current was swift, the water deep, and the river fully a third of a mile wide; but by swimming diagonally she succeeded in crossing the river.

If this heathen girl, who knew only a little about the Gospel, could take so much pains to keep her word and come to the house of prayer, how much more should more favored people not forsake the assembling of themselves together because it is cloudy or damp or rainy?

### SERMON STEALING.

Talk occasioned by Dr. Morgan's kidnapping a sermon from the works of the late Dr. George Putnam, preaching and allowing it to be published as his own, and when exposed endeavoring to justify it, has been restarted by the report that one passage in Putnam's sermon was taken without credit from some early English writer. "It appears in one of Rufus Choate's speeches, properly quoted, and ascribed to an early English writer unidentified by Mr. Choate."

If it be true, it raises no presumption against Putnam, whose long career demonstrated him a thoroughly capable and ruggedly honest man. Whether the posthumous editor of his sermons inadvertently omitted the quotation marks, or whether Putnam extemporaneously informed his hearers that he quoted, cannot be known.

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not be known. Again, some friend of Morgan puts forth the statement that one of the most prominent of metropolitan preachers has, since Easter, delivered as his own a sermon preached by Dr. Morgan several years ago in the Church of the Heavenly Rest. If so, the last preacher surpasses in recklessness ordinary thieves, for he ran the double risk of being charged with stealing from Morgan and from some other author—for no one knows where Dr. Morgan gets his sermons. The latter's friends make a grievous mistake in saying anything, but in bringing forward other cases, as though that would shield him, they exhibit a lack of moral sensibility.—The Christian Advocate.

### A GOOD SERMON.

There are two things needed to a good sermon—good preaching and good hearing; and the second is often the more important of the two. A poor sermon may be blessed to us if we are in the right frame of mind, and will make the best of it. The poorest preachers use sacred words, which may be a theme of profitable meditation if we will ask ourselves just what those words mean in themselves. The best sermon may be defeated by inattention, distraction, or idle curiosity as to the preacher's manner, language and the like. Paul probably preached as well at Troas as at any other point of his missionary journeys; but Eutychus, who fell asleep, got little good of the sermon, and just escaped neck-break.—Sunday School Times.

### HELP YOUR PASTOR.

"Is it necessary to add," says the Congregationalist, "that every Christian should pray earnestly for the pastor, should hold his honor dear, and, if possible, should defend him faithfully when adversely criticised? One word more—help your pastor when you are sure that he has made some mistake, not by condemning him in your family or before others, but by going straight to him for a frank, brotherly, prayerful talk. Whether you part on terms of entire agreement or not, you will separate with a truer and better mutual understanding."

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### UNNATURAL FEELING.

Henry Ward Beecher once told an audience in England that very early one morning a young fellow, who owns a member of Plymouth Church, came to see him in very great distress of mind and soul. He had worked himself down into perfect misery, because he had come to the conclusion that his supposed conversion had been a delusion, and that he was still an entire stranger to the experience of the regenerated life.

"And why?" asked the great preacher.

"Because I don't feel ready to die."

"Now, look here," said Beecher, "I have just had my breakfast, and I declare to you I don't feel a bit ready for my dinner, but if you will return in about four hours and sit down with me at my table you will find with the proper season there have come the appropriate feelings."—Ram's Horn.

### A TRUE CONCEPTION.

A minister once asked a saloon-keeper if his conscience never troubled him respecting his business. The man said, "Come inside, sir."

"It was in the middle of the day," says the Morning Star, "and there were none of the usual customers about. My friend walked in. The grog seller went behind his own bar, and leaning on it, said:

"Reverend sir, there are times when I stand behind this bar and look at the men who fill this room; I hear their blasphemy and their lewd songs; I see their fighting and their awful misconduct, and I often say to myself, 'If there is a picture of hell on earth, it is in places like this.'"

### MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Memphis, Tenn.—Mr. John Brown to Miss Marie Logan; and Mr. Joe Golphas to Miss Emma Falwell. O. E. Alexander officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Memphis, Tenn.—The following members of our church have died since I wrote last: May 8, Walter Wallace; May 15, Annie Butler; May 16, Louise Hurd; May 28, infant Samuel Mcawen; June 5, Agnes Smith; June 14, Luchula Harrel. C. E. Alexander, Pastor.

New Roads, La.—Bro. Charlie Hunt died June 8th, in full triumph of faith. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and was the recording steward. The church and friends mourn his death; aged 36. C. E. Bradford, Pa. tor.

Shreveport, La.—Bro. Sylvester Green, a consistent Christian and a faithful member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, died June 11th. J. A. Thumit, Pastor.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Price, the wife of Rev. Jesse P. Price, died June 10th. She professed faith in Jesus at Murfreesboro, February, 1870, and has lived a consistent Christian ever since. She was born in Whitesville, Va. July 10, 1832, and married Elder Price, May 10, 1869, at Murfreesboro. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a famous cook and housekeeper. Everybody loved sister Price. She was very sensible of her death, having suffered much. She had been lingering for over two years. She called her husband and children around her bedside, and talked to them about heaven and how they must get along. She asked for a drink of water, and then said, "Take hold of my hands; good-bye," and was gone! J. P. P.

### A VALUABLE FIND.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that an ancient and beautiful manuscript copy of the Gospel, dating back to the sixth century, was recently found in Asia Minor. It is written on the finest and thinnest of vellum, which is dyed purple. The letters are silver, except for the abbreviations and sacred names, which are gold. Representatives of English and American universities have unsuccessfully sought to obtain possession of the precious MSS., it having been secured by Russia.—Rams Horn.

### AUSTRALIAN RABBIT PLAGUE.

Australia has found it impossible to abate the rabbit plague. In New South Wales alone, 7,000,000 acres of land have been abandoned—£1,000,000 has been spent—and the only plan that has any good effect is wire netting, and of this 15,000 miles have been used.

### A BOY'S CHOICE.

A little boy asked his mother which of the characters of the "Pilgrim's Progress" she liked best.

She replied: "Christian, of course; he is the hero of the whole story."

Her son said: "I don't, mother; I like Christiana best, for when Christiana went she took the children with her."

The scientific method is to make the experimental test and then construct theory from the facts. Men do this in everything except salvation. In the latter they construct their theories without experience, because they dislike the self-denial required. This is the reason of so many theories of holiness.

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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

"Hints to Converts, or the Happy Life Begun," by Rev. A. T. Scott, of Wilmington Conference, has run through five editions and now started on its sixth, revised by the author, and published by our Book Concern. It has not only helped beginners in the Christian life, but has been instrumental in leading persons to the Lord Jesus and been helpful to older Christians. An appendix of Scripture quotations refers to the hints in the text. Price 30 cents, post paid; cloth binding. For sale at this office.

By mistake a few copies of the Methodist Year Book were sent here. They can be had for 8 cents by mail, or for 5 cents delivered at the office. Call or send for them.

We have just received the Year Book of New Orleans University. It contains the catalogues of the College of Liberal Arts, Medical College, Gilbert and Alexandria Academies. If you wish full information concerning one of the greatest institutions in the central South, send to President Adkinson, 5318 St. Charles avenue, for a Year Book.

A New History of Methodist Missions.—The seventeen years which have elapsed since the lamented Dr. Reid gave to the church his great history of Methodist Missions have witnessed an immense extension and advance in this department of organized Christian activity. In view of general forward movement the time seemed ripe for a new history of the work, and such Dr. Gracey's revision practically amounts to. The new book bears the title of the old, Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but almost every section has been extended and large divisions of the subject are entirely new. Fully one-half has been added to the original work, which now appears in three volumes, well furnished with maps and illustrations, and sold at a remarkably low figure. The importance of Dr. Gracey's contributions will best be understood from a comparison of the mission field of to-day with those of 1877. Dr. Reid wrote of a missionary society that had barely entered Mexico, Japan and Italy. The Methodists had not sown a seed in Korea, West China, or Malaysia. India, now the seat of five great Annual Conferences and many schools, hospitals, and medical missions, was then comprised in a single Annual Conference, and the results there are not greater numerically than they are in their significance for the future. The epoch-making activity of William Taylor in South America and along the great West African rivers lies wholly within the past two decades. Dr. Gracey has treated these great subjects with intelligence and skill. He has been careful to follow the lucid and concise style of the author, and so to preserve the unity of the book.

"Prayer, its Nature and Scope, by H. Clay Trumbull, 12mo. pp. 6, 160, Philadelphia: John D. Wattles & Co. Beautifully bound in dark blue, white and gold. Price, 75 cents. These thoughts about prayer were for the most part brought out in hours of earnest discussion. Those who have an interest in prayer will welcome Dr. Trumbull's helpful explanations and plain definitions.

In the July issue of Lippincott's is "A Twelve-dollar Bill," by Algernon Tassin, and is a pathetic tale of honesty among the very poor and in the face of the strongest possible temptation—to save a sister's life. Gilliam W. Ford tells about "The Rector's Game-cock," which came to the minister in a singular way, and was thenceforth a bird of peace. Annie Steger Winston writes with feeling and instructively on "The Southern Ideal."

Ex-President Harrison, in the Ladies' Home Journal, clearly intimates that successful national financing is extremely difficult by the present methods. Upon this point he says: "If \$50 would suffice to hold \$50,000,000 in the Treasury the secretary could not expend that small sum. He must stand by until the gold is gone, and then sell bonds to get it back. The result is that the banks and the brokers are often able to make play of the Treasury. A financial institution whose board transacts its business in public is at a disadvantage."

"What one can do with a Chafing-dish," a guide for amateur cooks, new revised and enlarged edition, is a book recently issued by John Ireland, 1192 Broadway, New York. It has 137 recipes for nice edible foods.

"The Landlord at Lion's Head," a new novel by W. D. Howells, will be begun in the issue of Harper's Weekly dated July 4th. Illustrations for this story have been made by W. T. Smedley.

The July number of Harper's Magazine opens with a paper on General Washington and the period of the Revolution, by Woodrow Wilson. In commemoration of the century of the settlement of Cleveland, the number will contain an illustrated paper on the distinctive characteristics of Ohio, as shown in the development of that State, by President Charles F. Thwing.

Harper's Weekly of June 24th is the Republican Convention number. It contains a double-page drawing of the convention, and a front-page portrait of the Republican candidate.

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### WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Sketch of the Nominee of the Republican Convention.

William McKinley was born at Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, January 29, 1843. He was descended from revolutionary ancestry. His father, Wm. McKinley, Sr., was an iron-maker and a store-keeper. Locating, in 1829, at Fairfield, in Columbia county, he established important iron furnaces there. For some twenty years thereafter he was interested in the furnaces at New Wilmington. Shortly after the birth of his son, he removed to Poland, in Mahoning county. He managed large iron interests in various parts of Ohio, until his retirement in 1876. He died in November, 1892.

McKinley's mother was Nancy Allison. She married Wm. McKinley, Sr., in 1827. This venerable lady still survives, at the age of 87.

This subject of this sketch removed from Niles with his parents and his boyhood was mainly spent in Poland. Here his surroundings were rural, but conducive to the development of a high type of character. He was educated partly at the old public school, and partly at the Poland Academy. In common with other lads of the town, he was obliged in his vacations to earn the money which paid for his tuition during the balance of the year. He taught one term of the Winter School in what was then called the Kerr district. He also served for a time as assistant to the postmaster in Poland. In 1868, at the age of 16, he joined the Methodist Church. At 17 he left the Academy and entered the Allegheny College. He was obliged to leave the institution shortly after, on account of illness. Recovering his health, he taught school again for a short period.

The beginning of the war between the States interrupted his pursuits. In June, 1861, a call for volunteers was made by an impassioned speaker in the old Sparrow House Tavern. McKinley was one of the first to respond to the call. The recruits who mustered in with him were formed into Company E, Twenty-third Ohio, and were ordered to join their regiment at Camp Chase, Columbus. The Twenty-third regiment had for its colonel W. S. Rosecrans, afterwards major-general; and among its officers were Stanley Matthews, afterwards a justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Rutherford B. Hayes, afterwards president. McKinley served in the ranks for fourteen months. His first battle was at Carnifex Ferry. He served in the West Virginia campaign under McClellan. His first promotion was to be commissary sergeant of the regiment. After the battle at Antietam, he was made second lieutenant on September 24, 1862. He was promoted to first lieutenant February 7, 1863. His commission as captain bears date July 25, 1864.

The brevet rank of major was conferred by President Lincoln "for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Opequan, Fisher's creek and Cedar hill." He was with Sherman in the Shenandoah campaign; was at Winchester, Cedar creek, Fisher's hill, Opequan, Kernstown, Floyd mountain and Berryville, where his horse was shot from under him, and in all the battles which the Twenty-third participated. He served on the staffs of Generals Hayes, Crook, Hancock and Carroll. He was mustered out with the regiment July 26, 1865, after more than four years' continuous service.

At the close of hostilities, McKinley, aged 22, returned to Ohio, and entered civil life. He determined to study law, and entering the office of Judge Chas. E. Glidden, of Mahoning county, pursued his studies with great diligence for the following eighteen months. He then attended the lectures at the Albany (N. Y.) Law School, where he was graduated after one term, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. His success was achieved under great difficulties, the family being frequently in straightened circumstances, and the young man was often tempted to abandon his career, in order to assist at once in their support. He persevered, at the suggestion of his sister. In the spring of 1876 McKinley located in Canton, O., then a place of some 5,000 people, and began the practice of his profession. For some months he had no clients, and resumed the study of law in the office of Judge W. Belden. Two years after settling in Canton, McKinley was offered, and accepted, the nomination for prosecuting attorney on the Republican ticket. The county was Democratic and no one expected him to win. He made a vigorous campaign and was elected. After two years' service he was renominated, his former opponent, Judge Lynch, being also named

on the other ticket. Lynch was elected by a majority of only 45. For the next five years McKinley devoted himself exclusively to the practice of his profession, in which he rose rapidly. On January 25, 1871, McKinley was married to Miss Ida Sexton, daughter of James A. Sexton. Mrs. McKinley is an invalid, and her husband's devotion to her, is one of the finest traits of his character. In 1876 McKinley was nominated and elected to Congress from the Eighteenth District of Ohio. Two years later he was renominated, but in the meantime the Democrats had "gerrymandered" the State, and put McKinley into a district which had a nominal Democratic majority of 1800. He carried it by a plurality of 1300. With his old district restored, he was re-elected in 1880 and 1882. In 1884 the Democrats again embraced their opportunity and McKinley was placed in a district with a normal adverse majority of 1500, but McKinley carried the district by over 2000. Re-elections followed in 1886 and 1888. In 1890, McKinley found himself in a district which the year before had given a Democratic plurality of 2900. But in spite of the odds he accepted a renomination and came within 302 votes of election.

The gubernatorial convention assembled at Columbus to nominate a candidate for governor of Ohio. McKinley was unanimously chosen for that post, and was elected after a hotly contested campaign, having a plurality of 21,511 votes over James E. Campbell.

In 1893 McKinley was renominated to succeed himself as governor of his State, L. T. Neal being opposed to him. McKinley was elected by a plurality of 80,995 votes.

The policy which Governor McKinley pursued during his four years of occupancy of the gubernatorial chair was well outlined when, in his inaugural address, he said: "It is my desire to co-operate with you in every endeavor to secure a wise, economical and honorable administration, and, so far as can be done, the improvement and elevation of the public service."

From the day of his inauguration Governor McKinley took the greatest interest in the management of the public benevolent institutions of the State, and he made a study of means for their betterment. During his first term the State Board of Arbitration was created, and he made the workings of the board a matter of personal supervision during the entire four years of his administration.

McKinley visited New Orleans in the fall of 1894, and made an address on protection in the old auditorium on Canal street to a large audience. He was given a special welcome owing to his friendship for the Louisiana sugar industry. The planter Republicans here were among the first to offer him support, and ever since he has been before the country for the Republican nomination; the movement in his behalf has defied the efforts of opposing politicians. It has been a foregone conclusion for some time that he would be the choice of the convention on the first ballot.

### Garrett A. Hobart.

Garrett A. Hobart, candidate for vice-president, was born at Long Branch, N. J., in 1844. After receiving a common school education he attended Rutgers College, whence he graduated when 20 years of age. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and was chosen city counsel for Patterson in 1871. In 1872, Hobart was elected assemblyman and, in his second term was elected speaker. In 1877, Passaic county sent him to the Senate. He closed his career as legislator in 1882, when he was president of the Senate.

Mr. Hobart was the Republican caucus nominee for United States senator in 1884, when J. R. MacPherson, Democrat, was elected. He was the New Jersey member of the Republican National Committee, and in 1884 was elected vice-chairman. He was recently the recipient of the degree of LL. D. from Rutgers.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1896.

DAVID, KING OVER JUDAH.

2 Sam. 2:1-11.

Golden Text: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice" (Psa. 97:1).

Our last lesson in the Old Testament, Dec. 15, 1895, was about David and Jonathan. When they parted, David went to Nod and obtained the sacred bread. For six years he was an outlaw. From Nod he went to Gath and feigned madness. At the cave Adullam a company of 400 joined him, he became a captain over them, and dwelt in the land of Moab. Gad, the prophet, soon sent him back to the land of Judah. He fought and overcame the Philistines at Keilah, fled from Saul, and dwelt in the wilderness of Ziph. There Jonathan met him, declared his love and renewed their covenant. In En-gedi he cut off a part of the king's robe. Near Mount Carmel he was denied food by Nabal, a churlish shepherd. He was prevented from slaying Nabal by his wife, whom David afterwards married. In the wilderness of Ziph David secured Saul's spear and cruse of water, fled to Gath and dwelt with the Philistines a year and four months. He pursued the Amalekites and recovered all they had taken in battle from his followers. Saul and his sons fell in the battle of Gilboa. David made great lamentation for them.

I.—David made king over Judah (1:4). The "after this" refers to the events of the last chapter—the death of the king and his sons, the slaying of the man who brought the message and the psalm of sorrow.

1. The command. David was a man of prayer. He no doubt felt the time had come for him to become king over God's people, yet he would not act till he had received directions from the Lord. It is well to pray before setting out on a journey or undertaking any great work. The answer to his petition was quick and plain. The same God to-day answers prayer, either directly or indirectly. Hebron, a city of Judah, is twenty Roman miles south of Jerusalem, and about the same distance north of Beersheba. It is one of the most ancient cities of the world, and was a well-known place when Abram entered Canaan, eighteen centuries before Christ. There Sarah, the wife of Abraham died, and was buried in the cave Machpelah. In the division of the holy land it fell to Caleb. It was afterwards given to the Levites and became a city of refuge. It now contains near 5,000 inhabitants, about fifty families of whom are Jews (Smith). It was soon to become the capital of Judah and the home of David their king.

2. The journey. David was at this time dwelling at Ziklag, a city of the Philistines, about twenty miles west of Hebron. He began immediately to arrange for the journey. He took with him his two wives, the company of men that were true to him in his wanderings, and all their possessions. He had been married to Michal, the daughter of Saul, but when he became an outlaw she was given to another. During his wanderings a young woman of the town of Jezreel was married to him, and not long after the beautiful widow of Nabal became his wife. They were faithful to him in his perils and triumphs. A true wife who has a godly husband should believe all he does is right. In the company of men with David was Joab, Asahel, Gad, the young prophet, and a number of Canaanite warriors. They were true to him in his humiliation and he was loyal to them in his exaltation. Those who continued with Christ during His temptation were given kingdoms and thrones at His exaltation, and granted the privilege of eating and drinking at His table (Luke 22:20).

3. The anointing. The men of Judah refer to the elders and official representatives of that tribe. We are not told how, or by whom, this anointing was done. It may have been by pouring oil out of a horn on the head. It was likely Gad, the young prophet, that did it. David had before this been anointed by Samuel (1 Sam. 16:13) as Saul's successor. By that anointing he acquired a right to the kingdom, and by this, he obtained authority over it. It was a bold step for one tribe, without counseling with the others to set up a king. The prophecy of Jacob (Gen. 49:10), the conduct of Samuel and the life of David up to that time likely caused them to make him their king. It divided the tribes, and they remained so for seven and a half years; they were then united and remained one kingdom till the death of Solomon, when they were again separated.

ated, and never afterward became one government. A secession is not always the minority leaving the majority, but it is the wrong departing from the right. It was God's will that David became king. The schism was caused by the eleven tribes not falling in line with Jehovah's plan.

II.—David acting as king (4:7). 1. The modest suggestion—"They told David, saying the men of Jabesh-Gilead were they that buried Saul." Those who anointed him king thought it well for him to take steps to have the whole nation acknowledge him as such. We may in a kind way suggest to our rulers what we think they should do. Gilead means "a hard, rocky region." It here refers to the mountainous country east of the Jordan. Jabesh was the chief city of that territory and located in the half tribe of Manasseh.

2. Acting on the suggestion. The burial of Saul was sad. After he and his sons had fallen in battle, the Philistines came, cut off his head, tacked his body and the bodies of his sons to the wall of Beth-shan. The men of Jabesh-Gilead went by night, took them down, conveyed them to their city, burned them, and then buried their bones. This was a signal act of kindness and bravery paid to their dead king, and no doubt David felt kindly toward them for it. We should not wait till people are dead to say a good word about them. The prayer of David for them—"The Lord show kindness and truth unto you." Jehovah will bless those who do acts of charity for His anointed. His kindness refers to His goodness in dealing with men. His justice may demand the removal of an offender, but His mercy will heal every wound. His ways are sometimes hidden, but the future will make them plain. His truth refers to His unshaken manner of making good every promise made to man. The new King will also "requite your kindness." They by their conduct in burying Saul had brought the Lord and David to their side. Deeds of mercy are never lost. The king exhorted them to let their hands be strengthened and their hearts valiant. Do not lose all hope because Saul is dead. "The house of Judah has anointed me king over them." The Philistines will soon be driven back. David no doubt had two objects in view when he sent this message. (1) To express gratitude for their kindness to Saul, and (2) to let them know he was king over Judah, and likely to become ruler over the other tribes.

III.—David opposed as king (8:11). 1. Ish-bosheth was made king over Israel. He is elsewhere (1 Chro. 8:33) called Esh-baal. The name means "servant of the shameful," that is, of baal. He was the fourth and only living son of Saul. Abner, the son of Ner, and brother of Kish, the father of Saul, was the moving spirit in this coronation. Ish-bosheth was weak and his reign a complete failure.

2. The tribes over whom he reigned. The land of Gilead was east of the Jordan, between Moab and Bashan. Ashurites were likely of the tribe of Ashur, the eighth son of Jacob. They were located on the sea coast, in the northwestern part of Palestine. Jezreel was a prosperous city in the valley of Esdraelon, east of Mount Carmel. Ephraim was one of the two tribes descended from Joseph. Their territory was north of Jerusalem and reached from the Jordan almost to the Mediterranean. Benjamin would in any part of Palestine go with the king of their tribe. All Israel is a general term and only means a majority of the people favored the son of Saul for their king.

3. The length of his reign. He was forty years of age when his father and his brothers fell in the battle of Gilboa. It is likely he was soon afterward proclaimed king over Israel by Abner. Did he reign but two years? Was Israel five years without a king? If so, was that period before or after his reign? We know not. It is likely he reigned over Israel about seven years. The two years mentioned in the text are those from which to date the beginning of the wars between the house of David and the house of Saul. Ish-bosheth was weak. All of his authority was derived through Abner, who held the reins of government, and conducted the wars against other nations. Soon after he had fallen by the hand of Joab, Ish-bosheth was heartlessly murdered, and his head carried to David. He, instead of rejoicing over the fact, had those who brought the news slain. As David was rejected by Israel, so Christ was rejected by His brethren. As David's kingdom was opposed by the kingdom of Israel, so Christ's kingdom is opposed by the governments of earth. As David triumphed over Israel, so Christ will finally triumph over the world.

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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana Mts., Sandpoint, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 16.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima, Wash.	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference, Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCabe
Navajo Mission, Carson, Den.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Olinch, Piqua, O.	Sep. 2.	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming Mts., Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Hurat
Erie, New Castle, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Northwest Nebraska, Albia, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurat
East Ohio, Unionville, O.	Sep. 16.	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17.	Mallalieu
New Mexico English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danial, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurat
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Holston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7.	Hurat
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Tonawanda, Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7.	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 10.	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Ninde
Antioch, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf., Sofia.	July 8.	Goodell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Joyce
South Germany, Pilsen.	July 22.	Goodell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodell
Denmark Mission, Vibo.	Aug. 12.	Goodell
Korea Mission, Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Joyce
Norway, Sarpsborg.	Aug. 19.	Goodell
Sweden, Karlskrona.	Aug. 26.	Goodell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Abo.	Sept. 9.	Goodell
North China Peking.	Sept. 22.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-kiang.	Oct. 21.	Joyce
Poochow, Poochow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## West Tennessee District.

Fourth Round.	July.
Galaway.	45
Brownsville.	11 12
Foulkes and Hardin.	25 26
August.	
Big Creek and Ramsay.	1 2
Memphis Station.	8 9
North Memphis.	1
Memphis Mission.	15 16
Oak Grove.	22 23
Mount Pleasant and Lexington.	29 30
Keaton and Yorkville.	29 30
September.	
Martin.	6 5
Memphis et.	19 20
Friendship.	26 27
October.	
Orockett's Mills.	14
Mason.	17 18
District Conference will meet at Mount Pleasant and Lexington, Aug. 10, 20, 21 and 22.	
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## Western District, (N. C.)

Fourth Round.	August.
Forest City.	8 9
Jefferson.	15 16
Newton.	22 23
McPeck.	29 30
Asheville et.	29 30
West Asheville.	29 30
September.	
Lenoir.	23
Wickboro.	5 6
Hickory.	12 13
R. Smith, P. E.	
Atlanta District.	
Third Round.	July.
Hogansville et.	11 12
Long et.	18 19
Grantville et.	25 26
Vine Street.	25 26
August.	
Newnan.	23
Palmetto.	14 16
Fairburn.	22 23
South Atlanta.	27 30
September.	
Fort Street.	9 13
Chapel Street.	18 20
Lloyd Street.	27 28
G. W. Arnold, P. E.	
Ohio District.	
Second Round.	June.
Dayton, N. H. Talbot.	27 28
Xenia, N. H. Talbot.	29
July.	
Yellow Springs.	3
Springfield.	4 5
Rushsylvania, N. H.	13 14
Talbot.	8 9
Cleveland.	11 12
Bellaire.	18 19
Martins Ferry, M. W.	25 26
Langford.	11 12
Newark.	28 29
West Pleasant, W. H. Hester.	18 19
Georgetown.	22
August.	
Ripley.	11
Ironton.	3 4
Louisia.	5
Mayville.	8 9
Dover.	12
Augusta.	15 16
Manchester.	7
Milford.	23 a.m.
Walnut Hills.	22 23 p.m.
September.	
Champlainville.	3 4
Oleves.	2
Rising Sun.	1
Madisonville.	20
Mt. Healthy.	27 a.m.
Georgetown.	22 23 p.m.
October.	
West Wood.	7 a.m.
Cincinnati, Ninth.	1
Street.	12 13
College Hill.	26 27
Poadetou.	28
M. S. Johnson, P. E.	
Austin District.	
Third Round.	July.
Wesley Chapel.	18 19
Anstin et.	25 26
August.	
Simple Tab.	12
Belton.	15 16
D. Villa.	19 20
San Marcos.	25 26
Cedar Creek.	29 30
September.	
Luling.	5 6
Winchester.	12 13
Moses Smith, P. E.	
Columbus District.	
Third Round.	June.
Columbus.	29 30
Alleyton.	4 5
La Grange et.	18 19
Welm et.	28
August.	
Flatonia.	12
Shiloh.	15 16
Wharton.	22 23
September.	
Victoria.	5 6
Yonkin.	12 13
B. F. Smith, P. E.	
Houston District.	
Third Round.	July.
Reanmont.	3 5
Kenderton.	11 12
Mt. Vernon.	19 20
Mallalieu.	23 24
Sloan Street.	26 28
August.	
Richmond.	12
Oyster Creek.	15 16
Rowerville.	22 23
September.	
St. Paul.	4 6
Harriburg, during compmeeting.	6 7
Wm Bartley, P. E.	
Rome District (Ga.)	
Third Round.	July.
Tallapoosa.	5 6
Carrollton Station.	10 12
Hard.	18 19
Anstell.	26 27

August.	
Palmetto et.	12
Adairsville.	15 16
Cedertown.	22 23
Rome 1st Church.	30 31
Rome 2nd Church.	28 30
September.	
Cave Springs.	5 6
Rome Mission.	12 13
Floyd.	19 21
Chickamauga.	10 20
Summerville and Pinley.	19 21
Cohutta.	19 20
H. R. Allen, P. E.	

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## THE DANGEROUS ADVENTURE OF DETECTIVE W. M. LUGG.

Compelled to Cross the Mountains on Muleback—Taken Sick During the Journey.

From the Examiner, San Francisco, Cal.

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Do not worry or grieve too much because men do not recognize your experience. Men better posted on the Bible, than the church to-day failed to recognize the Christ when he came, and are you astonished that unspiritual church members fail to see the Christ life in you?

The plan to preserve a part of Lowell's Elmwood estate as a park is making progress, but the money to complete the purchase must be secured by the middle of June. Cambridge is to be congratulated on the probable success of the plan.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Illinois Central.			
ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
Local mail.	8:50 pm	Local mail.	6:00 am
Chicago limited.	7:30 pm	Chicago limited.	8:00 am
Fast mail.	7:40 pm	Fast mail.	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.			
Fast mail.	7:40 am	Fast mail.	7:15 pm
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No. 3.	7:30 pm	No. 4.	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31.	9:35 am	No. 32.	5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local.		No. 6, Memphis Local.	
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## THE NEED OF TO-DAY.

It is better to stand alone with God,  
Than to stand with the crowd on error's side.  
It were better to bow 'neath the scourger's rod,  
To face e'en the cruel, mocking word,  
Than to turn away from the Christ who died.

"Aye! but we do so," you say?  
"Our faith in Christ—we would die for him."  
Hearken! His cause is on trial to-day,  
Wherever the truth calls for yea or for nay,  
He is seeking the souls who will stand with him.

'Tis the cause of the weak against the strong  
To-day as it was when He walked this earth  
'Tis the cause of the right against the wrong,  
Though the wrong be established through ages long,  
And the right may seem but of yesterday's birth.

Still are the men building tombs to-day  
Of those whom a past generation slew.  
Oh, for eyes so single to truth's white ray,  
Oh, for ears so attuned to God's great yea  
As to know His cause—when as yet 'tis new!  
—Katharine Lente Stevenson in American Friend.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

A good deed is never thrown away.

Help others and thus help yourself.

Study your fellow worker's methods and see  
how far they are superior to yours.

The person who thinks his ways merit nothing  
but praise, evidently believes himself incapable  
of mistake.

If you do so well without preparation, how  
much better would you do with it.

Do not fear to allow your congregation to  
hear the man who can preach better than you  
can.

Why prejudge your neighbor. Is it not likely  
he means good as evil.

It is worth a great deal to be able to see some-  
thing good in others.

Your mind never yields that for which you do  
not draw on it.

No true professing Christian neglects to read  
his Bible.

The minister who is a slanderer need not be  
surprised if the same measure is sometimes  
meted out to him.

The last Methodist Times has a cut of Bro.  
Tate's church, in Cleveland, O., and a sketch of  
his work there.

Prof. James C. Murray, D. D., of the chair of  
Exegetical Theology, Gammon Theological  
Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., gave the office of the  
Western a welcome call. Two sons were with  
him—Frank, who has just graduated from the  
Northwestern University; and Leo who is in one  
of the oncoming classes. The doctor must cer-  
tainly feel proud as he sees such plants growing  
up around him. Gammon is in her finest pros-  
perity at the present time.—Western.

(The two sons here alluded to were prepared  
for their collegiate course under the tutelage of  
Prof. W. H. Cragman, A. M., at our Clark Uni-  
versity. The professor also takes just pride in  
the high standing of these young men.—Ed.)

## THE BOARD APPROVES DEBT-PAYING DAY.

Whereas, The Missionary Society is carrying  
a debt of about \$220,000, which absorbs a consid-  
erable sum of money for interest which might be  
otherwise used for the support of our widely ex-  
tended and rapidly growing work at home and in  
the foreign field, and

Whereas, Said debt is the result of the growth  
of the work beyond the income of the Missionary  
Society and not of extravagant or careless ad-  
ministration, and

Whereas, It is most desirable that this debt  
shall be paid at the earliest possible moment, and

Whereas, The corresponding secretaries have  
named Sunday, July 26, 1896 as Debt Paying  
Day, and have called upon all our congregations,  
Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues to make  
special offerings for the payment of the debt on  
that day, therefore,

Resolved, That we most cordially approve the  
plan proposed by our corresponding secretaries  
and earnestly urge our people to observe said day,  
giving joyfully accordingly as God has prospered  
them, to that end the burden of debt upon the  
Missionary Society may be removed and the work  
of God advanced throughout all our widely ex-  
tended field.—E. G. Andrews, President; S. L.  
Baldwin, Secretary.

## THE BISHOPS ENDORSE DEBT-PAYING DAY.

We cordially approve of the plan adopted by the  
Missionary Secretaries, appointing July 26, 1896,  
as Debt Paying Day. Having full knowledge of  
the careful methods adopted in the adminis-  
tration of the funds of the Missionary Society, we  
assure all our people that the debt is not a re-  
sult of careless or extravagant administration,  
but rather of unexampled growth of the work,  
for which there has not been, on account mainly  
of the financial depression prevailing in our own  
country, an adequate income. We urge all our  
congregations, Sunday schools and Epworth  
Leagues to observe Debt Paying Day, and by so  
doing relieve at once the Missionary Society from  
the burden it is carrying.—Thomas Bowman, R.  
S. Foster, S. M. Merrill, E. G. Andrews, H. W.  
Warren, C. D. Foss, John F. Hurst, W. X. Ninde,  
J. M. Walden, W. F. Mallalieu, C. H. Fowler, J.  
H. Vincent, J. W. Joyce, J. P. Newman, D. A.  
Goodsell, C. C. McCabe, Earl Cranston.

## "MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATION."

(Emma Stanton, Owensburg, Ky.)

I wish to commence this essay by saying, that  
a minister should be a shepherd in the true sense  
of the word. He should not only preach, but  
preach the things that becometh sound doctrine,  
and live for the good of his people. His intellec-  
tual motion should always prove to his audience  
that he is an intellectual mark of human pro-  
gression.

In his conduct, should be read the tenor of his  
preaching. He should not let his actions give  
the lie to his preaching. He should let nothing  
be done but that which is a glory to his character.

To do this, he must be educated, if not his ser-  
vice as a minister is ruinous to any community.

If he is not qualified, he will lead others to  
doubt the truth of his preaching, and thereby  
open a door to sin and wickedness. A minister  
of the Gospel must be one of Christ's making, if  
he would be one of Christ's ministers. He should  
be a master of eloquence and understand all the  
secret springs of persuasion, and be furnished  
with learning and knowledge; and even then, he  
cannot succeed in his employment without sanc-  
tifying grace. This grace will give him a tender  
sense of the worth of souls, and warm his heart  
with ardent requests to God and with zealous af-  
fection for men's salvation.

An uneducated minister is only capable of un-  
raveling in his actions his most accurate dis-

course in the pulpit, and his example enervates  
the efficiency of his sermon; but the converted  
and educated minister has a living spring of  
grace in his heart, which diffuses itself in the view  
of his congregation, and his life will be a silent  
repetition of his sermon.

A minister should preach home to his hearer's  
conscience, as though death and judgment were  
at their doors. General preaching is like an arrow  
shot at ravens, which does not hit a mark. His  
sermons should dart into the people's heart; for  
if the conscience is not affected, the sinner can-  
not be converted, nor the saints comforted; his  
sermons are therefore of no use to man.

Misisters are called nurses, but many are posi-  
tively incapable of administering spiritual food  
to the needy soul. A minister has the greatest  
charge on earth, and, in fact, ought to specially  
impress his mind with the fact that he is soon to  
meet his God, and give an account of service  
rendered in his cause. A minister whose life  
is not a model of his doctrine is a babbler rather  
than a physician of value. He should guard  
against tickling the fancy, and preach convinc-  
ingly to the conscience, otherwise, he may ex-  
pect a dreadful end.

It is awful to fall into hell under the pulpit, but  
still more dreadful to fall into hell from the  
pulpit.

A minister is a standard bearer in the cause of  
Christ, and should, therefore, be both educated  
and converted as well as zealous. His life should  
be a visible comment on the word he publishes;  
he should carry a trumpet of truth in the one  
hand, and a lamp of life in the other. If real truth  
contradicts doctrine, he is, to all intent and pur-  
pose, one of the worst beings on earth.

To avoid this dreadful mistake, he should study  
to show himself a workman approved of God.  
He should be fervent in prayer.

An educated minister is a light in the church  
of God, to awaken man and light them into eter-  
nal life. His preaching should stir the heart and  
profit the soul.

He should not preach to the fleece but to the  
flock. Every intelligent minister seeks the com-  
fort, consolation and good of his people; he sup-  
ports the weak, reassures the doubting and suc-  
cours the tempted.

To do all this and more besides, he must be a  
man of broad culture. That which is true of  
other races is true of the Negro. He cannot suc-  
ceed with out cultured leaders. That will en-  
courage unanimity and race pride, for this is the  
stepping stone to all grand achievements.

The Prohibition candidate for President of the  
United States, nominated at Pittsburg on May  
28th, is Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, Md. He  
is about fifty years old, and since 1884 he has  
voted the straight Prohibition ticket. Before that  
time he was a Democrat. He is a Baptist, the  
president of the Baltimore Young Men's Chris-  
tian Association, manager of the Baltimore  
House of Refuge, director of the Sugar Refining  
Company, and has been known for a number of  
years as a liberal giver to benevolent causes.  
Last year he ran for governor of Maryland on  
the Prohibition ticket and received 7,700 votes,  
the largest Prohibition vote ever polled in that  
State. Of course it must be remembered that he  
only represents the sound money branch of the  
Prohibition party in the coming election, the free  
coinage faction having bolted and gone over to  
ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, who will lead  
them on a separate ticket.

There were 383 graduates receiving diplomas  
at the Northwestern University on June 11th.  
There were over 3,000 students in the university  
during the past year. This is certainly marvel-  
ous.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
W. H. M. S.

New Orleans, La., June, 1896.

Our hearts are filled with thankfulness when we remember how God has taken care of us and chosen us as instruments and so enabled us to move forward in providential ways, and that some of us have seized the golden opportunity offered us and have not spent our strength. We are a part of a great organization, that is to-day a powerful agency in the salvation of our beloved land. The annual convention of the W. H. M. S. of the Louisiana Conference opened in Mt. Zion M. E. church, this city, June 15th, at 9 a. m. Mrs. S. E. Johnson, president of the Conference Board W. H. M. S., presided. The convention held a two-days' session; there was a very large attendance, and great missionary zeal was manifested. Bro. Clark, of Mt. Zion, delivered the welcome address in behalf of the church; Miss M. Johnson the welcome in behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. A. Marshall responded in behalf of the ladies of the convention. Reports showed that good work had been done by the several auxiliaries in the city. Quite a number of garments and shoes have been distributed among the poor, and more than \$300 in money have been expended. There were quite a number of visitors. The Rev. Austin, of the Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Tardy, of the Baptist Mission work; Mrs. Cabral, of the Congregational Union Missionary Society, and Mrs. Clark, of St. Peter A. M. E. church, were introduced to the convention at different times and spoke words of encouragement and cheer. Dr. I. B. Scott, of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, addressed the convention. His timely words were very much enjoyed. All of the city pastors were present during the sessions of the convention, encouraging and instructing. The president read her annual address, reviewing the past and urging the Home Missionary women to do more in the future. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. D. M. Walker and Mrs. T. G. Montgomery. A solo was rendered by Miss N. Williams. Officers constituting the Conference Board were elected for the ensuing year, excepting that of corresponding secretary. Mrs. Alice Marshall having filled that position for quite a while with great satisfaction, she was renominated, but declined. As she is the president of the auxiliary of Simpson chapel, and having been appointed on the Bureau of Systematic Beneficence, she feared she could not give the necessary time that the position required.

We feel that the convention has been an inspiration to many to go out with renewed courage, for it takes untiring efforts to make missionary work an active and successful work. Resolutions were passed laying plans to better advance the cause and help to accomplish greater things in the future. In the missionary field there is something for every Christian to do. We can not all go to foreign lands as missionaries, but in this Home Missionary Society we can do a grand and noble work here in our own country, our own State, our own city, where hundreds of people live who have never seen inside of a church. There is a great need to-day of Christian workers among these neglected classes of people.

Rev. T. J. Johnson preached the annual sermon, and the convention closed with a missionary love feast. We hope the ladies of Mt. Zion who have so bountifully provided for the welfare of the convention feel that they have entertained those who are helping the needy and destitute, "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Cornelia Hayman, Secretary.

## AN OPIUM DEALER'S CONVERSION.

By J. H. Worley, Ph. D.

A man who was an opium dealer and also a soldier, heard the Gospel at our chapel, near the west gate, Fochow City, and the message proved sharper than a two-edged sword. He was at once arrested, convicted, alarmed. He went home and tried to shake off the strange feeling, but the more he tried, the more was he oppressed, so he returned to the source from which his sorrow had arisen to seek guidance and help. The native pastor faithfully instructed him and pointed him to Christ, the fountain of all joy, and ere long his soul found rest. His conversion, like his conviction, was thorough, and immediately he commenced bringing forth the fruits of righteousness. He began to tell his comrades of the wondrous salvation he had found and exhorted them to

give their hearts to the Saviour. His stock of opium he brought to the preacher for him to dispose of as he thought best, but the preacher kept it till I should come to the quarterly meeting. Saturday evening before I began meeting, I called the man to my room and asked him what he wanted me to do with the opium, and he said whatever I liked. He did not dare to sell it nor did he want the money it would bring. I told him the right way was to destroy it and ever set our faces against the deadly foe. He most heartily assented, and on Sabbath, after the close of the sacrament, the opium was burned in front of the church.

The man has been much persecuted by his comrades, but he remains firm and very patient. His wife testifies that a great change has come over him. He used to have an uncontrollable temper, and was always quarreling and fighting, but now he does not even scold her nor answer back when people make sport of him. She said she wanted to go to that church and see how they destroyed bad tempers.

Everywhere the people are pressing into the kingdom, and the great question is, How shall we teach them? As fast as men are trained we send them out to teach and lead these poor, ignorant people into a fuller knowledge of Christ. How much we need your prayers! Now is the church's great opportunity, and at the same time her peril. We need your money to help these poor people for a time to support their teachers and preachers. In time they will be self-supporting. Twenty-five dollars will keep an unmarried man in the field a year. A married man needs more, according to the size of his family.

To anyone sending me \$10 or more to help support preachers and pastor-teachers for these poor, perishing millions, I will send a photograph of the person supported and a letter from him written in Chinese, together with a translation. From time to time I will also send reports of the work and some interesting curios, and a letter from the preacher once a year.

Please send money to me or to Rev. A. B. Leonard, 150 Fifth avenue, New York. If you send to the latter, write him the money is for Rev. J. H. Worley's work.

Fochow, China.

## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement exercises of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College took place Thursday evening at the Chapel Hall of the University. The graduates were as follows: High School Department.—Wm. J. Banduit, D. Frank Cheval, Nellie O. Dejoie, Florence A. Lewis, Everett A. Williams.

Girls' Industrial Department.—Sidonia C. Martinez, Onelia F. Fauria, Selina Joseph.

Agricultural Department.—Henry G. Bienvenu, Leo M. Little, Walter T. Clanton, Nelson B. Robinson, Albert Paddio.

The exercises commenced with a selection of Sousa, "Directorate," and was well rendered by the University Band.

The Rev. Mr. Whitaker, of Congregational Church, invoked divine blessings. "The Legend" was then effectively rendered by a bevy of choristers. "The Nobility of Labor" is the subject of essay by Miss Florence A. Lewis. The subject was well treated and equally as well rendered. Among other things she said, that God had given dignity to labor. She then referred to the fact that the ancients had little if any esteem for labor, including the Hindoos, the Egyptians and the cultured Grecians as examples. She gracefully referred to Epaminandros, the Theban, who said, "If my work will not reflect honor upon me, I will reflect honor upon it." She said that the Saviour's father and mother had labored for their daily bread. She closed by giving labor its honored place in the highest Christian civilization.

Mr. Everett A. Williams, with "Policy or Conviction, Which," as a subject, contrasted the two motives which enter into human action. He acquitted with satisfaction to an applauding audience. Miss Fannie C. Claiborne then rendered one of the beautiful conceptions of Meyerbeer from the "Robert le Diable." There was such a storm of applause that an encore was secured. Her voice appeals directly to the heart and gives promise of much in the realm of song.

"The Spectrum of a Noble Life," by Miss Nellie O. Dejoie, next engaged the attention of the audience, in which the speaker pointed out the similarity of the sun and a noble soul, shedding over mankind joy and gladness, inspiring man to high and noble endeavor. She closed purity, truth, charity, love, mag-

animity, sympathy and mercy as the soul spectrum.

Mr. Wm. J. Banduit then delivered an oration, taking as his subject, "Drifting," with a deliberate, yet effective, manner he presented to the mind the man who drifts and showed his place in society. He said that man should select a vocation commensurate with natural powers and then stick to it; that sporadic efforts are a manifest of weakness easily distinguished in the presence of a course pursued to a definite point; that the circumstances which oppose the course of an individual, give him who has the proper will power and independence which distinguished the leaders among men.

A class of eleven girls gave very creditably a mandolin exercise, and was applauded to the encore. The University "Glee Club" also came in for a generous share of applause.

President Hill then reviewed the work of the institution from its commencement to the present, giving facts as to its financial, literary and agricultural operations.

The Rev. Matthew Brewster, rector of Grace Church, presented the diplomas, after delivering a short speech full of the altruistic sentiment. He said, "Man does not live alone," that God has given a relationship which must exist between man and man. The work of the institution, as indicated by the exercises of the evening, reflects credit upon the college, the faculty and the graduating classes.

EXTRACT FROM A SERMON BY  
REV. SAM P. JONES, AT AUSTIN, TEX.

Facing the crowd, he said: "I call your attention this morning to one of the most difficult subjects in the Bible. At least it has caused me more trouble and worry than all others. The mysteries of the Bible never disturb me. I do not understand all of it, and if I did I'd know that some fellows with no more sense than I have wrote it. I don't understand all of it and no man does. The hardest and slickest hill I've found to climb in the Bible is that chapter that contains the ten commandments. If a fellow can pull up that hill, he can pull up all the others."

"My text is the 9th verse of the 3d chapter of the First Epistle of St. John, and it reads: 'Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him; and he cannot sin because he is begotten of God.'

"I've noticed that a passage of Scripture is sometimes food for the soul of some, and sometimes it cuts others like a two-edged sword. Your moral condition this morning shows you whether it is food or a sword. I believe in sanctification," argued Mr. Jones, "and you find it is mentioned in the Bible 119 times, while regeneration is mentioned only twenty-two. This shows to my mind that God thinks it is of more importance than regeneration."

Continuing along this line, he said: "I do not say anything about the second blessing people, but I believe some of the holiness people have more religion than sense; it's a good thing to have. A fellow with more sense than religion is a fool. I knew a preacher once who said he had forty holiness people in his church."

"What?" said I. "How many of them attend prayer meeting?" I asked.

"All of them," he replied.

"How many visit the sick?"

"All of them," he said.

"How many of them contribute to missions?"

"All of them."

"How many have family prayers and say grace at meals?"

"All of them."

"How many of 'em pay the preacher?"

"All of them," was his answer.

"Well, I thought, they are the right kind of holiness people. Well, we want that sort, and that is the kind of holiness we all want."

Continuing, he argued that the discussion of holiness did no good. "It's too much like lithophagous. That's a big word for such a small crowd, but I'll use it anyhow."

"Four preachers were once on a railroad train," he said, "discussing a holiness fellow, and they were giving him what Paddy gave the drum, whatever that was, when a gentleman sitting near got up and said: 'I take you gentlemen to be preachers, gentlemen of the cloth. You've been talking about a neighbor of mine, and ridiculing him, but I want to say, while I am an infidel, that he is the best man I ever saw. Gentlemen of the cloth, if the Bible is the word of God, it's holiness or hell with you; and I tell you, it's holiness or hell with all of us,' said Mr. Jones."

"I am going to preach old-fashioned religion this morning. There is nothing

better than good, old-fashioned religion. This text says, whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin. Listen. An honest man cannot steal; a truthful man cannot lie. You'll admit that, but when I say that a Christian cannot sin, you say, eh! hold up there; what's that you say? An honest man cannot steal, a Christian cannot sin. One is just as true as the other. Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin. He can't do it. Now, grant you that a fellow may be sober up to this afternoon, but if he gets drunk this afternoon he'll go to bed a drunkard. A man may be honest up to this afternoon, but if he steals this afternoon he is a thief. Listen! If you commit sin you are not a Christian, and you'll go to hell. But some of you say it's not me that sinneth, it's my flesh. I was a lawyer before I began preaching, but I never heard a man arraigned for murder get up and say: 'Judge, it wa'n't me that killed that man; it was my flesh.' If he had, the judge would say: 'Take that carcass out and hang it.' Arguing along this line, Sam said sailors and soldiers were the wickedest men in the world, because they are away from home and family, and he contended that flesh ought to be the highest motive to do right. A man's wife and children were flesh, and his duty to them should incite to the right. "Yet some of you run around here saying you don't sin, it's your flesh. I'm a poor worm of the dust. You are no worm. Worms don't wear pants and dresses."

"Brother Solomon, your church must be wormy. Listen! I tell you that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is either adequate to reach the depths of depravity in the church, or the church member's haven't got it. That's why you are running isms here in Austin. Show me a consecrated Christian and he's out after sins. I'm told that some of you old church members here in Austin can't give a children's party without setting out a punch bowl. A punch bowl to children with their pin feathers on. It's not me, sarcastically said you, but it's my flesh."

## THE PEOPLE'S FOOD.

An article in the June Review of Reviews, entitled, "The People's Food—A Great National Inquiry," states that we make a fourfold mistake in our food economy.

1. We purchase needlessly expensive kinds of food. We use the costlier kinds of meat, fish, vegetables, and the like, when the less expensive ones are just as nutritious, and, when rightly cooked, are just as palatable. Many do this under the impression that there is some peculiar virtue in the dear food materials, and that economy in their diet is somehow detrimental to their dignity or their welfare. And, unfortunately, those who are most extravagant in this respect are often the ones who can least afford it.

2. Our diet is apt to be one-sided. It often does not contain the different nutritive ingredients in the proper proportions. We consume relatively too much of the fuel ingredients of food—those which are burned in the body and yield heat and muscular power. Such are the fats of meat and butter, the starch which makes up the larger part of the nutritive material of flour, potatoes and sugar, of which such enormous quantities are eaten in the United States. Conversely, we have relatively too little of the protein or flesh-forming substances, like the lean or meat and fish and the gluten of wheat, which make muscle and sinew, and which are the basis of blood, bone and brain.

3. We use excessive quantities of food. This is true not only of the well-to-do, but of many people in moderate circumstances also. Part of the excess which is bought is thrown away in the wastes of the kitchen and the table, so that the injury to health from over-eating, great as it may be, is doubtless much less than if all the food we buy were actually eaten. Probably the worst sufferers from this evil are the well-to-do people of sedentary occupations—brain workers as distinguished from hand workers. Not everybody eats too much; indeed, there are some who do not eat enough for healthful nourishment. But there are those, and their name is legion, with whom the eating habit is as vicious in its effect on health as the drinking habit, which is universally deplored.

4. And, finally, we are guilty of serious errors in our cooking. We waste a great deal of fuel in the preparation of our food, and even then a great deal of the food is very badly cooked. A reform in the methods of cooking is one of the economic demands of our time.

Insist on having just what you call for when you go to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.



## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## NOTICE.

To the Pastors on the Bristol District East Tennessee Conference:

Dear Brother Pastors.—The missionary secretaries have notified me of the heavy debt on the Missionary Society. The missionary officers are making every effort to pay off the whole indebtedness. They have appointed the 26th of July Rally Day throughout the church. Now, dear brother pastors of the Bristol District, let us do our whole duty to God and the church and ourselves. Let us ask the church to pray and labor for success for this worthy cause.—Respectfully submitted, E. Provine, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Topeka District, East Missouri Conference. The Sunday school and Epworth League convention will convene in Glau Center, Kas., July 15-18th. Brethren, have your delegates there and be there yourself. Let us make it a success. We may be favored with reduced rates, and, as we will not have time to make another publication, you may inquire of your ticket agent. (Ed. invited). Respectfully yours, W. A. Ray, President.

## ALEXANDRIA (La.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Please do all you can to pay in at the District Conference every cent of your apportionment. Come to District Conference at Lake Charles August 12th prepared to preach. Select your own subject, but come prepared to preach.—S. E. H. Morant, P. E.

## JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The District Conference will convene at Fernandina Thursday, August 13th, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Let every member be present at the opening session. None but written reports will be received. Persons who desire license or wish them renewed, must be present on the first day. District Steward's meeting the second day of the session. Let every district steward be present. Dr. Mason is invited to be with us, and remember this district is assessed \$125 for Freedmen's Aid, etc. Let every member come prepared to subscribe for the Southwestern.—Yours for success, J. Grant, P. E.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

The fourteenth session of the Shreveport District Conference will convene at Vanceville, La., August 6, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. Brethren, let the reports show the work in good shape. Those of our agents and ministers that have the time and desire to visit us, are respectfully invited to attend.—H. James, P. E.

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Notice.—To all of the Pastors of the Huntsville District: By request of the missionary secretaries, that July 26th, be debt paying day. Let every pastor set up a grand rally on that day for missions and send it in to the treasurer at once. Rally the three armies together—the church, the Sunday school and Epworth League chapter—all make one long and strong pull, and a pull together, and, on the same day, take a large subscription for the grand old Southwestern Christian Advocate, and appoint an agent in your charge to collect and take subscriptions for the paper all the time, and let us have a good number of subscribers from this District. We thank God that we have peace and harmony on the Huntsville District. All of the pastors are doing well. We have a good number of souls converted to God and some benevolence raised. New churches are being built. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.—A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

## TENNESSEE RIVER DISTRICT.

District Conference, Tennessee River District will convene at Springhill, July 21, 1896, at 10 a. m. We wish to see any of the general officers of the church present. We hope to have Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Dr. I. B. Scott and one of the bishops. The District League will be held in connection with the above session. Those wishing to visit will call for ticket to Ewell, Tenn.

Committees on Examination for candidates of the Tennessee River District.—Local orders: J. S. Foster, G. W. Marsh and J. F. R. Summerhill. Admission on Trial.—J. S. Foster, Jesse Stanfield and J. P. Gregg. First year's course of study.—M. Williams, S. Knight and H. Robinson. Second year's course.—C. B. Wilson, Jas. Pickett and Geo. Sanford.

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## INDIANA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Our District Conference will convene in the Bland avenue Church, Evansville, Ind., Wednesday, August 5th, at 10 a. m. We hope to make this the best session in our history. Come prepared to report your benevolent and minute collections fully raised. Remember our motto, "No stens backward." We took front rank last year and must hold our ground. We reported 580 conversions last year. Let us pray and work for 1000 this year. Push the canvass for the Southwestern, and thus aid Dr. Scott in his new field of labor. P. E.'s and brethren of the other districts, also the editor of Southwestern, are cordially invited to visit us.—Fidhfully yours, Edward L. Gilliam, P. E.

## LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

Lexington Conference.—The territory occupied by this district is worthy of careful cultivation. There is not a pastor in it who can give an intelligent reason for not making the people of his charge better by being in that charge as a great religious light to those whom he serves. Are you striving to elevate the people to a higher standard of Christianity both by precept and example? Are you demonstrating before the world in your every day life what you urge them to accept as divine truth from the pulpit? Are you satisfied with a knowledge of your own salvation? or does your whole spiritual being go out for a knowledge that you are instrumental in the salvation of others? If you are Christ's, are you in deed and in truth doing work for Him? Brother ministers, remember that you are God's recognized leaders of his people, and you are to make yourselves examples in holiness for the flock of Christ. A greater responsibility never rested upon men than that which now rests upon you. It is clear to my thought that you, as a responsible individual, can do a little more for the advancement of the church work under your administration. Are you faithfully representing the kingdom of Christ? Are you faithfully representing the connectional interests of the church? Are you imparting unto the people such information in regard to the benevolent causes as will help you and help them, and increase their generosity toward the same? At our district conference, soon to be held, we shall measure your faithfulness to your duty as pastors by the result which you are required to make. Brethren, you must teach, instruct, and educate the people religiously. That is your calling. Bring up to the district conference your full apportionment for conference minutes. Urge the circulation of the Southwestern Christian Advocate among your members; get them to reading; it will help you in your work. Look carefully after the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; the Missionary Society; the Church Extension Society collections. They are of such importance as to demand your special consideration and co-operation in all efforts put forth for the relief of their financial embarrassment. Make yourself under God, a great success and He and the people both will be pleased with you.—Yours for the glorious cause, Joseph Courtney, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Owing to circumstances, our District Conference will be held earlier than we expected. So all are hereby notified that the Natchitoches District Conference will be held at Boyce, La., at Kynett M. E. Church, commencing Wednesday, August 5, 1896. Hope the brothers will come prepared to pay as much as they possibly can towards our benevolent causes. Programme by mail. H. J. Wright, P. E.

For Sunday school and Epworth League convention to convene in the town of Caldwell, Tex., July 8, 1896, the G. C. and S. F. Ry., will give us one and one-third rates. Call for the same when purchasing your ticket. The H. and T. C. Ry. will give us rates on the certificate plan. Those coming on the H. and T. C. Ry., will pay full fare going. Those on the G. C. and S. F. Ry. will call for one and one-third rate. Be sure and purchase the 8th of July.—W. L. Duncan, P. E.

## GAINESVILLE (Ga.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The year is swiftly passing away, and we must utilize every moment. Do your best to be able to make full reports at the District Conference,

which convenes at Elberton, Ga., August 12th. Urge all local preachers exhorters and delegates to be present on the day of the conference with written reports. Brethren, there has never been a time when so much was expected of us as now; therefore, let us prove ourselves workmen that need not be ashamed. Drs. John, Mason, Thirkield and other distinguished visitors are expected to be present. Keep the claims of the Southwestern constantly before your people.—Yours for purity, J. C. Stuart, P. E.

## WAYNESBORO (Ga.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The District Conference will convene at Statesboro, Ga., August 26th. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. O. N. Sample. Let us meet the Conference with full assessment for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, the secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Dr. D. C. John, the president of Clark University, and several others of the distinguished brothers will be with us.

Each local preacher must meet prepared for examination. The exhorters, class leaders, district stewards, Sunday school and president Epworth League must meet promptly with written reports.

Pastors, let us preach and work to have more souls converted unto God than ever before at this season, looking for a general baptism of the Holy Ghost at the district meeting. Reduced rates will be procured. Remember certificates at starting point.—R. R. O'Neal, P. E., Allen, Ga.

## MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

The Meridian District Conference will convene in Haven Chapel July 22nd. The roll of the charges will be called and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education collection for the Meridian Academy will be expected in full. Also pledges made to the Southwestern. Brethren, let each one be ready to answer all collections taken. And our churches all glow with the Holy Spirit.—A. M. Trotter, P. E.

## NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Waco District, West Texas Conference, will convene at Beaumont, Thursday, July 23d. A reduction on all railroads will be given. All persons wishing to attend this gathering, please secure a certificate from your local agent on purchasing your ticket. Ask for tickets to attend Waco District Conference. Tickets will be sold on July 22d, good to return July 28th. All presiding elders, ministers and friends are cordially invited. Harry Swan, P. E.

The Sunday school convention of the M. E. church, Gainesville District, Atlanta Conference, will be held at Elberton, Ga., in conjunction with the District Conference, August 12th to 16th, 1896. We hope each delegate will prepare a paper on the subject assigned to him, and that all ministers and delegates will prepare to take an active part in discussing the subjects. All friends are cordially invited to attend this convention, which promises to be one of the most instructive ever held in the district. J. C. Hunt, P. E.

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## THE DEATH-RATE AMONG US.

According to the statement of the Board of Health of this city for the month of May, the death rate per 1,000 per annum, for the month, is whites 29.29 and colored 41.40. In other words, out of an estimated population of 275,000, there were 752 deaths for the month named, 476 whites and 276 colored. By this it will be seen that we furnish more than one-half the deaths when we number only 80,000 of the total population. Fewer than half of the population, but more than half of the deaths.

Let it be remembered, too, that those here designated "whites," include in this city the representatives of nearly every nation under heaven, and the fact that our people have a higher death rate than all others combined, indicates either that others take better care of themselves or else are harder to kill than we are. At any rate, it is well enough for us to think seriously over the matter and see if there is not something we can do to lower this enormous rate. There must be a cause for such a state of affairs. The question of the location of our residences is one that is very difficult to manage. Whether from choice or not, it is a fact that thousands of our people are crowded into those sections of the city that are rendered sickly in one way or another. Doubtless, the principal inducements to settle in these parts are low rents, nearness to daily labor, etc., but it does seem that something might be done to modify our condition in this particular.

We have an idea, too, that many of our people, being ignorant of the laws of health, violate them in many ways. They keep extremely late hours, are not careful as to diet or the proper clothing for cold weather. Then the question of proper ventilation is one that needs the most careful consideration. The principal thought with our people is when warm, the sooner they can get cool the better, and when cool, they cannot be warmed too quickly nor too thoroughly. No draft of air in summer can be too violent; no amount of heat in winter too great. They believe in keeping out the "night air" at all hazards—it is death-dealing.

Since it is impossible for the newspapers alone

to reach the masses of our people on this or any other subject, we are compelled to ask the assistance of the pastors. Let them cry aloud on this subject throughout the South, for what we have said here concerning this city applies with equal force to every city where the colored people live in large numbers.

We have not the data at hand to compare statistics, but it is nevertheless a well-known fact that the poorer of the laboring classes of our race are too often located in that section of Southern cities that may be very properly called unhealthy. They are thus exposed and in many ways so expose themselves that they die altogether too rapidly, and we sorrowfully charge their departure to their being taken away by an all-wise God.

## PREPARE NOW TO ENTER SCHOOL NEXT FALL.

There is no better time than now to begin to get your children ready for school in September. A little sacrifice now in midsummer is twice as easy as it will be in midwinter. The money saved by avoiding the extravagant use of ices and cold drinks will pay a month's board in school, and the worse than useless excursion ticket will buy winter clothes.

Did it ever occur to our people that the excursion fever is almost as fatal to our financial success as yellow fever is to the body? It is a racial weakness well understood by the railroad people, and many a boy or girl has saved enough to go to school and was nearly ready to go when the glaring excursion poster met his eye. In a weak moment he bought the suit of clothes he did not need and paid for a ticket for the girl who ought to have been with her mother, and after a day of riotous living, he returns home, wrecked in finance and counts the cost. In most cases it is a clear case of bankruptcy and a giving up of the year's schooling so nearly realized. But this is not the worst side of it. In most cases the disappointment and discouragement leads to a total abandonment of the school idea.

There is nothing like a start. It may be you cannot go the whole session, but start; go one month, two months, or, at any rate, go. The principal thing is that you go long enough to see the need of an education and determine to secure it. Let the young people throughout our territory prepare at once and enter school on the first day of the session.

## WAS THE VOTE MERELY COMPLIMENTARY?

In answer to a question from Dr. Rust in the Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting, Dr. J. W. E. Bowen said: "The Colored delegates to the General Conference and their people almost to a man, interpret the action of the General Conference on the subject of the bishop of African descent as sincere and in full accord with former declarations. They did not see, nor have they seen, anything that would lead them to suspect insincerity on the part of the General Conference. The statement that the Colored delegates did some 'effective swapping' is gratuitous and wide of the mark, and the other statements that many of the white men who voted for the Colored brother did so merely as a hollow compliment to the Colored brother, or to throw discredit upon the episcopacy in the eyes of the general public, put an unpleasant burden of proof upon the speaker of the same.

"The principles of the church are right, but it requires time for the church to come up to them. The Negro membership are now conscious of their heritage, and they do not propose to leave that heritage. We object to the effort to set off our Japanese or Scandinavian membership into a separate organization. Of course the Negroes do not propose to go. The failure of the General Conference to elect a Negro bishop has not cooled our ardor, nor does it discourage our spirits. We recognize that the election of Dr. Mason to the secretaryship of one of the Societies is a great step in the future. We propose to go on in the even tenor of our way, having wiped the sweat from our brow, and, with a joyous heart and faith in God and faith in man, we shall adjust ourselves to the work of making our beloved Methodism all that we believe it should be."

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. B. M. Taylor P. C., at Huntsville, Tex.; and Rev. R. C. Worsham, of Clinton, La.; relinquished the office with a call on Monday.

The Book Committee promptly re-elected Dr. A. N. Fisher editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and Dr. J. W. Shank as editor of the Omaha Christian Advocate.

We are indebted to Rev. W. G. Shellabear, secretary of the Malaysia Mission Conference, for a copy of his minutes. It is a comprehensive document and has full reports of the work in that field.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, the new secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, removes his family to Cincinnati.

Perhaps all our brethren do not know that the Rev. Dr. W. T. Smith, who has just been elected one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society, is the same who has been preparing the excellent Easter Sunday programme that so many have used. He is a great manager and organizer. As a presiding elder he succeeded in keeping his district over "the line" for missions; hence all our presiding elders may now learn of him the secret of his remarkable success.

All Women's Clubs, religious and secular, are cordially invited to send representatives to the First Annual Convention of the National Federation of Afro-American Women, which assembles in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., July 20, 21, 22, 1896. For information concerning stopping places, address Mrs. Rosetta Lawson, 2011 Vermont avenue, N. W., or Mrs. A. S. Gray, 2236, Sixth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

## "STAND UPON THY FEET."

It was when the prophet Ezekiel had fallen on his face before the vision of the ineffable glory of God that the voice said to him, "Son of man, stand upon thy feet." God would have the worship of man, but that worship in a manly fashion.

To stand upon one's feet before God is a figure for the use of the faculties God has given us. It means the use of reason in the study of the truth of God, and the search after ways to serve God. We are to use reason just as much, and authority just as little in our religious relations to God as in our relations to God's physical laws.

When God's law is known, it must be obeyed. The laws which forbid one to step into the fire, or to covet his neighbor's goods, or to touch a live wire, or which command one to plant corn in the spring, or to send the Gospel to the heathen, or to give a laborer his fair share of the profits of manufacture, or to substitute steam for hand power, these laws we have to learn for ourselves, or else to be told of them, and then we must obey them. For our knowledge that some, or all of them are God's laws we must, for a while, depend on authority; but just as soon as possible we should apply to them our own reason. After we have done that, we know and therefore obey them not from authority but from reason. We stand upon our feet.

God is the one ultimate authority, and we can delegate to no man, no clergyman, no church, the task of finally settling for us what we must believe about God, and what our duties are to God. It may be dangerous to trust to our own judgment; but it is more dangerous not to do so. For a time we must depend on others' judgment, perhaps for all our lives, on some difficult subjects; but the fewer the subjects on which we depend on others, and the more we depend on our own the better, always provided we do not run beyond the capacities of our own reason, as compared with the capacities of the reason of our advisers. There is room for humility in judgment, but there is equal, and perhaps more, room for self-assertion. No man can throw the final responsibility for his religion on any substitute; for himself must he stand or fall.

Even so, humbly with boldness, can we come to God's mercy-seat, with full faith, and not ashamed. God has given us eyes to look upward to his throne, ears to hear his voice, and his Holy Spirit is given to every disciple. "Let us then come boldly unto the throne of grace." "Son of man, stand upon thy feet."—Independent.



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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

The Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Simpson Chapel held its second anniversary at 3 p. m., last Sunday, June 29th. Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Parker, presidents of other auxiliaries, and Mrs. Walker, were present and took part in the exercises. "Old Folks' Love-feast and benefit were connected with the service.

Dr. Viney, of the A. M. E. Church, preached an able sermon at 11 a. m.

The Young Men's Mutual Protection Benevolent Association celebrated its second anniversary at 8 p. m. It has nearly two hundred members and \$400 in the bank. It is an excellent society. It don't give picnics or parades. Mr. Thos. S. Williams, the president, is a safe leader. They presented the pastor \$17.50. The Ladies' Aid Circle is connected with it.

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Pittsburg, Tex.—I beg your indulgence to inform you that my second Quarterly Conference was held 29th and 30th ult., with unparalleled success for our church. The opposition was organized against us. Nevertheless, the conference was held Saturday at 4 p. m. Rev. J. S. Ferguson soon had the brothers and sisters moved to shouts of joy, and stirred his audience as by magic. He met the Sunday school, and at 11 a. m., the congregation had swelled beyond seating accommodations. Seventy-nine took Sacrament. The Baptists and C. M. E.'s had pitched a protracted meeting, but they closed their doors and all came to the M. E. Church. Three conversions, two additions; collection, mission, \$1.65; ministry, \$7.65. Rev. Ferguson's visit will be long remembered in this town by both white and black. His exposition of the doctrine and polity of the M. E. church and its relationship to other churches, has made many that were enemies strong and decided friends to our church. Pray for us that the great work now begun may continue.—L. H. Barnett, P. C.

White Wright Mission.—I came to the town of Leonard three years ago. Wife and I were the only members of our church in the town. Now we have seventeen members and a good Sunday school with twenty-one scholars. We have raised money to buy a church lot and we are going to build a church this year. We have much opposition, but we will trust in the Lord. Leonard is a growing little town and the future is bright for our church. We are preaching in a rented house, but are using our best efforts to build a church.—C. H. Hendricks.

Corinth Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference.—I am glad to say that our much beloved presiding elder, P. O. Jamison, was present with us on the 13th and 14th inst., and with his fatherly way did much good; he met a nice set of brethren with good reports. The many friends of Tusumbia will never forget Bro. P. O. Jamison. He preached and administered the Sacrament to a goodly number on Tuesday night, assisted by the pastor, Rev. T. L. Ingram. We hope the good brethren will come again. I am glad to say that the Tupelo District is all O. K., with Rev. P. O. Jamison as its captain and leader. He made an able talk on the good old Southwestern Advocate. His talk will result in our sending in the number we pledged in the Annual Conference, at Grenada. Corinth Circuit is in the advance of many years in the way of Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues. We have four Sunday schools, two Epworth League chapters. I am occasionally assisted by Father Hill, who tries to do all he can for the Corinth Circuit and its pastors. We had Children's Day on the 14th, which resulted in a good collection. We hope you will please publish this for us; by publishing, this will result in my sending you some more subscribers.—Your true friend in Christ, G. W. Baker, P. C.

Boyce, La.—Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Kynett Chapel on the 13th, Rev. A. J. Wright, P. E., in the chair. Things are in good shape at present. Sunday, at 11 o'clock, the presiding elder preached a grand sermon; at night from the text, "Please Have Me Excused," and the congregation listened to him with great interest.—D. Shelby, P. C.

Helena, Ark., June 2, 1896.—An appeal to the church at large: Helena is a city of eight thousand inhabitants, situated in Eastern Arkansas on the Mississippi river. We have two railroads centering here with one transfer boat. The M. E. church is not known in the town. I have bought a lot in a desirable part of the town which we are trying to pay for. I call on you all in the name of our Christ to help us, hoping the P. E.'s will lead out. Send all monies to Prof. H. P. Avant, Helena, Ark.—B. J. Lewis, P. C.

Crawford, La.—This is my first year at Glencoe. Our church is progressing nicely. We have closed a glorious revival, in which the Lord blessed us with fifty-three converts. Our Sunday school is in a very good condition; 160 scholars on the roll, and they are still coming in.—Z. T. Gayden, P. C.

Washington, La.—I am now in revival meeting. On last Sunday night, June 14th, forty came forward to the altar to be prayed for. Our Children's Day was the grandest we ever had. We are working hard to save souls for Christ. God bless the editor and his agent. I shall try all I can for the paper.—A. J. Pickett, P. C.

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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

School History of the United States.—Considerable fault has been found in the South with the histories used in the public schools, claiming that they do not give prominence enough to the Southern side of political questions and the events connected with the late "unpleasantness." Now J. William Jones, D. D., former chaplain in the army of Northern Virginia, chaplain-general United Confederate Veterans, etc., has prepared a history that ought to satisfy the most ultra-Southerner. We question, however, whether a man who thus writes of himself, which we extract from his preface, can write an impartial history. "Born, reared and educated on Southern soil, following for four years with youthful devotion the battle-flag of the Southern Confederacy, for twelve years secretary of the Southern Historical Society, and during all of these years devoting time and close attention to American history, I may modestly claim that I have had some facilities for knowing, and some qualifications for preparing, a history of the United States which shall be acceptable to the South and fit to be taught in her schools." Published by R. H. Woodward Co., Baltimore, Md.

The Ladies' Home Journal for July—an artistically attractive and interesting issue—opens with an illustrated article on Joan of Arc and her home, by Emma Asbrand Hookins, who entertainingly writes of the childhood and religious life of the Maid. Edward W. Bok writes editorially of the girl between 16 and 20. Dr. Parkhurst speaks forcibly to young men in his paper, "A Young Man's Religious Life," and Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, with equal vigor and directness, writes to girls. The Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia; \$1 per year; 10 cents per copy.

The Methodist Magazine and Review for July, enters upon its forty-fourth volume with vigor. Its articles on "Anglo-Saxon Supremacy," and on "The Mennonites of Manitoba," have quite a Dominion Day flavor. There are finely illustrated articles on "Our Indian Empire." \$2.00 a year. Wm. Briggs, Toronto.

Rev. Geo. Hughes, editor of the Guide to Holiness, has been for some time preparing a comprehensive History of the Modern Revival of Holiness, undenominational, contemplating the relations of this revival to the general church, in its various departments, and the mighty movements of the period. In this important undertaking he has the aid of a large corps of workers and able writers in this and other lands. Any who can furnish facts or incidents relating to the subject of the contemplated history will please address Rev. Geo. Hughes, 64 Bible House, New York.

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### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—Our Annual Conference minutes, which have been printed and ready for distribution for nearly three months, are still in the printer's hands, all for the lack of money to get them out. That fact is a humiliation that should not be perpetuated another day. The good name of the conference is at stake, and every pastor is equally responsible.

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### MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

H-burville, La.—On June 24, at the St. James M. E. Church Mr. Josiah Kyles and Miss Louisa Timbar. Both are members of the old church. E. H. Clark officiated.

Gloster, Miss.—Mr. Thomas Toias to Miss Martha Thompson; and Mr. Jake Hugley to Miss Eli A. Johnson, on June 18. R. T. Thomas officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Benoit, Miss.—Sister Ruthie Crow, aged 42 years, died June 15. Green Spencer, Pastor.

Marshall, Tex.—Bro. William Mennefeld died June 10. For many years he was a faithful member of our church at this place. A wife, daughter, sons and grandchildren are left to mourn. G. J. Izard.

Fairfield, La.—Bro. James Jackson died May 19, aged 76. He was born in Alabama, and was a member of Fairfield M. E. Church. S. A. Mason, Pastor.

Heidelberg, Miss.—Sister Liddy Coleman died June 7th. She was a faithful member of the church for over 70 years. She lived to be over 102 years old, and leaves two sons and four daughters. R. N. Jones, Pastor.

Roanoke, Ala.—Sister Sallie a local preacher, died suddenly at his home May 3rd. He was one of the oldest members of the church at Roanoke. S. H. Vio, Pastor.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Bro. Robert Brandon, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for twenty years and a trustee, died June 29th. His last words were: "I am trusting in Jesus." M. Cogou.

Bohlin, Texas.—Bro. Gabe Felder, one of the oldest and a faithful member of Pleasant Grove, died May 23. Sister Elsie Brown, a true Christian, and also Charles Gant, the son of Bro. Ned Gant, died recently. Samsom Hom, the youngest daughter of Rev. S. Hom, of Yarborough, Tex., died May 15. R. Willis.

Pleasant Hill, La.—Where a. it has pleased God to take out of this world Mrs. Rosanna Victoria Severe, the oldest daughter of our beloved pastor, Rev. William Herrierson, at Natchitoches, La. June 16 aged 24 years 5 months and 15 days, in the full triumph of Christian faith—he said: "Tell grandpa that I have outrun him and got home (meaning Bro. Gans, the father of Rev. William S. and Edward S., who is lying at the point of death); I have not just commenced praying, but all the time; go on; go on; farewell." Therefore having been selected by the Second Quarterly Conference to make an expression of the sentiments of his members, this Quarterly Conference and members pray for God's blessing and everlasting grace in this his hour of affliction. By the Committee.

Louisville Ky.—Rev. William Johnson, our beloved pastor of Hartford Circuit, Louisville District, Lexington Conference, departed this life June 11th, at 9:30 p. m. Bro. Johnson was born in Maryland, Va., in 1853, and was converted when but ten years of age. He joined the Lexington Annual Conference in 1880 and during those sixteen years he has been a faithful minister of the Gospel. Fearlessly and heroically he has pushed the work forward but at last the end has come, and he is no more with us but has passed over to be with the Church triumphant. For the last ten months he was a great sufferer, but never did he complain or murmur; but with Christian fortitude and patience he bore it all, trusting in Him who had said "I will be with you, even to the end." O praise the Lord He was with him, and enabled him to pass over Jordan without a tear. He died at his post of duty. We mourn the loss of him, but our loss is his eternal gain. He leaves a wife and daughter and a host of friends behind to mourn. The wife and daughter have our sympathy in this dark hour of bereavement and distress, and our prayers ascend in their behalf, that our Heavenly Father may verify His promises to them. "Servant of God well done." George A. Shale, P. E.

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## THE PLATFORM.

For the benefit of our readers who take no secular paper, we give the entire platform of the Republican party, adopted at St. Louis:

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their representatives in national convention, appealing for the popular and historical justification of their claims to the matchless achievements of thirty years of Republican rule, earnestly and confidently address themselves to the awakened intelligence, experience and conscience of their countrymen in the following declaration of facts and principles:

For the first time since the civil war the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of full and unrestricted Democratic control of the government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonor and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed indispensable revenue, entailed an increasing deficit, eked out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$262,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, kept a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund, pawned American credit to alien syndicates, and reversed all the measures and results of successful Republican rule.

In the broad effect of its policy it has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages and enterprise, and crippled American production while stimulating foreign production for the American market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interests demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable to conduct it without disaster at home and dishonor abroad, and shall be restored to the party which for thirty years administered it with unequalled success and prosperity. And in this connection we heartily endorse the wisdom, the patriotism and the success of the administration of President Harrison.

## Tariff.

We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity. This true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods; it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workman; it puts the factory by the side of the farm and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift and founds the strength of all on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly; to sectional discrimination and individual favoritism.

We denounce the present Democratic tariff as sectional, injurious to the public credit and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such an equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but will protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. We are not pledged to any particular schedules. The question of rates is a practical question to be governed by the conditions of the time and of production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right settlement, and then it wants rest.

## Reciprocity.

We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity, and we demand their renewal and extension on such terms as will equalize our trade with other nations, remove the restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in ports of other countries and secure enlarged markets for the products of our farms, forests and factories. Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both, and both must be re-established. Protection for what we produce; free admission for the necessities of life which we do not produce; reciprocal agreements of equal interests which gain open markets for us in return for our open market to others. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade and secures our own market for our-

selves; reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus.

## Sugar.

We condemn the present administration for not keeping faith with the sugar producers of this country. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all the sugar which the American people use and for which they pay other countries more than \$100,000,000 annually.

## Wool and Woolens.

To all our products—to those of the mine and the field, as well as to those of the shop and the factory, to hemp, to wool, the product of the great industry of sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished woolens of the mill—we promise the most ample protection.

## Merchant Marine.

We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the upbuilding of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor, employed in American shipyards, sailing under the Stars and Stripes and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

## Money.

The Republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1879; since then every dollar has been as good as gold.

We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained, the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolably the obligations of the United States and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

## Pensions.

The veterans of the Union armies deserve and should receive fair treatment and generous recognition. Whenever practicable they should be given the preference in the matter of employment and they are entitled to the enactment of such laws as are best calculated to secure the fulfillment of the pledges made to them in the dark days of the country's peril. We denounce the practice in the Pension Bureau so recklessly and unjustly carried on by the present administration of reducing pensions and arbitrarily dropping names from the rolls as deserving the severest condemnation of the American people.

## Foreign Relations.

Our foreign policy should be at all times firm, vigorous and dignified, and all our interests in the Western Hemisphere carefully watched and guarded. The Hawaiian Islands should be controlled by the United States and no foreign power should be permitted to interfere with them; the Nicaragua Canal should be built, owned and operated by the United States, and by the purchase of the Danish Islands we should secure a proper and much-needed naval station in the West Indies.

## Armenian Massacres.

The massacres in Armenia have aroused the deep sympathy and just indignation of the American people, and we believe that the United States should exercise all the influence it can properly exert to bring these atrocities to an end. In Turkey American residents have been exposed to the greatest dangers and American property destroyed. There and everywhere American citizens and American property must be absolutely protected at all hazards and at any cost.

## Monroe Doctrine.

We reassert the Monroe doctrine in its full extent and we re-affirm the right of the United States to give the doctrine effect by responding to the appeals of any American State for friendly intervention in case of European encroachment. We have not interfered and shall not interfere with the existing possessions of any European power in this hemisphere but those possessions must not, on any pretext, be extended. We hopefully look forward to the eventual withdrawal of the European powers from this hemisphere and to the ultimate union of all English-speaking parts of the continent by the free consent of its inhabitants.

## Cuba.

From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of the other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty.

The government of Spain, having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

## The Navy.

The peace and security of the republic and the maintenance of its rightful influence among the nations of the earth demand a naval power commensurate with its position and responsibility. We, therefore, favor the continued enlargement of the navy and a complete system of harbor and seacoast defenses.

## Foreign Immigration.

For the protection of the quality of our American citizenship and our American workmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.

## Civil Service.

The civil service law was placed on the statute book by the Republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever possible.

## Free Ballot.

We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

## Lynchings.

We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the unlawful and barbarous practice well-known as lynching or killing of human beings suspected or charged with crime, without process of law.

## National Arbitration.

We favor the creation of a national board of arbitration to settle and adjust differences which may arise between employers and employed engaged in interstate commerce.

## Homesteads.

We believe in an immediate return to the free homestead policy of the Republican party; and urge the passage by Congress of the satisfactory free homestead measure which has already passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

## Territories.

We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interests of the people of the territories and of the United States. All the Federal officers appointed for the territories should be elected from bona fide residents thereof and right of self-government should be accorded as far as practicable.

## Alaska.

We believe the citizens of Alaska should have representation in the Congress of the United States to the end that needful legislation may be intelligently enacted.

## Temperance.

We sympathize with all wise and legitimate efforts to lessen and prevent the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

## Rights of Women.

The Republican party is mindful of the rights and interests of women. Protection of American industries includes equal opportunities equal pay for equal work and protection to the home. We favor the admission of women to wider spheres of usefulness and welcome their co-operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule.

Such are the principles and policies of the Republican party. By these principles we will abide and these policies we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people. Confident alike in the history of our great party and in the justice of our cause, we present our platform and our candidates in the full assurance that the election will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of the United States.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMMES.

Programme for the Tennessee River District Conference, Tennessee Conference M. E. Church, which meets in Spring Hill, Tenn., July 21, 1896:

Progress and Needs of the District, presiding elder; Atonement, A. F. Lane; Justification, G. W. Marsh; Regeneration, M. Williams; Adoption, J. S. Wilter; Sanctification, Jas. Pickett; Christian Growth, H. E. Erwin; Infant Baptism S. Knight; The Care of Baptized Children, Walter Thompson; Missions M. E. Church, T. E. Woods; Sunday School Work in the Tennessee River District, H. Robinson; Should the Tennessee Conference Have a Sunday School Agent? J. P. Gregg; How to Conduct Prayer Meetings, J. R. Sumner; How to Conduct Class Meetings, J. R. Reasonover; Church Extension, F. J. Yeargin; Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, G. Sanford; amusements for the Young People of the Church, C. B. Wilson.

Local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and Sunday school superintendents, please choose your own subjects and come prepared to help make the District Conference the best ever held on the Tennessee River District. A Sunday school convention and an Epworth League convention will be held in connection with the District Conference.

Each Epworth League chapter will please send a delegate. Each delegate will please prepare a subject for discussion in the convention.

S. B. Danley, P. E.

Programme of the Meridian District Conference to be held in Haven Chapel July 22-26, 1896. Each day from 9 to 12 will be Conference business. From 2 to 5 Literary Programme. Is an Untruth Ever Justifiable, J. Campbell; alternate, I. C. Gillispie. Superannuation and the Proper Time For It, N. Tool; alternate, R. L. Brooks. The Progressive Spirit of the General Conference of 1896, L. J. S. Bell; alternate, A. Carpenter. The Time Limit, P. Blue; alternate, C. L. Cotton. Church Ventilation, P. R. Crump; alternate, A. Howze. Church Music, Mrs. Prof. J. L. Wilson and Prof. S. T. Govins. Should Women be Admitted to the General Conference? I. W. Davis and H. B. Key. Exegesis of Mark 15:16, P. F. Robinson and S. H. Cannon. Is it Right to Ask Candidates for Admission to Wholly Abstain From the Use of Tobacco? C. W. Ivy and Prof. J. H. Brooks. A. M. Exegesis of Heb. 6:1, T. Cotton and E. Wilbarn. The Purpose of the Epworth League, R. Howze and J. T. Theford. The Pastor Our of the Pulpit, S. McDavis and R. Roberts. The Meridian Academy Anniversary, opened by the Trustees. All members of the conference, not mentioned in this programme are expected to select their own subjects and bring in prepared papers.—P. Blue, A. M. Trotter, C. W. Ivy, committee.

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Many persons of either sex are troubled with cramp in one or both of the legs, says the Philadelphia Record. It usually comes on suddenly, and while it lasts the pain is acute. Most people jump out of bed—the cramp nearly always comes on just after going to bed or while undressing—and either rub their legs or get some one to do it for them. There is nothing easier than to overcome the spasm, and the method suggested is as follows: Provide a good strong cord—a garter will do if nothing else is handy. When the cramp comes on take the cord, wind it around the leg over the place in which the pain is felt and take one end in each hand, and give it a sharp pull, one that will hurt a little. The cramp will cease instantly, and the sufferer can go to bed assured that it will not come again that night.



## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12 1896.

DAVID, KING OVER ALL ISRAEL.

2 Sam. 5:1-12.

Golden Text—"David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him" (2 Sam. 7:10).

David was likely made king over all Israel soon after the death of their murdered ruler. Ish-bosheth was the fourth and last son of Saul, and when he fell there was no worthy descendant to put on the throne. Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, and grandson of Saul, was the only one of that royal family left. He was young, feeble and crippled in both feet. David seems to have been the only one to whom they could look for deliverance and protection.

1.—The New King (1-5). 1. The company—"All the tribes of Israel." Among them were the elders or aged persons who stood at the head of families; politicians, or "men that had understanding of the times;" captains, or leaders of bands; and soldiers, at least 300,000 armed warriors. They came with a "perfect heart;" there was no deceit or hypocrisy in their conduct. They were also of "one heart;" they had but one motive, that was to make David their king. Such a united host could overturn almost any government and set up a kingdom of their own. They brought bread, meat, cakes made of figs, bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. For three days the valley before Hebron and the hills surrounding it were covered with a joyful multitude keeping the coronation feast. There may be a continual feasting when the kingdom of God is set up in the heart of man and Christ crowned "Lord of all."

2. The reasons. (1) Kinship—"We are thy bone and thy flesh." Jacob was their father. They were one brotherhood. They should not be divided. One king only should reign over them. They are a type of the great spiritual Israel who is one family in Christ Jesus though divided into many denominations. (2) Victory—"Thou wast he that ledest out and broughtest in Israel." They likely had in mind the triumph of David over Goliath and other occasions when the women sang: "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." Christ has given greater victories to the "household of faith" than ever did David to the family of Jacob. (3) Prophecy—"The Lord said: 'Thou shalt feed my people Israel.' This is one of God's spoken but not elsewhere recorded, commands. They had, no doubt, known for the last ten years it was the Lord's plan to make David king over all Israel at the death of Saul. They did not care to surrender themselves to the decree of Jehovah. Man is wonderful for having his own way. "Thou shalt feed" literally means "Thou shalt shepherd." It refers to David's early life. As he led his father's flock "into green pastures and beside still waters," and protected them in times of danger, so now let him arrange for every want of God's people, and shield them from their foes.

3. The work. There were three successive acts in the coronation of a Hebrew king. (1) The diadem was placed upon his head. We know not the shape of their crowns but they were likely made of gold and fastened with "a lace of blue." We who are saved are "made unto our God, kings and priests" and may receive "a crown of glory." (2) The testimony was placed in his hand. This was likely a roll of the Divine law, and was to be a guide in administering the affairs of the government. David made a "league," or cut a covenant, with the people. He likely entered into a solemn contract to rule in justice and mercy and they pledged absolute obedience to him. The kingdom was no doubt a limited monarchy. God is our King. He has entered into a covenant with us and we with Him. He has redeemed us by Christ and given us His written word, and we have taken baptism and church vows. (3) The anointing with oil was likely done by pouring a compound upon the head. We know not who did the anointing on this occasion. Possibly Nathan, the prophet. It was by Divine command, hence the king was called "the Lord's anointed." It typified the graces of the Holy Spirit. This was the third time David had been anointed king. Christ was anointed of God "to preach the Gospel to the poor." Saints are the anointed of Christ. This "unction from the Holy One" gives knowledge, truth, justice and love.

4. The time—"David was thirty years old when he began to reign." He was

likely about twenty years of age when called from his father's house, spent four years in the service of Saul, and for six years he was an outlaw. At thirty he was in the prime of his manhood. At that age Joseph was made ruler over Egypt (Gen. 41:46), the priests were set apart for their duties (Numb. 4:3), and Jesus was "anointed with the Holy Ghost" (Luke 3:23). It is likely that Samuel, John the Baptist and Paul at about that age began their public work for God. But these are not examples for us. We are old according to the knowledge gained and work done. There was gradual development in the life of David. See him as a shepherd lad, musician, courtier, warrior, poet, outlaw, tribal king and finally on the throne of united Israel.

II.—The New Capital (6:12). 1. Taking the city. When the coronation feast was over, David at the head of the 300,000 warriors, aided by the captains, elders and politicians, marched against the stronghold of the Jebusites. Jerusalem was likely the Salem of Melchizedek, the Jebus of the Jebusites, and the city of David. It was located in the centre of Palestine, on the dividing ridge between the Mediterranean and Dead Sea, and on Mount Zion. It was the most suitable city in all Canaan for the seat of the new government. The Jebusites descended from Canaan, the son of Ham. They were strong, brave and disposed to war. From the days of Abraham they had dwelt in that locality. God's enemies are ever found in His land. (1) The defense. The city was well fortified. Both nature and art had done much to make it a stronghold. The assertion, "except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither," has puzzled expositors very much. Some think the "blind and the lame" refer to the gods of the Jebusites. That they were brought and placed on the walls of the fortress, and while they remained it was impossible for David to take the city. Others believe they felt Jerusalem to be so well fortified the "blind and the lame" were sufficient to hold it against the King's force. The passage is not an article of faith and we may be saved without knowing what is meant by it. The wicked often feel secure in their strongholds of sin. (2) The overthrow. The word translated "gutter" is elsewhere (Psa. 42:7), rendered "water spouts." The only access to the citadel was where the water had worn a channel, and where there was, in consequence, some vegetation on the rock. (S. P.) Joab, the nephew of David, was the first to enter the fortress. Others followed and the city soon fell into the hands of Israel. It was God who gave them the victory. David knew no defeat. Did he ever lose a battle? God can to-day overthrow the strongholds of Satan.

2. Building up the City.—(1) The work of David. He "built round about from Millo and inward." Millo means a "filling." It was likely a fortress standing on the northern side of Zion. It was repaired by Solomon. David built from that fortification inward. The houses were likely erected for state purposes. He made strong his kingdom. He "went on and grew great." He went "going and growing." He became established. "The Lord God of hosts" is commander over the armies of the universe. David's success was not due so much to efforts of his own as to the power of Jehovah. (2) The work of Hiram. This was likely the father or grandfather of the ruler who aided Solomon in the erection of the temple. Tyre was the chief city of Phoenicia, a small strip of country lying northwest of Canaan. Its inhabitants were further advanced in the arts and sciences than the Israelites. God's people never waged a war with them. Cedar trees, highly prized for building purposes grew abundantly in the mountains of Lebanon. It is likely the Jebusites were not skilled in architecture and there was no house in Jerusalem suitable as a residence for the new king. It showed great kindness in Hiram, kindness that David highly appreciated, to send timber and workmen and erect for him a mansion. We may, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, build a temple of character far more beautiful than David's house of cedar. (3) The work of God. The kingdom of David was his literal reign over Israel. It was according to the plan given by Moses, (Deut. 17:14-20) and Samuel (1 Sam. 10:25). It was very weak in the beginning, but grew gradually till it became established among the nations. It was not only well grounded but exalted till it became second to no other government of the earth at that time. David had done what he could, yet he felt that it was all the work of Jehovah. The kingdom of God in the heart of man, is like the kingdom of David among the nations, small and weak at the beginning,

surrounded by trials of many kinds, but led on by the power of God it becomes established, exalted and glorified.

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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandeou		
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Waldee
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 26.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima		
Washington, . . . . .	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills, Miss. Conference.		
Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Cincinnati, Piqua, O.	Sep. 2.	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming, Miss., Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Ilurel
Erie, New Castle, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Northwest Nebraska, Ainsworth, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah.	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurat
East Ohio, Urbicville, O.	Sep. 16.	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17.	Mallicu
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danish, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., C.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Missouri, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurat
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Bine Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallicu
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Houston, Texport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallicu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7.	Hurat
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Towanda, Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7.	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallicu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallicu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.	Mallicu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 10.	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.	Ninde
West Texas, Pecos, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Baden.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf. 101bca.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Goodsell
South Germany, Pirmaeoa.	July 22.	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodsell
Denmark, Mission, Vieldo.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea, Miss. n. Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Norway, Sarpsborg.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Sweden, Jonkoping.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Abn.	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22.	Goodsell
Central China, Miss. n. Nan-king.	Oct. 21.	Goodsell
Footbow, Footbow.	Nov. 18.	Goodsell
Congo Mission Conference.	Harrell	
West China Mission.		

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary  
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## Coming Events in Methodism.

Louisville District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Shelbyville, Ky.	July 8.
Lexington District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Flemingburg, Ky.	July 22.
Marion District Conference, Gainesville, Ala.	July 22.
Tupelo District Sunday-school Institute, Tupelo, Miss.	July 21.
Tupelo District Conference, Tupelo, Miss.	July 23.
Jack on District Conference, Brandon, Miss.	July 22.
La Grange District Conference, Zebulon, Ga.	July 23.
Atlanta District Conference, Haganville, Ga.	August 5.
Griffin District Conference, McDonough, Ga.	August 6.
Waco District Conference, Bremond, Tex.	July 23.
Austin District Conference, Austin, Tex.	August 5.
Houston District Camp-meeting, Harrisburg, Tex.	August 4.
Dallas District Conf. e. o. Fort Worth, Tex.	August 2.
Sau Antonio District Conference, Gozales, Tex.	August 12.
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, August 12.	

New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12.  
New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.  
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La., August 10.  
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 21.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Alexandria District.

Third Round.	July.	Glenncoe & Island	19 20
St. Peter.	18 19	Hubertville.	25 26
Sorell and Union.	22 23	Patentville.	28
Jeanette.	26 27	Abbeville.	31 Aug 3
Oliver.	29		
August.			
Abbeville Mission.	4	Cade & B. Bridge.	7
St. Martinville.	8 9	New Ibe la.	10 11
Lafayette.	12 13	Rayne & Crowley.	13 14
Jennings.	16 17	Mar'ad & Paleotto.	18 19
Morrows.	20 21	Cottonport.	22 23
Snolover.	24 25	Woodworth.	26 27
Evergreen and Grand C.	28 29		
September.			
1ecompt and Spring Creek.	56	Cheneyville.	13 14
Alexandria.	19 20	Pinerville.	19 20
Avoca and Regulotta.	26 27		
S. E. H. Morant, P. E.			

## Indiana District.

Second Round.	June.	Bloomington, Ind.	27 28
July.			
Waller's Chapel, Ind.	11 12	Rockport, Ind.	12 13
Grand Wind, Ind.	14	Lake Mills, Ind.	15
Harris Chapel, Ind.	16	Brown's, Ind.	18 19
Princeton, Ind.	19 21	Watson, Ind.	20 21
Grayville and Carrie.	22 23	Lawrenceville, Ill.	23 24
Ill.	27 28	Marshall, Ill.	29 30
Terre Haute, Ind.	25 26	Greenfield, Ind.	27 28
Corydon, Ind.	28	Greenfield, Ind.	30 31
Madison, Ind.	31 Aug 1 2		
August.			
North Vernon, Ind.	23	Knoxville, Ind.	5 6
Rosville, Ind.	11 12	Shelbyville, Ind.	15 16
Indianapolis, Simpson chapel, Ind.	16 17		
Muncie, Ind.	18 19	Alexandria, Ind.	20 21
Newcastle, Ind.	22 23	Connorsville, Ind.	24 25
Eddyville, Ky.	28 29	Rushville, Ind.	30 31
September.			
Anderson, Ind.	5 6	Cleveland Ky.	8 10
Owensboro, Ky.	5 6	Newburg, Ind.	6 7
Princeton Ky.	6 7	Dulaney, Ky.	6 7
Grand Rivers, Ky.	10	Stevenson, Ind.	11
Smithland, Ky.	12 14	Hawesville, Ky.	16 18
Caonleton, Ind.	15 16	Lewisport, Ky.	19 21
Greencastle, Ind.	14 17	Chicago, Ill.	17 20
North Indianapolis.	20 21		
Edward L. Gilliam, P. E.			

## Jacksonville District.

Third Round.	July.	Hinsville and Lake Ogden.	25 26
August.			
Lake City and Newhope.	1 2		
Live Oak and White Springs.	3		
Sanderson circuit.	9		
St. Joseph and Green Cove Springs.	23 24		
West Jacksonville circuit.	25		
Hibernia.	30		
September.			
Rog's Ferry.	5 6	Fernandale.	13 14
Franklintown.	13	St. Augustine.	20 21
Ebenezer.	27 28	Wightsville.	27 28
October.			
Simpson Chapel.	13	Lene Star.	10 11
Mandarin.	17 18		
J. Grant, P. E.			

## Bristol District.

Fourth Round.	July.	Shel Creek.	11 12
Gate City.	18 19	Fall Branch.	25 26
August.			
Mountain City.	1 2	Greenville.	8 9
Warrenburg.	15 16	Jonesboro.	22 23
Rnal Retreat.	24 25		
September.			
Gl d Springs.	5 6	Chihonee.	12 13
Abingdon.	19 20	Marian.	26 27
October.			
Bristol.	31	Montgomery.	3 4
District Conference will convene in Mountain City, Johnson County, Tenn., on the 29th day of July, 1896.		E. Provino, P. E.	

## Meridian District.

Second Round.	July.	Haven chapel.	11 12
Meridian circuit.	18 19	District conf.	21 22
Chunkey circuit.	28 29		
August.			
Da'eville.	1 2	Ebenezer.	5
Landerdale.	8 9	Schooba.	12
Dekalb.	22 23	Phil adelphia.	26
September.			
Hokory.	5 6	Lake.	8
Centerville.	10	Gardensville.	12 13
Missionary.	16	Paulling.	19 20
Lake Como.	26 27	Mt. Jordan.	30
October.			
Enterprise.	4 5		
A. M. Trotter, P. E.			

## Waynesboro District, Ga.

Third Round.	July.	Charlestown.	18 19
Sylvania.	25 26		
August.			
Asbury.	1 2	Englab Eddy.	8 9
Waynesboro Stat'n.	15 16	Millen.	22 23
Mt. Vernon.	22 23	Statesboro.	29 30
September.			
Angusta Mission and Harlem.	4 8		
Waynesboro circuit.	12 13		
Excelsior and Thrift.	19 20		
Beleville and Wadley.	26 27		
R. R. O'Neal, P. E.			

## Gainesville District, Ga.

Third Round.	July.	Edwardville.	18 19
Swansea.	24 26	Lawrenceville.	25 26
August.			
Elberton circuit.	1 2	Lavonia.	8 9
Eiberton.	15 16	Gainesville.	21 22
Glaville.	29 30	Harnoey Grove.	29 30
September.			
Centre Side.	5 6	Marletta.	11 12
Hosobton.	12 13	Decatur.	19 20
J. O. Hunt, P. E.			

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**Illinois Central.**

<b>ARRIVE—</b>		<b>LEAVE—</b>	
Local mail .....	9:50 pm	Local mail .....	6:40 am
Chicago limited, .....	7:30 pm	Chicago limited .....	8:00 am
Fast mail .....	7:40 am	Fast mail .....	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.			
Fast mail .....	7:40 am	Fast mail .....	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3 .....	7:30 pm	No. 4 .....	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31 .....	8:35 am	No. 32 .....	5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local .....		No. 6, Memphis Local .....	
Fast express .....	3:30 am	Fast Train .....	4:00 pm
No. 31, Vicksburg ex- press .....	5:30 pm	Vicksburg ex- press .....	8:10 am
No. 33, Baton Rouge accommodation .....	10:00 pm	No. 34, Baton Rouge accommodation .....	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 2, fast ex. ....	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail. ....	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc. ....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex. ....	9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex. ....	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc. ....	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail. ....	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex. ....	7:50 pm
Sunday ex. ....	9:30 pm	Sunday ex. ....	7:50 am
<b>Texas and Pacific.</b>			
No. 52, Ft. Werth and Cal. ex. ....	6:55 pm	No. 53, Cal. ex. ....	8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Sp g's express .....	9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Sp g's express .....	7:20 pm
<b>Queen &amp; Crescent Route.</b>			
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York .....	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York .....	3:20 pm
No. 3, local .....	6:20 am	Local .....	7:30 am
<b>Southern Pacific Company.</b>			
<b>Texas and Mexican</b>		<b>California ex. ....</b>	
fast mail .....	6:45 am	Texas & Mexico	
California ex. ....	6:55 am	fast mail .....	8:35 pm



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## CAN I BE SAVED?

"Can I be saved?" the trembling sinner cried:  
"Yes, yes, you can," the man of God replied:  
"You can; for Jesus suffered, died and lives,  
And God through Him a full salvation gives."

"May I be saved, so worthless, vile and base?"  
"You may, for God's salvation is of grace;  
None are rejected who to Him apply,  
He ne'er allows a seeking soul to die

If you are lost—to save the lost He came;  
If you desire salvation—seek His name;  
Rely upon His Word, His merit trust,  
And you shall be by God accounted just.  
—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Pray often!

Keep sweet!

Stop grinning, but smile when necessary.

Do not be such a growler that no one will  
enjoy your company.

Go and do or say something to make another  
happy.

Do you live for yourself alone, then you are  
to be pitied.

Do not be constantly imagining that some  
one is after you. If your conscience is clear do  
your work faithfully and keep right on.

Most ministers are apt to be selfish and self-  
willed, hence they need to watch themselves.

The "Picayune" of Monday was a splendid  
24 page paper—special Mississippi Edition—  
which, like the great river, was "full to the  
levees." Special trains distributed it through-  
out that State.

In our editorial of a previous issue on the  
death rate among us, we are made to say the  
colored people furnish one-half the deaths in the  
city. We meant one-half as many as all the  
other races combined, which is all too true.

That secret sin that has kept company with  
you so long, will give you a terrible tussle when  
it sees you trying to break off. Sever your as-  
sociate now!

Brethren, some of your members write us  
that their pastor never speaks of the "South-  
western" or has not for months. The paper  
is your friend, stand by it and it will stand by  
you.

The "Western Christian Advocate," of the  
1st inst, publishes the whole of our "Brush Col-  
lege" announcement and approves our plan,  
for which we are grateful. But when the editor  
goes farther and suggests that the privileges of  
our institution might well be extended to white  
preachers, we must remind him that that would  
be a "mixed school." Please remember we  
live in the South and all our students must be  
under one great roof and eat at one great table!  
See?

We are going to mix our Faculty though—  
and already have the promise of some able edu-  
cators.

## SECTARIAN BIGOTRY AS A DISTURBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The separation of church and state is a prin-  
ciple in which Americans are supposed to im-  
plicitly believe. In fact, it is one of the founda-  
tion stones of the government. We believe in it  
so firmly that he authorities try to prevent every-  
thing that even looks like an attempt to intro-  
duce sectarianism in our public schools. We  
have known of cases in which superintendents  
would say: "Read the Bible in your devotions if  
you wish, but make no comment whatever," and  
others who would not even allow it to be read.  
Let this be as it may, a government for the whole  
people should not favor one denomination above  
another, hence all agree that our public schools  
should be absolutely free from any and all sec-  
tarianism. To this end we do not wish persons  
to teach in these schools who even dress so as to  
distinguish their denomination from others.

Now, the question is: Are we as a race sincere  
in our expressed wish to keep the public schools  
free from all denominational bias? If we are,  
then why is it considered so necessary in Baptist  
communities to have a teacher who is a Baptist,  
and in Methodist communities one who is a  
Methodist? Why is it the applicant must answer  
this question satisfactorily before the "big men"  
in a community will consent to his being em-  
ployed? Why is it necessary to split a good,  
strong, well-organized school and establish two  
little, sickly ones in a community where there  
is a Methodist and Baptist Church? Why is it  
that in those communities where the law is so  
framed as to allow us to have trustees of our  
own race, when a majority of said trustees are  
Baptists, they will throw out all teachers who are  
Methodists, and vice versa, and this regardless to  
qualification? While we are glad to say there  
are many noble exceptions to such as the fore-  
going queries indicate, there are, nevertheless,  
scores of communities in which this sectarian  
bigotry is an absolute curse to our public  
school system. It makes no difference what the  
teacher's qualifications; no difference how well the  
school may be moving along, if some old deacon  
or other church officer decides we need a teacher  
who belongs to our church, one who can teach  
in our Sunday school, that settles it. There is  
no rest till the change is made, even if the school  
has to be divided. It would appear that the life  
of the church and the school as well depended  
upon the change sought to be made. Instead of  
inquiring as to qualifications and character, the  
most important question seems to be, to what  
church does he belong? If to the right church,  
he is the very teacher needed; if not, the fact that  
he holds a first grade certificate and evidence of  
good moral character amounts to very little in-  
deed. Since such a condition of affairs is neither  
in accordance with law, common sense, nor the  
necessities of the case, we ask in all soberness, on  
what is it founded? The reply is evident: It is  
founded upon an ignorant misconception of one's  
obligation to his church and the relation which  
the church bears to the public school. While  
there is no crime in being ignorant when one has  
not had an opportunity to be otherwise, such a  
person should not be allowed and ought not to  
desire to rule in those matters about which he  
knows nothing.

If a man just must have his children go to a  
teacher who belongs to his own church, let him  
either organize a private school of the kind or  
else send his children to the nearest school of his  
denomination, which is, of course, established for  
this very purpose. The public schools are for  
the people, the masses, regardless of church de-  
nomination. They are purposely so established,  
and no man need patronize them unless he so de-  
sire. Why then disturb the peace of a commu-  
nity and destroy the highest usefulness of the free  
school? Put a premium on the efficiency and  
conduct of the teacher rather than his church re-

lation. See to it that your teacher observes the  
public school law and that his claim to teach is  
based upon something higher than being a mem-  
ber of this, that or the other church. While it is  
natural that a parent should prefer to have his  
child under the tuition of a Christian teacher,  
Christianity should not be confounded with de-  
nominationalism. And to avoid beginning that  
which tends to such confusion, the parents' only  
right under the school law is to be sure of the  
teacher's literary qualifications and character. It  
is sincerely to be hoped that the growing intelli-  
gence of our people will soon crush out this sec-  
tarian bigotry that is disturbing and prostituting  
the growing efficiency of our public schools in  
their relation to us.

## REACHING THE PARENTS THROUGH THE CHILDREN.

The Children's Day program, entitled, "Our  
Young Crusaders," prepared by Dr. C. H. Payne  
and issued by the Board of Education, marshaled  
the children and young people of the church in a  
crusade against many forms of existing evil in  
society and for aggressive work in the church.  
One division of these Young Crusaders is en-  
titled "The Cold Water Army" and another "The  
Anti-Saloon Cadets." Of course, the drinking  
habits of the people and the iniquitous work of  
the saloon got some pretty hard hits. Word  
comes from many pastors that this service fur-  
nished a rare occasion to do some effective tem-  
perance work. One pastor writes: "In this terri-  
tory where whisky rules and where there is no  
Sunday, it was refreshing to see a packed house  
listening attentively to "Our Young Crusaders."  
We had it so arranged that children of saloon-  
keepers took leading parts, and that, too, in the  
presence of their parents." Other pastors also  
write that children of saloon-keepers occupied  
prominent positions in "The Cold Water Army"  
and "The Anti-Saloon Cadets." Another writes:  
"The addresses of 'The Cold Water Army' and  
'The Anti-Saloon Cadets' sent hot shot into the  
camp of the enemy lodged in this town." What  
better way to fight this greatest enemy of Society  
than through the youth of our Sunday schools?

When it is remembered that nearly a million  
of "Our Young Crusaders" were used this year in  
the Sunday schools of the church and that some  
3,000,000 of people listened to its wholesome  
teachings, not only in respect to temperance, but  
to good conduct, good citizenship, loyal Ameri-  
canism and aggressive Christianity, we may form  
some conception of the significance and value of  
this Children's Day service.

The wives of Major McKinley and Garrett A.  
Hobart are both lovable and winning women.  
Mrs. McKinley, whose health has long been deli-  
cate, is stronger to-day than she has been for  
many years. The doctors, however, despair of  
her complete recovery; and in the event of her  
occupying the White House next year most of the  
social burden of entertaining will fall upon Mrs.  
Hobart. Mrs. McKinley is the daughter of the  
late James Saxton, a publisher of considerable  
reputation, and she was born and brought up in  
Canton, where, it is said, she was a noted belle,  
and she has retained her youthful appearance to  
a remarkable degree. Many are the stories told  
of the romance of her marriage and subsequent  
life with Major McKinley, and it is true that the  
Major is as devoted to her now and she to him as  
when they were lovers. Her health does not pre-  
vent her from taking an active interest in politics,  
and she is as strong a protectionist as her hus-  
band. Her tastes are all very artistic. Mrs. Ho-  
bart is forty-five years old, but has the carriage of  
a woman of thirty. She is magnetic, and her  
face is most expressive. She is sincere, witty and  
eminently a woman of culture. The Hobarts are  
Presbyterians, and the McKinleys are Metho-  
dists.—Independent.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CAN'T YOU HELP PREVENT IT?

Rev. N. L. Rokey, India.

I have received a letter from a presiding elder in India that has brought sadness to my heart. Let me tell you a little about it. You know that in the present financial difficulties the benevolences of the church have been suffering, and last year there were diminished appropriations made for this year. India was already short-handed. For years her opportunities have been increasing; for years our prayers have been for an outpouring of power that would bring the people to a desire for Christ, and now we have been for the past five years reaping the fruitage of these former efforts and prayers. Our work has increased beyond all precedent, but our expense has been kept far out of reach of our needs. For the past three years we have studied economy in the administration of our work to such an extent that we were not ready for any further possible reduction. Yet this reduction of about 10 per cent came, and our finance committee tried to meet it. Finally, when there seemed no other way, two men, who were entitled to furlough on pay, asked the committee to take part of their allowance and to strike them off for the future, as they would endeavor to obtain work at home and remain home.

Now comes this letter from India, in which the writer says: "I do not see where we can cut another dollar. There is only one possible way. We must reduce our missionary force!"

This man has been forced to meet a reduction equal to one-half a missionary's salary. He adds: "I favor the sending home of four men. If no four will volunteer to retire from the field, we must draw cuts."

Brethren, this is an alarming state of affairs. Here is a work where over 1000 people a month are leaving heathenism, utter, abject, horrible, indescribable heathenism, and are coming to Christ. They have been coming in such numbers as inquirers that we had to refuse them because we were not in position to instruct them; yet we are now called upon to reduce our force! Can the church call a single one of its missionaries from such a field as this without greatly sinning against itself, against the people whom it has induced to look to itself for instruction, and against our God who commanded us to go into all the world?

Think of this people—millions of them with absolutely no knowledge of Christ and no one to tell them—and then think of what is and must be done with the money that the church is giving for the conversion of the heathen! It gives about \$1,200,000 for this work.

Let me give you only one or two facts, and then in the spirit of the Master let me make to you one appeal. The appropriation for this year for North India with its 20,000,000 people, is only \$58,260; for northwest India, with an equal population, it is \$24,095, or for both together it is only \$82,355! Yet, this is the most successful and needy work now existing.

Brethren, I love you. I am not finding fault. What I say I say that I may set you to thinking. How long must this continue? How much can you help us out? I notice that the average Conference in the South gave less missionary money than our North India Conference did. Our wage earners in India average hardly 8 cents a day wages, yet they give to the missionary cause. Brethren of the South, have I said enough to set you to thinking? I leave you to discuss the matter among yourselves, in your press and among your people. Do it carefully, prayerfully, and God will be glorified. Can you not help to prevent the recall of India's missionaries?

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMS.

Program of the Jackson District, Mississippi Conference, to convene at Brandon, Miss., July 22, 1896.

To preach the opening sermon, J. K. Comfort. Literary topics for discussion: Is there an Intermediate State? P. H. Davis and N. E. Goodlow; The Outlook of the Negro in the M. E. Church, A. D. Payne and R. H. Patton; Should the Pastoral Time Limit be Removed? R. P. Threlkeld and A. Martin; Methodism as Contrasted with Other Denominations, J. C. Hibbler and P. W. Baldwin; Should Laymen have Equal Representation in the General Conference? B. L. Crump and W. Molett; Ought Women be Admitted to the General Conference? J. B. Brook and Wm. Sutton; The Relation of the Pulpit to Civilization, H. R. S. Erby and R. B. Davis; Methodism in Africa, Moses White and C. W. Wil-

liams; The Benefit of the Southwestern or a Denominational Paper, E. P. Chapman and J. W. Little; Should the Clergymen Engage in Politics? J. K. Comfort and A. Reynolds; How May the Young People be Best Employed in the Church? J. E. Coleman; Is Juvenile Membership Best for the Church? N. N. Sidney and J. M. Dixon; Should Women be Leaders in the Church? W. L. Lamb and Alfred Handy.

J. C. Houston, P. E.

Dadeville District program for District Conference, to be held at Sylacauga, Ala., August 26-30, 1896.

Opelika.—J. T. Martin, Liberty; Epworth League delegate, Temperance; Sunday school delegate, Literature; Miss Anta A. Brown, All for Jesus.

Bluffton.—A. N. Jackson, Character; H. A. Carlisle, Epworth League; H. A. Tolbert, M. E. Church; Miss Lydia Reese, Sunday School.

Roanoke.—S. H. Viel, Sanctification; Epworth League delegate, What is Life; Sunday school delegate, Education.

La Mars.—H. Morton, Regeneration; Epworth League delegate, Jacob; Sunday school delegate, Moses.

Wedowee.—B. Jackson, Home Rule; Epworth League delegate, Value of a Name; Sunday school delegate, Sufferings of Christ.

Five Points.—C. Rogers, Promises of God; Sunday school delegate, The Power of Thought; Epworth League delegate, How to Spend Sunday Evenings.

Ashland.—D. R. Matthews, Power of Example; Epworth League delegate, John Wesley; Sunday school delegate, Care of the Young.

La Fayette.—T. J. Jackson, B. Claims of the Church; Epworth League delegate, Shall Dadeville District Lead a Reform?; Sunday school delegate, How to Make Home Tasty.

Alex. City.—I. C. Simmons, Pastoral Office; Epworth League delegate, The Holy Ghost and His Work; Sunday school delegate, Shall Women be Admitted into the General Conference?

Dadeville.—W. H. Bond, Should Alabama Have a Central School for the State?; Epworth League delegate, When Should a Person Lose Their Relation in Social Life?; Sunday school delegate, The Marriage Vow.

Dadeville Circuit.—R. H. Fleming, Truth; Epworth League delegate, The Father of Lying; Sunday school delegate, The Golden Rule.

Rockford.—Isaac Vaughn, Faith; Epworth League delegate, Selfishness; Sunday school delegate, How to Save Time. Sylacauga, E. Frazier, Relation of a Pastor to the Class and Prayer Meetings; Epworth League delegate, Can Prayer and Class Meetings be Kept up in the Country?; Sunday school delegate, Sabbath Breaking.

Electa.—Geo. McLeMore, Can Our People Attend Preaching at Eleven O'clock on Sunday; Epworth League delegate, Heaven; Sunday school delegate, Joseph.

Alex. City Circuit.—Rev. Ham Local Preachers as Helpless; Epworth League delegate, Should the Southwestern be Supported?; Sunday school delegate, Remembrance.

Tallassee and B.—Wm. Strickland, Revivals; Epworth League delegate, Care of Young Converts; Sunday school delegate, The Future Negro.

Program of Literary Exercises, Louisville District, Lexington Conference, to be held at Shelbyville, Ky., July 8-12, 1896: To Preach the Conference Sermon, C. Jones; To Preach the Missionary Sermon, T. L. Wilson; The Kind of Preachers Needed in Louisville District, G. A. Sissle, P. E.; W. H. H. Renfro, Education With or Without Religion; B. J. Ward, Justification; S. Duncan, The Gospel; B. Daniels, Grace; R. Acton, Ministerial Etiquette; F. P. Robinson, Revivals; F. P. Fielding, Is it Lawful to Exclude a Member from our Church who Objects to Pay a Pastor; A. B. Bland, How Should Pastors Treat Presiding Elders; C. Jones, Colored Man in the M. E. Church; W. H. Venable, The Missionary Society; N. D. Jackson, What is the wheel and the wheel in the wheel mentioned in the Bible; Frank Hinton, The Best Way to Raise our Benevolent Collections; W. M. Johnson, What is a Man?; T. L. Wilson, Why the General Conference did not elect a Colored Bishop and when will they?; T. L. Ferguson, What about the Sanctified or Power Band, so called?; B. W. Heston, Who makes the Appointment of our Preachers and how Made?; N. H. Willis, Temperance and Tobacco; S. S. Stone, Freedman and Southern Education; L. Robinson, Music in our Churches; L. W. Miles, The Kind of Presiding Elders our District Needs; E. D. Miller, How to stay at a Charge and Succeed; James Bowen, Our Relation to our Suc-

cessor; M. McCoomer, How Young Preachers Should Conduct Themselves; W. H. Bloomer, Materialism; J. W. White, Holiness and Sanctification—Their Difference or their Correlative Terms. Paper to be Criticised.

## LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

To the Ministers' Wives and Widows of Deceased Ministers.

Dear Sisters: At the last session of the Lexington Annual Conference, an association composed of the ministers' wives, daughters and widows of deceased ministers, was organized.

We have arranged by the appointment of vice presidents in each district to hold a mass meeting in connection with each District Conference, at which time the work of the association will be set forth and fully explained.

We earnestly solicit your co-operation in the work and request your attendance at the session of your District Conference. The importance of and the benefit to be derived from such an association within the Conference are fully realized by us. The annual meeting of the association will be held at the seat of the next annual Conference, Springfield, O., at which time we also request your presence. Yours respectfully,

Jennie B. Courtney, Corresponding Secretary.

270 E. Short street, Lexington, Ky.

## A BROTHER ASSASSINATED WHILE PLOUGHING.

Bro. Henry Hopson was a member of Wilmot M. E. Church. He was assassinated by unknown hands while ploughing in his field, June 22, 1896. Bro. Hopson was born in Louisiana, but moved to Arkansas, where he has made a faithful servant in our church. We lament his death.

"Oh, how feeble are words to carry Consolation to hearts bereaved."

Bro. Hopson leaves a wife and four children, who mourn their loss. It will be a sacred thought in years to come to parents and friends that he has gone to rest.

D. L. Bueford, P. C.

Wilmot, Ark.

## REPORTS FROM "CHILDREN'S DAY."

We regret not to be able to publish all the Children's Day reports in full, but to do so would take one or two whole issues of our paper, hence we condense and give brief reports from each.

Wm. Ector, Columbus, La.: We went through with our program; had Bible reading, addresses, grand singing and a glorious time generally. Collection, \$2.

A. J. Hewitt, Bastrop, La.: Our Children's Day was such as to make Commander Hewitt rejoice. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. P. W. Clark, the church, Sunday school and Epworth League are going on to perfection. A multitude was out to witness our Children's Day. Collection, \$7.

Frank Kirkpatrick, Superintendent, Mooreville, Tex.: The Children's Day exercises were carried out according to the program. No grander time was ever witnessed here before. The money-raising contest between Macedonia League and Lone Star League for a banner and library, was grand indeed. Macedonia raised \$42.41 and Lone Star \$42.40; total, \$84.80. Pray for our success.

E. Guesnon, Secretary Simpson Chapel, New Orleans: The Children's Day program was appropriately rendered Sunday at 11 o'clock. All present were elated over it. The recitations of Misses S. Augustus and L. A. Dunbar won for them rounds of applause, and all commended the Board of Education for such an up-to-date program. The total amount raised was \$13. Class C, taught by Miss M. J. Ford, led in the collection, having raised \$5.75.

Rev. J. Jones, P. C., Kendleton, Tex.: Our Children's Day was carried out by the program. We had a grand time. Rev. Wm. Bartley, P. E., was with us on a visit. He preached a burning sermon at 3 p. m. Elder Bartley gave \$1.15; Bro. Frank Robinson, \$1; Rev. J. Jones, pastor, 25 cents; total amount raised for the cause, \$5.

J. H. Rylander, Mount Carmel: Our Children's Day service was excellent. Our Young Crusaders' Program was magnificently carried out. We emphasized the day and made everything help to impress the necessity and importance of securing a Christian education. Three hundred persons were on the ground. The following school teachers took part in the exercises and made very appropriate addresses: C. W. Moore, Miss Florence Linsley, W. H. Rogers, Miss

Elma Pinkney, all of Mount Carmel M. E. church. Rev. J. D. Mims, of the Baptist church, spoke of the energetic, aggressive and painstaking work of the pastor, and of his effort to elevate the young people.

Rev. J. W. Terrell, P. C., Columbus (Miss.) Circuit: We observed Children's Day in grand style. Everything was carried out nicely at Bethlehem M. E. church. Mrs. Rev. L. V. Terrell gave a grand lecture on the superintendent and his duty to the Sunday school. Miss Mary Barry and Miss Elizabeth Brown, the stewardesses, took the collection, which was larger than ever at this place.

Rev. R. N. Jones, P. C., Heidelberg, Miss.: I wish to say that Children's Day was carried out here in the most pleasant manner. The superintendent and teachers deserve much credit, while the scholars acted their part well. May God bless Dr. Payne! Collection, \$8.15. I have not heard from all the schools on my charge yet.

Miss Sallie M. J. Allen, Danville, Corinth Circuit, Miss.: Our Children's Day was a grand success. Our Sunday school superintendent, Miss M. P. McCulla, with the assistance of our much-beloved pastor, G. W. Baker, spared no pains in making it very interesting for the many visitors. The pastor's discourse on the program will long be remembered by all who heard him. He spoke of the Crusaders of the thirteenth century in such a logical way that it will never be forgotten. Our collection was good—\$4.10. I read the Southwestern every week.

Rev. C. A. Taylor, P. C., Lonoke, Ark.: Children's Day was observed in fine style. We used the program prepared by Dr. C. H. Payne. Prof. J. W. Kirk deserves much credit for his able assistance. The members and Sunday school of the Baptist church were with us and took part in the services. Collection, \$5.65.

Rev. E. Troupe, P. C., Greenville, Miss.: Children's Day was made a high and grand day at his point. The program was carried out the letter. The revival meeting resulted in five converts and two accessions. Collection, \$5.

Rev. J. W. Turner, P. C., St. Martinville, La.: Children's Day was celebrated in grand style and the program was carried out to the letter. The church was packed to hear the children. Mrs. I. Hill deserves great praise for the manner in which she carried out the program. Prof. W. D. Williams took part. Collection, \$12.35.

Wm. White, Supt., Wallis, Tex.: Children's Day was observed; program was carried out and everybody well pleased. The people said that it was the best they ever saw before. The music was conducted by Miss Laura P. Woodland, of Galveston, one of the teachers in our public schools. The Sunday school and church cannot speak too highly of Miss Woodland. Raised for all purposes, \$21.25, and received one young man into the church.

St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport, La.: Children's Day at our church was observed in grand style. Program was carried out to the letter. Much credit is due to the superintendent, Mr. W. J. Walker, for the success of the day. Ten dollars collected for the Board of Education.

Rev. A. G. Glenn, P. C., Scottsboro, Ala.: We celebrated Children's Day and used the program, "Our Young Crusaders." The exercises were largely attended. We had a nice time and raised for Children's Fund \$4.00.

J. J. Cleveland, Heflin (Ala.) charge: We had a good time. We had the program and our teachers gave us good service. The collection was \$4.50, and at 11 o'clock the pastor preached a grand sermon that was felt by all present. The text was, "He was rich and became poor."

Rev. W. F. Smith, P. C., Union Springs, Ala.: Our Children's Day exercise was a success. We raised on that day \$9.70. We have received six into the church. I have to send up a large list of subscribers for the Southwestern soon.

College Hill, Miss.—Children's Day was widely observed the first and second Sunday in June. Program well in hand and Cold Water Army was introduced by Master E. O. Troupe, the son of the pastor. All were made glad.—S. H. Troupe.

Eutaw, Ala.—We observed Children's Day, June 28th, with appropriate exercises, using the program. We had the best exercise known within the history of the church on Union and Mt. Sinai change. Collection, \$3. Mrs. Annie Moore and sister were the managers, assisted by the pastor.—W. T. Trammell.







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## A SOUTHERN RALLY DAY.

Let us fix upon the 26th of July, the fourth Sunday, as a rally day for new subscribers. We have had so many excellent letters pledging support and promising subscribers that we think the wise thing to do is to fix a day and every one make a strong pull at that time. The paper must be enlarged and what we need to do so is an enlarged list of subscribers. Begin and talk up the rally day at once. Let the people get their money ready by that time.

## SAVE THE COW THAT GIVES THE MILK.

There she is! Look at her! See how lean she is just at this time! Our presiding elders have been milking her, our pastors, our missionaries, our whole church, and we haven't given her sufficient food in return. We refer to our great Missionary Society. She is in debt and we must help pay it. Raise a collection, even though it be an after collection, on the fourth Sunday and send it on. Let everybody help save the faithful old cow! This is not classical, but true. Save the cow.

## THE DEBT OF OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Our whole church at the North seems to be aroused over the purpose to free our great Missionary Society of its embarrassing debt. The 26th of the present month is fixed upon as debt-paying day. Let every church in our territory raise at least one dollar for this purpose on that day and send it right on to headquarters. Some of our churches can and will send more, but be sure that all send as much as a dollar anyway.

The authorities of the State of Texas, having had their attention called to the fact that there was no adequate arrangement in the State for taking care of and educating the deaf, dumb and blind children of Negro parentage, proceeded at once to establish a Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for this class of unfortunates. This was perhaps ten years ago. The institution was placed in charge of Prof. W. H. Holland, an experienced and well-qualified teacher of the State. He gathered about him a faculty of expert colored teachers, and they have together made this institution a remarkable success. His school takes high rank among those of its kind, and enjoys the proud distinction of being the only one in the whole country managed and taught by Negroes. The performances of their pupils, both mutes and blind, evince very careful training indeed.

Prof. Holland is justly proud of the work accomplished and takes much real pleasure in showing the visitor what his great State is accomplishing through him and his associates.

Our ministers and teachers throughout the State ought for the sake of the little unfortunates send every one to be found to this well-equipped and unique institution.

The trustees of Claflin University and those of the State College met at Orangeburg, S. C., on June 10th. All the property belonging to the State was turned over to the State trustees, according to a printed inventory of the same, presented by Dr. Dunton, president, which seems to have given perfect satisfaction. The honorable Thomas Miller, president-elect, received the keys to the State buildings. The final separation will take place on the 19th inst., which will free the president of Claflin University from the complicated task of reporting to three sets of trustees, as heretofore, and cause the great school to prosper even more than it did heretofore. The indefatigable representatives of the Cincinnati Board did all they could to come to a complete adjustment of the matter, but failed in so doing.

## THE PASSING OF A GREAT LIGHT.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, made famous by her little book "Uncle Tom's Cabin," passed away, at noon, on July 1st. She was one of the three daughters of Dr. Lyman Beecher and a sister of that brilliant orator and preacher, Henry Ward Beecher. She was born in Guilford, Conn., in 1812, and very early she showed signs of the remarkable mind she possessed. She took a classical course in a school established by her sister Catherine in Hartford, Conn., the city in which she has just died. It may be interesting to the students of to-day to know she had translated both "Ovid" and "Virgil," and had a fair knowledge of French and Italian before she was 15 years of age.

Mrs. Stowe wrote a number of books, the best known of which are "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the "Minister's Wooing." "Uncle Tom's Cabin" first appeared as a serial story in the "National Era," Washington, D. C., running from June, 1851 to April, 1853. Strange to say, in this form it attracted very limited attention. But when near the close of 1852 it appeared in book form, its reception indicated that it was the very work for which the public was waiting. It has been translated into various languages and has had an enormous sale. Without doubt this book did much toward crystallizing that public sentiment which eventually freed the slaves. The author is gone, but her book and the work it helped to accomplish render her name and fame imperishable. If you have not read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" secure a copy and do so.

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

The Huntsville District Sunday school and Epworth League convention, Texas Conference, was held at Lovelady June 18th to 21st. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, P. E., presided. The convention was well attended. Rev. S. H. Grant, of Crockett, led a host of his good people to the convention. Many good and able papers were offered. A very able and instructive drill in the books of the Bible was conducted by Rev. T. Edwards. Miss Hattie C. Watson, of Lovelady, and Miss Susie Pitts, of Willis, read fine papers. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, presiding elder, deserves credit for the kind and brotherly manner in which he presided in the convention. Rev. O. J. Jones, our field agent of the Sunday School Union, was present and rendered valuable services. Revs. S. M. Bolden, T. Edwards, J. H. Anderson, M. A. A. Fuller, S. H. Grant and B. M. Taylor preached instructive sermons. Miss Emma Culbreath, the organist for the convention, performed her part creditably. The district officers for the convention this next year were elected as follows: Rev. B. M. Taylor, president; Rev. T. Edwards, first vice president; Rev. E. Micheaux, second vice president; Rev. Wm. McKinzie, third vice president; Rev. S. M. Bolden, fourth vice president; Rev. M. A. A. Fuller, secretary; Rev. J. H. Alexander, treasurer; Miss Emma Culbreath, organist.

Rev. E. Holliday, the pastor, and his congregation deserve great credit for the able manner in which they cared for the convention. Resolutions endorsing the Southwestern Christian Advocate and its able editor as worthy of support, and pledging them the support of the convention, were adopted. Many other resolutions were adopted. The convention adjourned to meet with the District Conference in its annual meeting in 1897.

B. M. Taylor, Secretary.

## "DEATH LOVES A SHINING MARK."

Death of Mrs. Chavis, Bennett College.

The above statement was never more sadly verified than in the death of Mrs. Cornelia Elizabeth Chavis, the wife of Rev. J. D. Chavis, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. She departed this life at 1:20 o'clock p. m., June 12th. She leaves a husband, a little babe only six weeks old, father, mother, brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. We say untimely, for she was only 27 years old, but God, in His inscrutable providence, doeth all things well, and it is not for us to question His decrees,

but humbly submit to His will to be done and not ours, and then we may learn that—

"All life's sorrows may prove blessings,  
If we strive to bear them right;  
Watching, waiting for the lessons  
God would teach us mid the night."

The funeral ceremonies took place in St. Matthew's Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, June 14th, and were attended by a very large number of bereaved relatives and friends. The obsequies were conducted by the pastor in charge, Rev. John A. Rush, who having been associated with the deceased as a schoolmate, gave an extended sketch of her life, together with a very pathetic tribute to her memory, after which Prof. J. P. Morris, also a schoolmate, and one of the faculty, delivered quite an sympathetic eulogy. Presiding Elders Wells, Smith, Collett and Prof. S. G. Atkins, principal of Slater Industrial and Normal School, Winston, N. C., followed with appropriate and touching remarks.

Mrs. Chavis entered Bennett College (Bennett Seminary then) in 1882, and graduated in 1888. Her teachers and classmates found her always an earnest and enthusiastic student, sociable and beloved by all who came in contact with her. After graduating, she received a call to a position as teacher in Tuskegee, Ala., Normal Institute, over which presides Prof. Booker Washington. She held this place for four years, faithfully discharging the duties devolving upon her. In 1892 she became the wife of Prof. Chavis, and ever since then to the time of her death has been truly a helpmate to him in the discharge of his arduous and perplexing duties as president of Bennett College.

In many respects, Mrs. Chavis was an exemplary woman. She was cultured, ambitious, zealous and always enthusiastic and interested in the upbuilding of the girls and boys of the race.

While her departing is our loss, it is her gain. To us came the darkness and the sorrow; to her the halo and the glory. To us the watching and the waiting; to her the blessed reality of home, rest and heaven.

C. H. Moore.

Greensboro, N. C.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Harvard University has honored Prof. B. T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute, by conferring the honorary degree of A. M.

Wiley University and King Home, Marshall, Texas, have received a donation of several hundred books, through the kindly efforts of Miss Cooper, of Boston.

We are sorry, indeed, to learn of Dr. C. W. Smith's protracted illness. The "Pittsburg" is always a welcome visitor to this office, but we are sure we shall enjoy it the more when we know he is at his post. May he soon recover!

The School Trustees of Navasota, Texas, where Mr. O. W. Landry was killed by a colored man who wished him out of the way, have elected Mr. T. M. Fairchild of Houston, principal and Mr. Arthur McMillan, Miss Mamie E. Howard and Miss Mamie A. Johnston, assistants. The two young ladies are graduates of Wiley University. All new teachers.

According to the "Dallas News," Mr. E. L. Blackshear, of Austin, has just been elected Principal of the State Normal School of Texas. Mr. M. H. Broyles, for a number of years President of Hearne Academy, professor of Mathematics and Mr. J. E. Guinn, professor of Natural Science in the same School.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Palmer, who was chosen one of our missionary secretaries, may be very properly styled the "Little Man Eloquent." He hails just at this time from the great St. Paul Church, New York City. When Chaplain McCabe was elected to the Episcopacy the General Conference was so well agreed that the little "Die no more" should be his successor that he was chosen, with Dr. Leonard, on the first ballot. He is going to make us a grand secretary. The colored delegates appreciate very greatly the efforts put forth by him and the Commission, of which he was chairman, to have them properly entertained. We have the first complaint to hear from any one of them as to their entertainment. They were treated as other General Conference delegates were, and that was all they asked. Both Cleveland and Commission will be long remembered.



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S B Danley, 1	O Washington, 2
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W L Lamb, 1	T J Clinton, 1
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D Aaskins	M P Moore, 1
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W G Deas, 1	

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

The bazar, lasting one week, given by the members of First M. E. church, was a financial success. Reports show \$192 raised, and not all in yet. Debt paying is the order of the day. First Street church is moving on grandly.

Williams Chapel.—Children's Day was carried out according to programme. The singing was excellent. The little ones acquitted themselves grandly. Miss Stella Brazley conducted the singing. Collection, \$2.—W. T. Gueno, Superintendent.

Nelson Lavender, Mantua, Ala., got the first copy of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" under that offer.

Prof. Wm. L. Bulkley, of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., called last week en route from Mexico, where he has been since the session of the General Conference, in the interest of the Mexican Central Railroad.

Mr. Wm. Gregory, who recently had his arm crushed in the machinery at the brick yard, Tuskegee Institute, necessitating its being amputated, has resumed his duties as instructor in that department.

It will be of special advantage to all alumni and former students of Gammon Theological Seminary if they will send their addresses to President Thirkield at their earliest convenience.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Many church members will be absent from home on Debt Paying Day, July 26th. If pastors will apply to the missionary secretaries, they can obtain free of cost a brief pastoral letter to be addressed to absentees, reminding them of the day and soliciting their offerings.

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### NOTICE.

This is to certify that Sister Cornelia Jones is authorized by this church to travel with a quartette and company for the benefit of the church, to assist in paying off the pending debt.

We trust that the pastors of our churches wherever she may go will give their assistance in securing her an audience and help us in our struggle.

J. W. Paul, P. C.

### ALCORN A. AND M. COLLEGE.

The Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, Westside, Claiborne county, Miss., was founded in 1871, when the Legislature purchased Oakland College, and dedicated the property to the education of Negro youth.

It is supported by one-half of the interest on congressional land scrip, amounting annually to \$6814.50, an annual State appropriation and a portion of the Morrill fund, the latter about \$11,000 annually.

The Legislature of 1896, appropriated \$12,000 for additional buildings and repairs.

The lands comprise about 300 acres used for campus, cultivation and pasture. There are upon the school grounds twenty-five buildings, ten mules, two brood mares, a drove of Poland-China hogs and herd of Devon cattle.

The agricultural department includes instruction in all branches of farming and practical work under a competent superintendent. Among the subjects dwelt upon are horticulture, insects injurious to farm and garden, breeds of live stock, cattle feeding, how crops grow, etc.

The mechanical department includes instruction in carpentry, painting, shoe-making, blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, and courses of three years are arranged for each of the above, upon the completion of which a certificate is granted.

Tuition is free to Mississippians, but \$4 a term of three months is charged to residents of other States.

The courses of study are college, scientific, academic, preparatory and commercial. Those who complete the college and scientific courses are given the degree of B. S. Those who complete the commercial course receive a certificate.

The graduates number ninety and are scattered through Mississippi and contiguous States doing good work.

For the sessions of 1894-95, 1895-96 the college was under the presidency of Thos. J. Calloway. At the last meeting of the trustees Prof. Triplett, principal of the Meridian Colored schools, was elected president. He is home-raised and home-educated, and very efficient and successful as a teacher.

The trustees are: Governor A. J. McLaughlin, president ex-officio; W. B. Murdock; J. A. Limerick; J. W. Martin; Wm. G. Paxton; J. E. Herring; J. L. Powe; Dunbar Hunt; Jeff Truly; W. O. Martin.—Picayune.

The Christian Index has this to say regarding Ohio as the mother of Presidents and bishops of our church:

"Ohio seems to be a State where baby presidential crops are raised. Hayes and Garfield sprang from her loins; Blaine and William Henry Harrison were born there, and the next President of the United States hails from the old Buckeye State. But Ohio is not only famous for producing Presidents and other great men, but she has given more bishops to the Methodist Episcopal Church than any other State in the Union. Bishops McCabe and Cranston, who were elected at Cleveland, were both born in Athens, O. Bishop Simpson, of glorious memory; Bishops Ames and Harris, who have long since met with Bishop Simpson on yon golden shores, as well as Bishops Merrill, Walden, Foster, Joyce and Thoburn, were born in the same State. Politicians who want to be made Presidents, and M. E. preachers who want to be made bishops, would do well to examine their records and see if they were not born in Ohio."

### DON'T GO TO BED.

A smart editor somewhere warns people about going to bed. He says:

"One of the most dangerous habits people can indulge in, is that of lying in bed. Nine-tenths of the deaths occur in bed. Nearly one-half of all those who are murdered die in bed. It is while you are in bed that your house is robbed and your chickens are stolen. It is while you are in bed that the bugs get in their work and bad dreams haunt you. Therefore, dear reader, never go to bed.—Henderson (Tex.) Times.

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### MARRIAGES.

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Shreveport, La.—Mr. George W. Morrow, of El Paso, Tex., to Miss Lena M. Simon, of Shreveport, at St. Paul's M. E. Church, on June 24. J. A. Threlkeld, officiating.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Anderson, Tex.—Sister Fannie Wood, wife of Bro. R. Bert Wood, of Anderson, a faithful member of our church died in full triumph of living faith, aged 57 years. W. L. Duncan, P. E.

Aberdeen, Miss.—Sister Lucinda Peters, aged 65 years, died June 21. She was a zealous and consistent member for twenty-eight years, and was known as the mother of the Pleasant Valley church. W. A. Whitlock, Pastor.

Jackson, La.—Miss Davies died June 18, age not known. A faithful soldier of our church. George A. Payne, Pastor.

Craig, Miss.—Sister Betsey Mills died May 5th, age 75 years, and a member of the church forty years. Bro. J. W. Woodfield died June 11, aged 75 years, and a member of the church fifty years. He gave the church site on which it now stands. His last words were that he was ready and waiting on the Lord. He leaves a wife and eight children. A host of friends to mourn his loss. His funeral was attended by the writer and J. C. Hodges, P. E. Sister Kittle Madney died June 19, aged 75, and a member of the church twenty years. R. H. Patton.

Oxford, Miss.—Sister Washington died May 3rd, Sister Rhoda Martin, June 14, and Sister Lucinda Anderson, June 26. All belonged to the M. E. Church, and died victorious. N. H. Williams.

New Orleans, La.—Sister Priscilla Green, aged 31 years, a member of Wilkies Church, died May 25. Bro. Edward Hamilton, one of the founders of Wesley Church in this city, died June 4, aged 81 years. Sixty years ago he gave his heart to God, and lived a consistent Christian. C. Monroe.

Glade Springs, Tenn.—Rev. Geo. W. Branner, of the East Tennessee Conference, pastor of the Glade Springs charge, died June 30th. Funeral notice will be given hereafter. E. Pr vine, P. E.

### FROM NAVASOTA, TEX.

The colored people en masse, despite the dark clouds and threatening rain, assembled in Lee Tabernacle, Navasota, Tex., in a memorial service in honor of Prof. O. W. Landry. Prominent people from the country were there. Every good man, woman and child in our law-abiding little city, as far as possible, were there. The lightning played across the sky, but the good people came just the same and expressed themselves that a good man, a peaceable man, a law-abiding citizen had met an untimely and violent death. Every pupil whom he instructed, both in his school room and in their homes in instrumental music, was there. The Epworth League, of which he was president, and the Sunday school, in which he was a teacher, was present. All eyes filled with tears of sympathy and sorrow in their hearts. Mrs. S. C. Binford performed at the organ. When the music and voices had died away, there was hardly a dry face. I cannot express the sad feeling of the meeting. Among the prominent speakers with good papers and addresses were Revs. E. Lee, W. L. Duncan, P. E., Profs. A. White and Bassett, Dan Taylor, Esq., Capt. Blunt, Prof. Wilson, Misses M. Blunt and Eugenia Hunt. Prof. M. C. Washington was president.

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"Stop, stop!" shouted a spectator who had just arrived and was pushing his way through the crowd. "Firemen, have you got out a young man—tall—dark hair?"

"No," answered the fireman; "whereabouts does he sleep?"

"Top garret, back."

"Then the Lord have mercy on him," said the fireman and pointed to the column of smoke and hissing tongues of flame which darted through the lower windows.

"Stand back!" cried the brave young man; "he is my dearest friend." And he sprang up the ladder. Battling with smoke and flame, he reached the garret, which was as yet untouched, and burst the door open. Here lay his friend in a drunken sleep.

"George!" cried he, laying his hand on his shoulder, "wake up, the house is on fire!"

"George!" cried he again, violently shaking him, "you'll be a dead man in two minutes; come away—the house is burning!"

The sleeping man stirred, opened his eyes for a moment, and murmuring, "I don't believe it," turned on his side and closed his eyes in stupid insensibility. His would-be deliverer had but just time to drop into the fire escape to save his own life.

Reader, those words, "I don't believe it," have destroyed thousands of souls, and may destroy yours, and you are yet sleeping. We try to arouse you; we cry to you, "Awake, thou that sleepest," and you say "Get you gone." We tell you of the lake of fire; you say, "I don't believe it."

Oh, Holy Spirit of God, enter the sinner's heart whoever he may be, who is reading this, that he may believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and live!

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### THE WHOLE FIELD.

Batavia, O.—On the third Sunday in July there will be a corner-stone laying of the Second M. E. Church at Milford, O., Lexington Conference.—Charles Pyles.

Meadville, Miss.—The second quarterly Conference of the Meadville Circuit convened in Consolation M. E. church June 27th. Rev. S. A. Cowan in the chair, the brethren all present except three. The reports showed that the work is in a prosperous condition. The elder preached a grand sermon. At night the writer opened the door of the church and twenty persons joined.

English Eddy, Savannah Conference.—Our second quarterly Conference was held May 30th. R. R. O'Neal, presiding elder, is the right man in the right place. He is a very able preacher. The charge is moving on well, spiritually and financially. Collection, \$27.55. All hail to the English Eddy charge.—Rev. O. N. Samples, P. C.

Mason, Tenn.—Rev. Joseph Harrison, P. C., writes: I want our friends and those interested, to hear from Alexander chapel, Mason, Tenn. We raised in sixty days on church debt \$240. We have paid on the debt \$192; on insurance, \$15. The present indebtedness is \$104. We have in the treasury \$33; raised on Easter, \$2.50; on Children's Day, \$5.50; paid pastor \$49.28; paid presiding elder \$10. Have sent seven cash subscribers to Southwestern and hope to send more next week. Pray that we may have a gracious revival next month.

Yarborough Circuit, Tex.—Rev. R. Williams writes: Our third quarterly Conference was held June 3th and 14th. Reports show that the work is alive. Rev. W. L. Duncan, P. E., was on time and we had nice times on Sunday. The presiding elder preached a stirring sermon, which left a lasting impression upon the minds of the people. Seventy-one partook in the Lord's Supper. Collection, \$34.25. Pray for our success.

Shelby, N. C.—The Western District Sunday school and Epworth League convention was held at Shelby, N. C., June 25th-29th. The meeting grew in interest from first to last. Young people and pastors were greatly helped. Many very excellent papers were read. The meeting was indeed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The following officers were elected for one year, namely: Rev. R. Smith, P. E., president; Miss Hattie Latimore, first vice president; Rev. H. L. Ashe, second vice president; Rev. J. D. Diggs, third vice president; Mrs. L. A. C. Smith, corresponding secretary; Miss Liza Torrence, recording secretary; Rev. Geo. W. Brower, treasurer.—Yours truly, J. D. Diggs.

Martin, Tenn.—Rev. B. F. Anderson writes: Our third quarterly Conference was held May 30th-31st. Rev. H. W. Key, P. E., was on time. Reports from all departments of the church showed progress. The elder gave a good sermon.

Rev. J. H. Pierre, Godman Chapel, Charenton, La., writes: "Our people were shocked to learn of the death of the Rev. Geo. W. Wells, A. M., pastor of our church at Natchitoches, La. As a former professor in Gilbert Academy, Bro. Wells was well known and had many friends in this section that sincerely mourned his loss. On Sunday, June 14th, we held memorial services, in which his life and services were most beautifully portrayed in a sermon of considerable interest preached by the Rev. Dr. Albert. Great sympathy was expressed for Bro. Wells' orphan children and his bereaved family. Our church is doing a great work, notwithstanding the hard times. Our church and parsonage have been ceiled and beautified and all paid for."

Utta Bena, Miss.—This charge, at the last annual conference, was made a station. Rev. C. W. Walton, our pastor, was returned for the second year. Since the Conference, our pastor has raised nearly \$400. By the 1st of May all benevolent moneys were raised and he had secured nineteen subscribers for the grand old Southwestern. Our pledge is twenty-five, all of which we intend to send in.—M. L. Pasco.

Jeanerette, La.—June 11th was our grand rally day. Rev. A. H. Banks, Rev. J. H. Thompson, of Mt. Cavalry Baptist church, and many other divines rendered valuable service throughout the meeting. Collection, \$32.60. The church is spiritually alive. Every department is looked after. The choir is among the best on the district.—Sarah L. Augustus.

Canton, Miss.—Our second quarterly Conference of the Canton Circuit was one of great success. During the first and second quarters 46 souls were added to the church, and our presiding elder, J. C. Houston, never comes to us but that he is filled with great and good things, and we are always glad to have him with us. We have paid him up. We are now preparing to build one of the finest M. E. churches in the Conference, and have raised already quite a sum of the money. We have also put into two of our churches fine Epworth organs, ordered direct from the factory, and will soon have the third.—Rev. P. H. Davis.

Hickory Change, Miss.—Our second quarter was held June 3d, Elder A. M. Trotter in the chair. The reports show that the work is prospering. The elder gave as strong talk on the Southwestern. Most all the members of the Conference promise to take it soon. Raised for all purposes during the quarter, \$133.75. I have sent in some cash subscribers since the quarter and will send more soon. We are planning to raise all our benevolent collections in the near future. Pray for us. We are coming to the front.—Rev. P. R. Crump.

Pearlington, Miss.—This will inform you that our new church here is just about completed. We had a grand time the fourth Sunday in June laying our corner stone.—Rev. W. H. Smith, P. C.

Klotzville Change, La.—We are getting along spiritually and financially and are paving our debts. We are promised a bell as soon as our work is finished. Sister Mary Narcis, a good sister of our church, will give us the bell.—Fred Gibbs.

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Carthage, Miss, July 1, 1896.

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Fast mail	7:45 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
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Fast mail	7:45 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3	7:30 pm	No. 4	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31	9:35 am	No. 32	5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis local	8:30 am	No. 6, Memphis local	4:00 pm
Fast express	8:30 am	Fast Train	4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg express	6:31 pm	Vicksburg express	8:10 am
No. 33, Baton Rouge	10:00 am	No. 34, Baton Rouge	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 2, fast ex.	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.	9:40 am
No. 1, lim. ex.	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail	8:30 pm	No. 3, lim. ex.	7:50 am
Sunday ex.	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.	7:50 am
<b>Texas and Pacific.</b>			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex.	6:55 pm	No. 51, Hot Sp'gs express	7:20 pm
No. 51, Hot Sp'gs express	9:15 am		
<b>Queen &amp; Creco Route.</b>			
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York	3:20 pm
No. 3, local	6:20 am	Local	7:30 am
<b>Southern Pacific Company.</b>			
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19 1896.

## THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM.

2 Sam. 6:1-12.

Golden Text—"Oh Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee" (Psa. 18:12).

David was at this time established in his new kingdom. He was living in royal style in his home of cedar made by Hiram. He married a number of wives, and children were born in his home. When the Philistines heard he had been made king over all Israel they waged war against him. They were defeated. Again they pitched their tents against Israel, and a second time were they routed. In 1 Chron. 13-16, are many facts bearing on this lesson not found in the text before us.

1.—Bringing the Ark up to Zion (1-5).  
1. Going after the ark. (1) David advised with the captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and with every leader, before he decided to bring up the ark. And "the thing was right in the eyes of all the people." It is well to enter upon no great work without first advising with friends. Judging from other occasions, he no doubt sought directions from the Lord. (2) Next he called together a company of 30,000 chosen men. He no doubt desired to pay great honor to the symbol of the Divine presence, and to enforce upon the people the value of worship. The more private, secret worship is the better, and the more popular public worship is the more will be benefited by it. (3) This multitude journeyed west from Jerusalem about ten miles, to Kirjath-jearim, or Baal of Judah. Its size and rank made it an imposing body. Never was a host bound on a nobler mission. (4) The ark was a chest made of wood and overlaid with gold. It was about four feet long, by two and a half wide and deep. It contained, at first, the Ten Commandments, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded. It was called the ark of the covenant, because in it was the covenant God made with Israel at Sinai. The lid of the ark formed the "mercy-seat." The ark did not belong to Moses, or David, or Israel, but to God. It symbolized His presence. (5) It was called by the "name of the Lord." God has revealed Himself to us by His names. The ark was the emblem of His presence. There He usually manifested Himself to the people. (6) The cherubs stood at each end of the mercy seat. Their wings were extended and came together at the top. They were supposed to be in the shape of human beings. They were thought to convey Deity when He appeared in His glory on earth. In the vision of Ezekiel they carried the throne of Jehovah.

2. Bringing up the ark. (1) They set it on a new cart. In this they followed the example of the Philistines, and not the command of God. But they were not excused for doing as their enemies had done. They held it in high esteem, for they did not place it on a cart that had ever been used for an unholy purpose. They had neglected the word of God, or they would have known the Levites only were to bear it on their shoulders. Ignorance is sin where knowledge is possible. (2) They placed the two sons of Abinadab to drive the cart. Abinadab went before to lead the oxen, and Uzzah probably rode in the cart with the ark. The ark had remained in the home of Abinadab for about seventy years. His sons had no doubt seen it often. They had possibly become so familiar with it that due reverence for it was lost. (3) David and the 30,000 chosen men played "with all their might, and with singing" as the ark moved forward. They had wind, stringed and percussion instruments, on which they played, and to the music of which they likely danced. They did not march as a funeral procession. "Dancing is a religious ceremony among the Hindoos, and they considered it an act of devotion to their idols. It is evident David considered it in the same light. What connection dancing can have with devotion I cannot tell. This I know, that unmediated and involuntary skipping may be the effect of sudden mental elation" (Clarke). "From the most ancient times both among the Jews and other nations, dancing formed a part of the ceremonies of religious processions and festivals, but the performers were usually a band of females. When persons of different sexes engaged, they seem always to have kept in separate companies" (Whedon). Public joy should always be "as before the Lord," and with an eye single to His

glory. Then it will never degenerate into that which is carnal and sensual. Some good men rule out all songs from the sanctuary, other admit only the psalms, and others cannot worship if the sound of an instrument is heard in the church. Such good people are not in harmony with the word of God. The singing, dancing and playing on instruments were expressions of a high state of religious joy.

## II.—The Death of Uzzah (6-7).

1. Place—"Nahon's threshing floor." It is elsewhere called the floor of Chidon. It is not to be considered as a proper name, but rather as a fixed place with roof and stock of fodder (Lange). It was a place where wheat was threshed and winnowed. It was likely near Jerusalem.  
2. The oxen shook the cart. Critics are not agreed about the significance of the word rendered "shook." Some say they "stumbled." Others think they "kicked" against the goad with which Uzzah drove them. A third class believe they "stuck in the mire." Others are of the opinion they were "throwing" or had "thrown" it down by turning aside to eat grain from the threshing floor. By some accident the ark was in danger of being injured.

3. Uzzah "put forth his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it." This was a direct violation of the command of God. "The sons of Kohath shall come to bear it; but they shall not touch and hole thing, lest they die" (Numb. 4:15). Uzzah was a Levite, but not a priest. This was the second grave mistake. His motive was good, but his act bad. He did not think, but it was his place to think. His long familiarity with the ark and his constant care of it may have caused this presumption. The same command was given to Eve (Gen. 2:17). Her act was wicked, but her example not so bad as that of Uzzah.

4. "God smote him there for his error, and then he died." It would seem that his punishment was great compared with his offense. But God knows. The Judge of all the earth does right. His death was not so much a means of punishment as an object lesson to Israel. God likely extended mercy to his soul. It became necessary to make an example of some one. Enthusiasm must not rule judgment. Both the form and act of worship must be observed. Ignorance is no excuse for sin. Only those ordained of God should handle holy things. It takes a prophet's hand to wield a prophet's staff. No part of worship should be conducted in an irreverent manner. God is no doubt often displeased with young people who talk and laugh in times of devotion and sing the most sacred hymns with thoughtless hearts.

## III.—The Conduct of David (8-12).

1. He "was displeased." He indulged in hard feelings toward God, and was grieved over the failure of his plan. There seems to have been a mingling of vexation, grief and indignation in his soul. There was likely some effort at display. His feeling was similar to that of Samuel when God rejected Saul (1 Sam. 15:11). He realized that this stroke was at him, and all Israel, same as at Uzzah. Anger in itself is not sinful, but sin is likely to grow out of it, therefore it is condemned.

2. He named the place Perez-uzzah, that is, the breach, or judgment, of Uzzah. This was not given in malice, but to designate the spot. It was a well-known place 600 years after, when the revision was made by Ezra. A name seldom produces an event, but an event often makes a name.

3. "David was afraid of the Lord that day." He did not feel that Uzzah was a great sinner, and his punishment merited, but the whole matter was a judgment sent on him and all Israel for their violation of God's law. Only the carnal and proud think others worse than themselves.

4. He said, "How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?" There was a grave mistake somewhere. God was displeased. Uzzah had fallen. Others were no better than he. They may be slain. The singing, playing and dancing ceased. A pall of sadness fell on every face. What was to be done? A fear that makes one proceed reverently is good, but a fear that prevents one from doing anything is bad.

5. He carried the ark into the house of Obed-edom. (Again the ark found a resting place in the home of a Levite, who had descended from Kohath, whose duty it was to watch over the holy tent and its furniture. It required great courage on the part of Obed-edom to take the ark into his house at this time, knowing as he did how it destroyed Dagon and brought plagues on the Philistines. The men of Bethshemesh had been struck dead for looking at it, and Uzzah had been smitten for touching it. Yet

he gladly received it, and kept it for three months.

6. "The Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his house" for receiving the ark. We are not told how God blessed him. He likely increased his prosperity and the comforts of home worship. The blessings were both literal and spiritual. The same thing may prove a blessing to one and a curse to another.

7. The news soon reached David that the Lord was blessing Obed-edom. The king then called together nearly a thousand priests, as many Levites, and a multitude of singers and players on instruments. He then, surrounded by a host, brought the ark into Jerusalem, and placed it in the tabernacle he had erected for it.

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## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandcou	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Sweden, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 16.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima, Wash.	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills, Mission, S. D.	Aug. 27.	McCahe
Nevada, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Olinn, Piqua, O.	Sep. 2.	Merrill
Chicago, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming, Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indian, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Hurst
Erie, New York, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Newman
Northwest Nebraska, Ainsworth, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCahe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. D.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah, Ogden, Utah	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurst
East Ohio, Urichville, O.	Sep. 16.	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16.	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCahe
North Swedish Mission, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17.	Mallalieu
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington C. H., O.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurst
Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission, Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Hinton, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCahe
N. P. German Mission, Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7.	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda, Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7.	McCahe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Verdel, S. D.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntington, Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19.	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 20.	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Ninde
Anstia, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 18.	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 18.	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf., Sofia.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Joyce
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 22.	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodsell
Denmark, Mission, Vlede.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea, Mission, Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Joyce
Norway, Aarsborg.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Sweden, Jonkopig.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Abo.	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king.	Oct. 21.	Joyce
Fochow, Fochow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
Ogong Mission Conference.		Hartzell
West China Mission.		

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.  
Cleveland O., May, 1896.

## Coming Events in Methodism.

Louisville District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Shelbyville, Ky.	July 8.
Lexington District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Flemingsburg, Ky.	July 22.
Madison District Conference, Gainesville, Ala.	July 22.
Tupelo District Sunday-school Institute, Tupelo, Miss.	July 21.
Tupelo District Conference, Tupelo, Miss.	July 22.
Jackson District Conference, Brandon, Miss.	July 22.
La Grange District Conference, Zebulon, Ga.	July 23.
Atlanta District Conference, Hogansville, Ga.	August 5.
Griffin District Conference, McDonough, Ga.	August 6.
Waco District Conference, Bremond, Tex.	July 23.
Austin District Conference, Austin, Tex.	August 5.
Houston District Camp-meeting, Harrisburg, Tex.	August 4.
Dallas District Conference, Fort Worth, Tex.	August 2.
San Antonio District Conference, Gonzalez, Tex.	August 12.
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, Aug.	19.

New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12.  
New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.  
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La., August 19.  
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 23.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Holly Springs District.

Third Round.	July.
Byhalla.	4, 5 Potts' Camp.
Oxford circuit.	18 17 Oxford station.
College Hill.	12 Holly Springs sta.
Abbeville.	15 16 Elliott.
Grenada sta.	28 30 Grenada circuit.
Como.	3 4 Batesville.
Senatobia.	12 13 Hernando.
Victoria.	19 20 Water Valley.
	W. McDonald, P. E.

## Jackson District.

Third Round.	July.
Yazoo City.	10 August.
Rosemeath.	12 Lake George.
Forest.	9 Pelahatchie.
Mortoo.	15 16 Brandon.
Jackson.	22 23 Yazoo City circuit.
Clinton.	5 6 Canton & Circuit.
Madison.	16 Carthage.
Green Hill.	26 27 Benton.
	J. C. Houston, P. E.

## Knoxville District.

Fourth Round.	July.
Tazewell circuit.	11 12 Russellville.
Newport.	25 26 August.
Mossy Creek.	12 Morristown sta.
Knoxville circuit.	15 16 Knoxville sta.
Clinton and C. Creek.	29 30 September.
Kingsport circuit.	12 13 Ebenezer.
	Owen Hyslop, P. E.

## Chattanooga District.

Fourth Round.	July.
Hill City.	25 26 August.
Jasper.	12 Cleveland.
Dayton.	15 16 Ooltwah.
Harriman.	29 30 September.
Churchville.	5 6 Wiley Memorial.
Soddy.	19 20 Big Springs.
Athens.	3 4 Pikeville.
	G. W. Staples, P. E.

## Brookhaven District.

Third Round.	July.
Hazlehurst.	18 19 Rowenton.
Crystal Springs ct.	12 Georgetown.
Chinagrove.	8 9 Bismark.
Pleasant Valley.	12 13 Columbia.
Kennolia.	2 23 District Confer.
	27 30 September.
Crystal Springs.	5 6 Terey.
King.	9 10 Steel Creek.
Brookhaven.	16 17 Summit & Magnolia.
	19 20 I. L. Pratt, P. E.

## Shubuta District.

Third Round.	August.
Heldberg.	12 Elliott.
Hattiesburg.	8 9 Batahtchee.
Angusta.	11 Perkinston.
Lumberton.	15 16 Poplarville.
Quitman.	20 21 Shubuta.
Shubuta ct.	25 26 De Coto.
	29 30 September.
Waynesboro.	5 6 Chicora.
Basin.	12 13 Escatawpa.
Miss Point.	16 21 Hattiesboro.
Pasa Chelatan.	23 24 Ocean Springs.
Bay St. Louis.	28 29 October.
Pearlington.	12 Biloxi.
	J. M. Shempert, P. E.

## THE USE OF STEAM.

It lifts, it lowers, it propels, it stows.  
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It pumps, it bores, it irrigates.  
It dredges, it digs, it excavates.  
It pulls, it pushes, it draws, it drives.  
It splits, it planes, it saws, it rives.  
It carries, it scatters, it collects, it brings.  
It blows, it puffs, it hals and springs.  
It bursts, it drills, it hammers and cuts.  
It shovels, it washes, it bolts and binds.  
It threshes, it winnows, it mixes and grinds.  
It crushes, it sifts, it punches, it kneads.  
It molds, it stamps, it sows, it shaves.  
It runs on land, it rides on waves.  
It mortises, it hinges, rolls and rasps.  
It polishes, it rivets, files and clasps.  
It brushes, it scratches, cards and spins.  
It puts out fires, and papers pins.  
It weaves, it winds, it twists, it throws.  
It stands, it lies, it comes and goes.  
It winds, it knits, it carves, it hews.  
It coins, it prints—aye!—prints this news.

—St. Nicholas.

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Awaited your gift at the door;  
Give as you would if to-morrow  
Found your waiting was o'er;  
Give as you would to the Master  
If you met his searching look;  
Give as you would of your substance  
If his hand your offering took.

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## BABY HUNG IN MIDAIR.

The sight of a baby hanging head downward, high above the sidewalk, at No. 69 Lawrence street, Brooklyn, last evening, attracted a crowd of horror-stricken spectators. The tiny form was held by some invisible means of support, just below the third story window, and swung to and fro like a pendulum, momentarily threatening to fall, says the New York Journal.

It was only a moment though it seemed much more to the crowd in the street, before a man and a woman rushed out of the door of the building and into the throng that stood just under the suspended baby.

"My darling Sadie!" shrieked the woman, pushing people to the right and left as though she imagined they were hiding some precious object from her on the pavement. Suddenly, following the eyes of the throng she looked upward and uttered a piercing scream. Then like the wind, re-entered the house, followed by the man. Within a very few seconds thereafter the watchers below by this time numbered hundreds of persons, saw a man and woman's arms extended from the window just above where the baby was hanging. The next instant the child was being dragged back to safety by its parents' hands.

Then the people in the street raised a cheer that was heard for blocks, and women who just before had been on the verge of fainting became hysterical with mingled tears and laughter.

The baby so miraculously saved was Sadie Wilson, a child just old enough to toddle about the floor alone. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson live on the third floor at the address above given. While Mr. Wilson was reading the paper and his wife was occupied in an adjoining room, the baby managed to reach the window, which opens nearly to the floor, and in some manner pushed open the blinds. The mother looked in through the door-way of the other room just in time to see the baby fall from the window.

"Baby's fallen!" she screamed, and rushed for the stairs, followed by her husband, neither of them pausing to look out of the window. A spike hook which projected from the front of the frame house about a foot below the level of their window had caught the child's dress and saved its life. After the rescue Mrs. Wilson fainted away.

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## TOO LATE.

Too late! O words of dreadful, solemn warning  
To heedless souls who rush thro' Life's bright morning;  
Advice, reproof and loving counsel scorning.  
Too late! Too late!

Too late! 'Tis here; the moment unexpected,  
How can we seek that love so long neglected  
How dare we ask the aid so oft rejected?  
Too late! Too late!

—Philo Cornu.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Push the canvass—we must enlarge in 90 days!  
What do you say? The agents are waiting on us.

Brush College Matriculates are coming in  
right along. That's the idea we must study. Send  
on your names.

More than a quarter of a million members and  
cannot or will not support a paper. Brethren  
and sisters let us stamp that statement.

Stop worrying; if you can remedy the evil, go  
and do so. If you cannot, worrying will not help  
matters nor help you either.

Some folks go to the social glass and others  
to the grave yard for the comfort for which they  
should go to Jesus. In fact, some people live in  
the grave with their loved ones and refuse com-  
fort at the hands of the Master. Neither class is  
wise.

Help to answer your own prayer. To do so  
is both orthodox and wise. You often pray  
that your pastors family may be clothed and fed;  
go help do so by paying your part on his salary.  
When you pray for the widow and orphan, think  
of those you have passed at your very door with-  
out a thought. You pray to be better; begin at  
once to quit your meanness; learn to do well.  
Whenever you pray, see how much you can do to  
help answer your prayer.

Only five Colored Conferences meet this fall—  
North Carolina, East Tennessee, Tennessee,  
West Texas and Texas.

We desire to remind the brethren that they  
will at that time be expected to vote on the ad-  
mission of women to the General Conference.  
Remember, too, that if the proposition carries in  
the Annual Conferences the question is settled,  
as no further action by the General Conference  
will be necessary.

We have for some years had the pleasure of  
being a member of the Texas State Teachers'  
Association and are proud to be able to say that  
without doubt it has shown the most rapid intel-  
lectual development of any body with which it  
has been our good fortune to be connected. This  
can be accounted for in the fact that the very  
excellent salaries paid in our public schools  
caused an influx of teachers from nearly every  
State in the Union. And while salaries have, to  
some extent, declined, yet because of the fact that  
many of these well educated young people have  
settled down and become real Texans—they are  
still there. Some have married; others have pur-  
chased farms and others property, and it looks as  
though they are there to stay. The result is that  
the Teachers' Association numbers among its  
members many of the ablest young educators to  
be found in the South. There are graduates of  
Oberlin, Lincoln, Claflin, Atlanta, Clark, Fisk,  
Central Tennessee and Wilberforce, besides those  
furnished by Wiley, Bishop Gaudaloupe, Tillot-  
son, Prairie View and Paul Quin, of Texas.

Many of these have been teaching ten, fifteen  
or twenty years. We are not informed as to the  
strength of other States on this line, but the State  
Teachers' Association of Texas, is a credit to the  
Race and an honor to the whole State.

## THE MISSING LINK FOUND.

The Epworth League movement in this coun-  
try constitutes one of the most remarkable tri-  
umphs of the church witnessed by the nineteenth  
century. In fact, we have learned of nothing to  
be even compared with it. The great church,  
like a slumbering giantess waked and saw her  
young people standing aloof from herself and  
drifting farther and farther from the Sunday  
school. Thousands of them attended church, but  
seemed to have no interest other than to be pres-  
ent to witness the services, and then return to  
their homes or their pleasure. There seemed to  
be the growing feeling that the church is for the  
old people, the Sunday school for the young chil-  
dren and that the young men and women were  
not needed except to assist occasionally in rais-  
ing money. The young people grew out of the  
Sunday school with the possibility that they might  
and then they might not grow into the church.  
Every conscientious pastor of those times will  
doubtless recall how anxiously he sought to in-  
terest them. Still there seemed to be the missing  
link between the Sunday school and church.  
The lyceum, the reading circle, the church soci-  
able all helped, but no one of them seemed to fill  
the bill exactly. But see just how the Epworth  
League—the many in one—provides for the so-  
cial, intellectual and spiritual man, and then  
sends both the young man and woman out on  
errands of mercy and help. How happy such  
young people are! Then, too, they are safe.

Brother, if you are not using the League in  
your church you are making a mistake. Not only  
are you injuring the church, but your own best  
interests. There are pastors who wonder how  
the preacher succeeds who is not "A stormer."  
Why, he just works and organizes and makes  
everybody else work—that's all.

If you have never tried it, we advise you to do  
so. The fact is, if you do not keep the people  
busy, they will keep you busy. Begin now with  
the Epworth League; send and get a constitution  
and organize a chapter just as soon as it comes.

People delight to take part in a service them-  
selves. We have seen them crowd a church at  
midday when the sun was so hot you could not  
get them out to any other service—just to take  
part in a Bible reading and experience meeting  
as conducted by the League chapter. Work such  
a meeting up; get them interested and old and  
young will come, with Bible in hand, to strength-  
en the church and cause you to rejoice! Utilize  
this missing link!

## DR. BUCKLEY VS. BISHOP BUCKLEY.

Many said at the General Conference, and not  
a few say now, that Dr. Buckley ought to have  
been elected bishop. And had he consented no  
doubt he would have been elected. Since the  
Conference is over and we cannot now endanger  
his chances we desire to say:

There are men who magnify an office and  
others who are magnified by the office. Then,  
too, we think there are exceptional cases in which  
men are minified in a sense by even as great an  
office as is our episcopacy. This may not be the  
fault of the office nor yet the lack of adaptability  
on the part of the man; but because of greater  
adaptability for another line.

We are free to say there are some men on our  
episcopal bench now who will never be as great  
as bishops as they were in the special lines they  
previously followed and for which nature seems  
to have bestowed particular endowment. In the  
doctor's case, he would never in the episcopal  
office shine as he does now. The world knows  
him as an editor; as a great debater. Besides all  
this, it would be a great hardship for Bishop  
Buckley to keep as quiet in a General Confer-  
ence as our bishops have to do—the fact is it  
would shorten his days. We should be pleased  
to see him honored, and would gladly vote for him,  
provided some one would assure us that he would  
decline if elected.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Revs. O. W. Flowers and W. H. Smith, of the  
Mississippi Conference, called on Monday.

Mr. J. T. Jordan, Miss Joanna Ford and Miss  
Ella Williams have been appointed to solicit  
subscribers for the Southwestern at Mallalieu  
Chapel.

President Adkinson spent Sabbath, July 5th,  
with Bishop Hartzell at Avondale, Cincinnati.  
The "Commercial Tribune" gives a full report of  
the bishop's farewell address at the Forest Ave-  
nue Church. Bishop Walden was also present  
and made a short address.

Rev. J. O. Brown and his energetic member-  
ship at Mansfield, La., are building a neat new  
church on a well located lot in that city. They  
expect to have a picnic on the 24th and 25th  
inst. for the purpose of raising additional funds.  
They desire the assistance of any one who will  
contribute to help them in their struggle.

Bishop Taylor has returned to Africa to ar-  
range his work so as to turn it over to Bishop  
Hartzell. He has executed a deed transferring all  
Mission property to his successor as the repre-  
sentative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Even yet, it is his privilege to travel and preach  
when and where he may see fit. He is simply  
relieved from duties and responsibilities of the  
Episcopal office. The Missionary Society will  
see to it that he is properly provided for.

Rev. W. H. Robinson, Third M. E. Church,  
Boonesville, Ind.—The Southwestern is a wel-  
come visitor to our home. We shall soon or-  
ganize a Southwestern club. I have been work-  
ing hard to that end ever since Conference. We  
are thoroughly organized in every department of  
the church, or will be as soon as we get our be-  
loved Advocate in a greater number of homes.  
We have a neat church with a small indebted-  
ness, on which we raised \$51 on the 28th of  
June.

(This is right. Organize your club at once  
and let us know your plans. You may help  
others.—Ed.)

D. L. Moody has issued his call for the Four-  
teenth annual Conference for the study of the  
Word of God, waiting upon God, and the consid-  
eration of His work, to be held at East North-  
field, Mass., from July 30th to August 16th. He  
invites those who have been blessed in times past  
to come and seek a still larger blessing, and those  
who have never attended these conferences to  
come and seek from the hand of the Lord  
what He has to bestow. Among others who  
have been invited and are expected to be present  
at the Conference are: Rev. R. A. Torrey, Rev.  
Geo. C. Needham, Major D. W. Whittle and Rev.  
Henry T. Turner, McAll Mission in France. The  
music will be in charge of Messrs. Ira D. Sankey  
and George C. Stebbins. All communications  
regarding accommodations should be addressed  
to the manager, Mr. A. G. Moody, East North-  
field, Mass. Reduced rates on the certificate  
plan have been secured on all the eastern rail-  
ways.

## NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.

Our readers will be glad to learn that it has  
been arranged to open a Hospital and Nurse  
Training Department in connection with the  
Medical College. An experienced lady profes-  
sor will be employed to give instruction in con-  
nection with the medical faculty and to direct  
the work of the student nurses. President Ad-  
kinson is in the North for a few weeks especially  
in this interest and writes that the department  
will open October 1st.

Full particulars will be given in the South-  
western.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE DEBT MUST BE PAID.

(By W. T. Smith, D. D.)

We certainly have a great church—great in numbers, wealth and the extent of territory occupied. We have an organization in nearly every county in all the States and Territories of the Union. Recently the secretaries issued an appeal to this vast constituency to pay the heavy debt of the Missionary Society, amounting to \$220,000. This appeal was made to the entire membership of the church through the pastors and presiding elders. It has been endorsed by the Board of Bishops, the Missionary Board at New York, the representatives of the General Conference districts and the editors of our official and non-official press.

By this thoroughly organized machinery we suppose that every congregation, Sabbath school, and Epworth League throughout the land has heard of "Debt Paying Day," July 26th. Indeed, so complete is this medium of communication there are few of the individual members of the church who have not heard of the plan to pay the debt. We confidently expect large results. Five hundred presiding elders and thirteen thousand pastors have heard our plea. The responses have been very encouraging. A large number of pastors have pledged themselves to observe the Sabbath indicated as "Debt Paying Day."

We wish we had space to let the church hear from all of these splendid, devoted men of God.

We select a few sentences from letters of presiding elders in different localities:

Dr. L. B. Wilson, of Washington, D. C., says: "I hope for the full success of the movement."

Rev. H. W. Norton, of Bucksport, Me., writes: "It is my lot to represent the most eastern part of the United States, and I am desirous of joining hands with all the brethren across the continent till we reach the last man on the extreme western point, whoever he may be, and thus form a strong line that shall lead the hosts on to victory. I like the idea of observing the last Sabbath of July as the time for making a concerted move for lifting the heavy burden of the Missionary Society. We will do all we can to help wipe out the debt."

Rev. L. L. Fisher, of Florida, says: "I am certainly in favor of a united effort to lift the \$220,000 debt. I think your plan of designating July 26th 'Debt Paying Day' a good one. I will gladly do all I can to join in this effort to stop this outlay of \$20 or day interest."

Rev. J. S. Anderson, of Union, Ore.: "I hasten to assure you that I will within twenty-four hours mail a letter to each pastor, Sunday school superintendent and president of Epworth League chapter, giving them an enthusiastic invitation to 'move' on that day. I hope for the extinguishment of the debt."

Rev. Charles L. Bovard, Albuquerque, N. M.: "Count on my hearty co-operation. Our little mission cannot do much, neither could the poor widow; but we can do our part. May God grant that your plan may work out the great problem."

Rev. J. B. Green, Los Angeles, Cal.: "I will do my part to get the matter on the hearts of both pastors and people."

Rev. B. Lambert, of the German work, Chicago, Ill.: "I desire to say that I am very thankful to God to see that you are doing all you can in this great and most necessary work of paying the debt. I desire you to know that my heart is in this work and I shall do all I can to make it succeed."

Rev. Fred Ring, of the Norwegian and Danish work: "I will do my very best, so that 'Debt Paying Day' may be a success among our people."

We could give similar quotations from brethren in nearly every State and Territory. There is an increasing interest everywhere to relieve the Missionary Society of this embarrassing, confront a great exigency. The honor and integrity of the church itself at stake. This debt must be paid. The character of every individual member of the church is involved. In the very nature of the case we cannot avoid this conclusion. In order to relieve our great stress we have at least 500 generous laymen who ought to quickly send \$100 each for the payment of the debt. There are 1,000 other devoted men and women of God in this broad land who could easily send \$50 each. Then give every congregation, Sunday school and Epworth League Chapter a chance to make an offering. With these larger and smaller gifts the whole amount will be easily reached, and the miserable, ugly thing annihilated.

Inclose your offering on Monday,

July 27th, to Dr. Homer Eaton, 150 Fifth avenue, New York. He will send you a receipt, and this will be a voucher for the pastor at the annual Conference, and thus every charge will receive credit for this special collection.

If the responses from the pastors could be unanimous, the debt would vanish and earth and heaven would hold a jubilee of praise.

New York.

The ministers within a radius of twenty miles of Maysville, have organized the Maysville Ministerial Association, electing the following officers: Rev. R. L. Dickerson, Maysville, president; Rev. J. H. Ross, Waskington, Ky., vice-president; Rev. Jos. Small, May's Dick, Ky., secretary; R. Pugh, Germantown, Ky., treasurer; Rev. Edward R. Lewis, Dover, Ky., corresponding secretary. Revs. B. W. Kertley, of Augusta, Ky., Jas. Taylor, Aberdeen, O., W. W. Locke, Fleiningsburg, Ky., were elected members. Object of meeting to promote greater work and fellowship among the several ministers of the several churches, and to help each charge to renewed energy in Christian work. We meet every Wednesday of each week at one of the several churches. Will meet at Aberdeen, O., June 24th, 1896. Our meetings are creating an unusual interest so far, and we hope to make them felt throughout the Lexington Conference.—Edw. R. Lewis, Corresponding Secretary, Box No. 5, Dover, Ky.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

(By Uno.)

The delegates from the General Conference were given a public reception in Sharp Street church, Baltimore, on June 10th. Drs. Thomas, Brooks and Vodery were present and gave their impressions of that great body. Complimentary resolutions were passed commending them for their work.

Preachers' meetings, both in Washington and Baltimore, have suspended for the summer.

The sixty-eighth session of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Conferences of the A.M.E.Z. connection, convened in their Methodist church, Washington, D. C., June 17th, with Bishop Petty presiding, assisted by Bishops Hood and Small. Every pulpit of Washington was filled with a new man, and so far all have made favorable impressions.

Well, the camp meeting season is upon us. Look out for big preaching, loud singing, much frolicking, great sinning, small profits and few conversions. Comes high, but we must have it, see?

Revs. Alfred Young and J. C. Love have been reported on the sick list. Both improving.

The fair name of Maryland has been again disgraced by two lynchings within a week of each other. One was a white man, in Charles county, and the other a colored man, in Rockville, only sixteen miles from the capital. Randolph, the colored victim, is thought by all reputable citizens to have been entirely innocent. "O Lord, how long!"

Sharp Street church has purchased for its pastor, Dr. Hays, a \$3,000 parsonage. Dr. Peck, at Mt. Zion, Washington, D. C., is building a \$3,000 parsonage.

The city mission work of Washington is prospering under the Rev. C. A. Leftwich. Two new churches among the probabilities.

Washington is captured by the Christian Endeavor people. Flags and hunting hang from every window. Even some of the saloons say, welcome.

## NOTICE.

To the Members and Visitors of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference:

Reduced fare has been given between Nashville, Tenn., and Lebanon, Tenn., to the District Conference to be held at Alexandria, Tenn., July 23-27, 1896. Will sell round trip tickets on the 21st, 22d and 23d of July, good for return until and on July 28, 1896, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis R. R., for 1-3 fare. Remember, brethren, no certificates are given, but excursion rates. Yours in Christ,

E. J. Guthrie, Secretary.

## TO THE POLE BY BALLOON.

An adventurous Swede named Andreen is planning a balloon voyage to the North Pole. He will embark on his air ship at Spitzbergen next summer, and trust to a favorable wind to drift him to the pole in three days or less. A snug balloon is being made for him in Paris, thoroughly fitted and provisioned

for a four months' cruise, the King of Sweden having supplied the money. There will be room for two extra passengers. "Apply early, and avoid the rush."—Classmate.

## REPORTS FROM "CHILDREN'S DAY."

We regret not to be able to publish all the Children's Day reports in full, but to do so would take one or two whole issues of our paper, hence we condense and give brief reports from each.

B. F. Tier, Superintendent, Shuqulak, Miss., writes that they had a grand time on Children's Day. Speaking and singing by the young people and addresses by those who are older. Collection, \$5.80.

N. C. Montgomery, Superintendent, McCool, Miss., reports a grand time on Children's Day, and speaks a good word both for the Sunday school and his pastor, Rev. N. B. Blackman. He is working hard for the pastor and church. Collection, \$6.85.

G. W. Bassett, Tinnin, Miss.: Children's Day was observed at St. Paul M. E. Church, of the Bolton circuit, on the second Sunday in June. The day was grand in the history of St. Paul Church. The program was brilliant and striking in its features. The collection was \$6.50.

Willie O. Smyer, Ocean Springs, Miss.: On the fourth Sunday in June our Sabbath school scholars celebrated Children's Day exercises in a way and manner that did credit to the intelligent spirit of the times. The three churches of this circuit—Scranton, West Paspagoula and Ocean Springs—raised a total sum of \$17.00, Ocean Springs raising \$9.00 of this sum. The program was carried out to the letter. The superintendent, Hon. Thos. I. Keys, the pastor, Rev. W. McNeil, and Mr. J. Hilton Carter contributing largely to the splendid success of the occasion. Miss Susanna Shelton deserves special mention for having successfully presided at the organ. Quite a number of other young people acted their parts well, but we shall refrain from filling our space with a large number of names.

Rev. L. Tate, P. C., Biloxi, (Mississippi Conference): June 14th was Children's Day. The program was well executed by the children. We had a large congregation, and splendid music was rendered by Miss Minnie Thomas, the organist. Hymns were nicely sung by the choir. Collection for the occasion, \$5.00.

Rev. S. J. McCray, Pastor (New River, Fla.): Mt. Vernon M. E. Church: Children's Day took place June 14th. Our worthy superintendent, Bro. T. K. Kelly, has been working faithfully to make the "day" a success. Things were carried out very well. God bless Dr. C. H. Payne, and let the "Crusaders" take the world for Christ. A number gave 25 cents each; the collection was \$7.50.

Rev. W. R. Smith, Pastor, Farmington, Tenn.: Our program for Children's Day was fully carried out on the 3rd Sunday in June. Prof. J. Gay, principal of the Farmington Public School, spared no pains in preparing those who took a part in the exercises, which gave satisfaction to a crowded house. Rev. J. R. Reasonover, pastor of M. E. Church, of Petersburg, Tenn., was with us and rendered most valuable service. He preached in the afternoon and at night. Our Zion in this place is moving with great velocity.

Rev. B. L. Crump, pastor, Benton, Miss.: Children's Day was observed grandly throughout Benton circuit. The program was carried out in full, and the result as follows: At Mt. Pleasant, \$18 were collected; of this amount Bro. Herbert Grayson contributed \$5.20, and Miss Catharine Marek \$4.30. At Wesley's Chapel \$15 were collected; at Double Springs \$11 were collected, of which \$5 were given by Bro. Wm. Motet. All hail to those generous hearts.

Rev. W. J. M. Price, Pastor, Alexandria, La.: On our Children's Day we had a grand time, and every one present pronounced the services the best for years. Mrs. Carrie Porter, our accomplished and efficient superintendent, worked hard to make the "day" a financial success. Our church and Sabbath school are in good condition. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Our collection was \$15.00.

U. S. Jones, Superintendent, Spears, Ky., Marble Creek M. E. Church: Sunday, June 14th, was Children's Day, and I am glad to state to you that Rev. V. T. H. Brown is the first pastor to ob-

serve Children's Day at our church. All his members seem to think he is the very preacher for them. No doubt but what he is the right man in the right place. Miss Mamie Murphy deserves credit. There was a large waiting crowd-eager to learn what Children's Day meant. We marched with uplifted banners, after which we had our exercises in order, according to the program, with preaching by pastor. Collection, \$10.

C. D. Crockett, Morgan City, La.: Children's Day was appropriately observed at Union Chapel, June 14, 1896. The whole day was used and the program carried out under the able supervision of Superintendent John Thomas. The ladies decorated the chapel tastefully with flowers and evergreen which gave a happy appearance to the occasion. Rev. Wilson, of Pattersonville, being present, preached interestingly at 3 o'clock to the school. At 8 o'clock p. m. the chapel was filled to its utmost capacity to listen to the program; all acquitted themselves well, and the vast audience having contributed \$5, went home rejoicing and praising the Methodist Sunday school of Morgan City.

Rev. H. G. Hipp writes of his visit to Sparta, Tenn.: It was my privilege and good fortune to spend Children's Day with our people at Sparta, Tenn. The program prepared for this occasion, together with several original essays and addresses, was well rendered under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Willis Ellison. After a brief recess, we presented the claims of a liberal education to an attentive and appreciative audience. At the close of the address, the sum of \$10 cash was speedily raised to aid the cause of education. At 4 p. m. we spoke on the subject of intemperance, and again at 8 o'clock, we spoke for the third time to a full house. This is truly a noble people—zealous of good works, loyal to the church, to the cause of education and alive to their own interests. A better behaved and more intelligent class of young people we have not seen in Tennessee outside of Nashville. We trust many of them will eventually find their way to the halls of learning. Bro. Young, a true man of God, is the able financier of this society. The pastor is doing a good work. It was truly a "rally day" and a "gala day" for the church at Sparta, and we shall long cherish most pleasant memories of our visit to this people.

## MEASURING AN ACRE.

Few farmers know the size of their fields or how many acres they contain. It is desirable—in fact indispensable—for good work that a farmer should know this; otherwise he cannot appportion seed or manure for it, nor can he tell how much time it would take to plow, harrow or cultivate it. A good cotton cord, the size of a plow line, should be kept for this purpose. To make one, buy sixty-seven feet of cotton rope one inch around, fasten a ring at each end, and make these rings precisely sixty-six feet apart. This is four rods. Tie a piece of red rag in the centre. One acre of ground will be a piece four of these cords long and two and one-half wide, equal to sixteen by ten rods, making 160 square rods to an acre.

The advantage of the rings is that one person can measure by driving a stake in the ground to hold the rope while he stretches it out. The rope should be soaked in tar and then dried. This will prevent its shrinking. Last year a neighbor of the writer had a heavy sod plowed by contract at \$2.50 per acre. One said it was four acres, another made it a little over five, and the third said it was three and a half acres. The contractor sent over and got this rope, and all five men measured it, and it was found to be just three and one-half acres. He had paid to have the grass cut off it for three years at \$1 per acre, or \$5 each season, counting it to be five acres in extent, thus losing \$4.50 through his ignorance. Get a measuring line, and when not in use put it away so that the hands cannot get at it, or they will be very apt to cut a piece off to tie up harness, thus making it worthless for the purpose of measuring.—Northwestern.

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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS.

## NOTICE.

The District Conference for Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference, current year, will be held at Talledega, commencing at 9 o'clock, Thursday, Aug. 6th.

Wesley Prettyman, P. E.

## NOTICE.

All delegates to LaGrange District Conference, Savannah, Ga., will buy full rate tickets at selling or starting point and take a certificate of agent, which will entitle them to 1-3 fare on returning if signed by secretary of Conference. Conference will convene at Zebulon July 22-27. If a change of cars is necessary, please get two certificates. Respectfully,  
James Jackson, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Pastors, Sunday school superintendents and presidents of the Epworth League chapters of the Houston District, please take notice that the Mission rooms have asked all of our churches, Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues to observe July 26th as "Debt-Paying Day," taking collections to extinguish the burdensome debt of our Missionary treasury. We hope each of you will respond liberally to this call and forward the collections to the treasurer, 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

Wm. Bartley, P. E.

## NOTICE.

All members of and visitors to the Atlanta District Conference will secure certificates at starting point, pay full fare going, and return at 1 cent per mile. The Conference will convene at Hogansville, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. All applicants for examination will please be present the first day and be examined.

G. W. Arnold, P. E.

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

The District Conference will convene at Decatur, August 6, 1896, and I want all the pastors to bring full reports. Every pastor is asked to give the last Sabbath in July for Missionary Day, and send the money to the treasurer. I hope every pastor in the Huntsville District will do all he can.

I. Townsend, P. E.

## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Rev. P. W. Clark, P. C., Bastrop, La.: My second quarterly meeting was held June 21st, 22d and 23d. Presiding Elder Chinn was in the chair. Full reports from all the officials were handed in. Elder Chinn was just in from the General Conference and was received with joy. He lectured to the Epworth League, and the house was packed to hear him. To say he preached on the 23d is enough. It was just grand. The Monroe district is coming up under the untiring work of Presiding Elder Chinn. Quarterage was paid.

Lewis S. Price, superintendent and steward, Attalla, Ala.: I write of the Antioch M. E. church and its work since Feb. 1st under the pastoral care of our new pastor, Rev. L. W. Goodson. He began his work there by searching the record, and found twenty-nine members. Since that time four or five have been added. The membership is made up mostly of sisters. Our pastor is loved by all the members and good people of Attalla. He is stirring the work of the church along all lines, spiritually and financially. The way was dark, but now the light shines. Many grievances have been removed and now things are pleasant. Our Sunday school is interesting and we are on our way to religious victory. We are very grateful for our new pastor. Our financial work is as follows: For moving expenses, \$4.10; for pastor, \$30.54; for Mission, \$1.61; for indebtedness, \$42.25; incidental expenses, \$1.05; for the poor, \$1; Sunday school collection, \$1.65; Children's Day collection, \$2.77; total for all purposes, \$94.97. I am also glad to say that the Children's Day service was grand. The program was carried out to the letter.

C. H. Hendricks, pastor Whitright Mission, Paris district, Texas Conference: We, after much talk and many obstacles being placed in our way, have succeeded in purchasing a church lot in the little town of Leonard, upon which we expect to raise a church this year. Owing to the dry weather, we have had a hard time. I have managed the best I could for the support of my family in order to help my people procure a lot

for a church. The deed will be signed to-morrow. Then for an M. E. church in Leonard, Tex. I have a nice little Sunday school in the town of Leonard, with twenty-four scholars.

Rev. T. P. Norris, pastor, Winnsboro, La.: My second quarterly Conference was held June 19th by our presiding elder, Rev. F. T. Chinn, whose grand influence did a great deal of good. Thank God, I was able to report five converts and two reclaimed. On Sunday, Elder Chinn preached a soul-stirring sermon to a crowded congregation, and five converts were baptized and one infant. Two more were received during the time he was with us. The church has made better advancement this year than it has done in its history. Twenty-two partook of the Lord's Supper. Presiding elder's quarterage paid in full. Pray for us.

Rev. J. E. Warren, Cementville, Ind.: Sunday, June 21st, was a grand rally for our people and church. At 11 a. m. Rev. J. F. Thomas, of A. M. E. Zion from Kentucky, preached; at 2:30 p. m. our pastor, Rev. Warren, subject: The wonder of the day; at 7:30 Mrs. Dollie Lewis, of Kentucky, the great evangelist, preached for us. She staid over a week, and we hope she will come again. I do recommend Sister Lewis to the Lexington or any other Conference.

Rev. Thomas Thompson, St. Mary's, Ga.: I am not boasting of great things done but I give the good Lord credit for what has been accomplished. Last February, when I reached this place, I found forty-eight members and one church—there are now two churches and 120 members. At a Baptist stronghold where no other church has been nearer than ten miles since 1892, the Baptists split, and now, glory to God, we have a fine church; in less time than three months, 38 members and a fine Sunday school with about 50 scholars. Mrs. Carnegie has given us a goodly sum of money, and a fine Bible, costing \$19.50, also allowed us to name the church after her. It is known as Carnegie Chapel. Present indebtedness is \$30.00. Easter day was a success—\$8.00. Children's Day, \$5.50. Presiding elder's assessment has been raised from \$20.00 a year to \$30.00. We have a fine Epworth League. I ask the prayers of the church.

Rev. R. B. Anderson, Paulding, Miss.: Our second quarterly conference convened at Spring Hill, June 20-21st. Rev. A. M. Trotter, P. E., was on time. The reports showed the work to be in good condition. The elder preached two stirring sermons. Sixty-nine received the Lord's Supper. Collection during the quarter, \$44.24. Paulding circuit is alive. These are good people, and we expect to raise all of our missionary money by the next conference year.

Rev. P. S. Bowie, Pastor Como Charge: My second quarterly conference convened June 20th, with Rev. W. McDonald, P. E., in the chair. Reports showed the work to be in good condition. This charge is alive in every way. The elder preached two grand sermons and the Spirit was felt in every heart. Communed, 78; collected during the quarter, \$81. Three subscribers to the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Rev. J. M. Bryan, writes: The rally and basket meeting at Pearlville, La., June 21, 1896, was a financial success. Rev. Prof. B. M. Hubbard, B. D., was present, representing the P. E., the Rev. S. Duncan, and preached the first sermon. Rev. W. H. Smith and congregation of Mississippi; Revs. Reany Young, A. Simms, Saul George, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Walker Harrison, of the A. M. E. church. Total collection for the day, \$73.20. The second quarterly conference convened after the rally and basket meeting. The reports showed signs of advancement along all lines. We have raised for all purposes this quarter, \$96.70.

Rev. C. Washington, P. C., Augusta, Miss.: My second quarterly conference convened with D. F. Dudley in the chair. The brethren were present with well-written reports. Paid the P. C., this quarter, \$37.90; presiding elder, \$6.50; Missions this quarter, \$3.50. (Total money raised, \$47.90. Marching along nicely at present.

Rev. J. E. Coleman, Pelahatchie, Miss.: Our second quarterly conference was a success. Rev. J. C. Houston, P. E., was on hand; preached two able sermons, which will be long remembered. Forty communed. Collection for P. E., \$14.75; P. C., \$35.00; mission, \$9.00. We are alive and expect to send our number in for the Southwestern. They are taking hold of the paper and beginning to love it. We are preparing

to build a new parsonage. One of the sisters made the P. C. a present of a fine hat. They come to the parsonage often with presents. Pray that I may succeed here this year.

S. H. Harp, District Steward, Waco, Tex.: Second quarterly conference was held by Rev. Pinkney. We had a grand time. Elders H. Swann, Linch and E. W. Wright, of the M. E. church, were with us. Collection, \$23.00. Reports good. Rev. J. A. Hall, our pastor, is one of the best men in the district. He is leading us to victory. He has added fourteen feet to one church; weather-boarded and ceiled one and will start to ceil the other in a few days.

Rev. R. L. Brooks, Mississippi Conference: My second quarterly conference was held May 27th, 1896. Reports were made showing the work to be in a growing condition. The P. E. said many good things to the conference and friends of the church. At night the tall, giant-looking man of God and his church, preached a most wonderful sermon. Total collection, \$5.00. We are praying and talking and working on behalf of the grand old Southwestern.

A. W. King, Corrigan, Tex.: Rev. E. Michaux, the very able and effective pastor of our church, in Josseland, Tex., and Corrigan circuit, has had remarkable success in a most glorious revival, during which the second quarterly conference was in session. Rev. A. C. Culbreth, P. C., in chair. He is always in place and at the discharge of his duties. Before convening, nine souls were happily converted to God. We lifted a grand collection for all purposes—\$25.35. We are going on working for God, through our young Epworth League, of which I am president. We are trying to complete our church and get the same out of debt.

J. D. Jones, secretary of Epworth League, Deerbrook, Miss., writes of an interesting meeting of the League which was held, and gives subjects discussed. The collection was \$18.00. Their motto is, Look up and go up! I. Ike is president.

The Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened at West Point, Miss., June 24, 1896, Dr. H. R. Revels in the chair. All the pastors present except three, with good reports. These showed the district to be in a growing condition. The P. E. made a very encouraging report. It is very true he is honored with some age, but he spares no pains in trying to make his district what it should be. He travels more than the ordinary P. E. The following brethren visited the conference: Rev. B. H. S. Fungerson, P. E., of the S. Akville District, and Rev. G. Orange, each of whom made an impression upon the conference by their speeches. Many others who lived nearer were present. Local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and district stewards all made good reports. The presiding elder urged the claims of the church in a strong and forcible way; and upon every local preacher and exhorter's being a subscriber to the Southwestern. Look out for a large list of cash subscribers soon.

Resolved, That we stand by the dear editor of the Southwestern with our prayers and with our efforts, by sending in a large number of cash subscribers. By order of the Conference, M. C. McEwen was elected reporter for the Southwestern.

M. E. McEwin,  
Secretary and Reporter.

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**A SOUTHERN RALLY DAY.**

Let us fix upon the 26th of July, the fourth Sunday, as a rally day for new subscribers. We have had so many excellent letters pledging support and promising subscribers that we think the wise thing to do is to fix a day and every one make a strong pull at that time. The paper must be enlarged and what we need to do so is an enlarged list of subscribers. Begin and talk up the rally day at once. Let the people get their money ready by that time.

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**SWITZERLAND SAYS "NO."**

The Switzerland Conference which met June 11th, was the first to vote on the admission of women since the re-submission of that question by the General Conference. That conference gives 44 out of 46 votes against.

The editor has just lost a dear and loving sister, Mrs. Nancy Adison, at Austin, Tex. On account of a failure to deliver a telegram promptly he did not reach there in time for the funeral. She was a widow, 50 years of age, and leaves five children, three of whom are minors, to mourn the loss and care of a mother. She died as she had lived—a devoted Christian.

On the 19th of June last, we were invited to address our people at a barbecue at Henderson, Tex., and was greatly pleased with much we saw and heard. The white citizens present evidently enjoyed the Emancipation celebration as well as their dark skinned neighbors. A number of prominent white men delivered short addresses that were both interesting and instructive, but we were specially interested in the following remarks by Judge Hendricks, who said: "Education is a preventive of crime and I advise you who wish to save your children from the penitentiary to see to it that they are educated. I am glad to say, as a judge in this section for some time, that nine out of every ten of your people who are sent to the penitentiary are ignorant and cannot even read their names. If for no other reason it is your duty to educate your boys and girls to save them from the penitentiary and from ruin."

While a number of people whose mouths just will talk are gratuitously saying education is ruining the Negro, here is a man who has a better opportunity to study the question than most of the talkers, who says the Negro, like other people, is being ruined for want of it. It will certainly be a great thing for us if our people will remember and do a number of things Judge Hendricks told us.

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Did you tell your people that the fourth Sunday in July is Southwestern Rally Day. If we are going to make it go, we must talk about it.

**A NOTABLE EVENT.**

(Bishop Thoburn.)

When the Methodist historian of the next century sits down to write the story of the recent General Conference, it is more than probable that he will assign to the election of Bishop Hartzell the most prominent place in the doings of that body. This election was perhaps the greatest surprise of the session; but the church is already beginning to discover that it was much more than a mere surprise. It occurred at a critical time, and it meant much for the future of our Missionary Society, for the honor of our church, and for the successful administration of our Foreign Missions.

For thirty years prior to the election of Bishop Taylor, our church had avowedly maintained the policy of sending no white men to Africa, on the ground that the risk of life and health was too great to justify any further expenditure of life in so perilous a field. Other churches, it is true, continued to brave all the perils which life in Africa was supposed to involve, and continued to send both men and women, not only to the West Coast, but to East and South Africa in constantly-increasing numbers. The great Livingstone startled the world by his extraordinary explorations, and at once was regarded with feelings of peculiar pride by every missionary. Du Chaillu penetrated to the gorilla country, and braved all manner of perils in the interest of what people called science; and yet all the while our great church looked on unmoved, and continued to assume that the pestilential swamps of Western Africa were more than a match for all the courage and zeal which her sons could display. Our position through all these years was more than humiliating, and we need hardly wonder that God did not seem to smile on the efforts put forth in the little Republic of Liberia. At last the spell was broken for the time, when Bishop Taylor was elected Missionary Bishop for Africa in 1884; but very soon it seemed again to be taken for granted that Bishop Taylor, being a somewhat extraordinary man, was an exception to all general rules, and that the new experiment did not really change the old conditions. Unceasing complaint was made that his missions were not successful, and attention was frequently called to the fact that a very large majority of his workers speedily failed in health or died on African soil, and so the old notion again gained such general currency that when it became necessary at Cleveland, on the retirement of Bishop Taylor, to choose a successor, it was at once assumed that the old policy must be put in force again. The question was asked on all sides, "Have we a colored man in the South who is fit for so difficult a position, and who is willing to go to Africa?" The chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy did not hesitate to avow this policy in open Conference, and seemed surprised when interrupted by protests against his affirmation that our general superintendents could not be expected to undergo such risks as would be involved even in a visit to the African coast.

It need hardly be said that the situation, as it first presented itself in the General Conference, was full of peril to the missionary cause, not only in Africa, but elsewhere. It was a confession of unmistakable cowardice. It is impossible to give a milder name to the spirit which was thus boldly avowed. It was not a question involving the rights of the colored man as against his white brother, but rather a confession that the great Methodist church could not find men brave enough to assume the risks to life and health which are cheerfully encountered by the missionaries of our sister churches. It meant, in short, that our missionary work in Africa should again become nominal, not only to the very great injury of that broad field, but to the lasting damage of our missionary work in all foreign fields.

But God had pity on our church and Missionary Society, and at an unexpected moment, and in a most unexpected manner, brought better counsels to the front, and set forth a man in the midst who is now accepted on all sides as the very man for this peculiar hour. When Dr. Hartzell mounted the platform to speak upon the election of a Missionary Bishop for Africa, the thought seems to have entered a dozen minds at once that he was the very man for the emergency. A whisper spread rapidly among the delegates suggesting his name, and, with scarcely an exception, the proposal was received, not only with favor, but with something like enthusiasm. A day of earnest heart-searching followed, and when the

hour arrived, the General Conference quickly put its official seal on what had already been done in the hearts and minds of the vast body of delegates. The newly-elected bishop at once announced his intention to go to the field and devote the rest of his life to the great work which God had so unexpectedly thrust upon him. The church was saved from a great peril, and a great reproach was rolled away from her door. We may now look forward confidently to the future of our work in Africa. Very soon the outline of at least three great missions will be seen rising up before the church, and a new interest will be born in the hearts of millions of our people. Our colored brothers in the South already manifest an interest in African missions which is entirely new, and I shall be greatly surprised if we do not soon see the colored Conferences, not only largely increasing their contributions, but offering their sons and daughters for the work in Africa. There is no question of distinction between white and black, but there was a great wrong in the policy which our church had adopted of thrusting a perilous and unpopular work upon the colored people, solely because it was dangerous to the whites.

Another great point was gained when Bishop Hartzell was elected, in respect to the permanency of our missionary episcopacy. At the opening of the General Conference many of our leading men boldly avowed the policy of abolishing this form of episcopacy. Over and over again I was assured that I was destined to enjoy the distinction of being the last missionary bishop known to Methodism. Some wished to abolish the office, because they objected to anything except the general superintendency as it exists in the United States, while others wished to erase all the distinctions which existed between the general superintendents and missionary bishops, unable to see, however, that in doing so they would ultimately, and that, too, at an early day, withdraw all bishops from the foreign field. The decision of the General Conference to elect no more missionary bishops, except for Africa, was interpreted by very many to mean that this form of episcopal superintendents should have no existence in the future except in Africa. Some colored brother was to be assigned to that position, and left to work in obscurity on the African coast, while all the other fields were to be provided for by visits from America. The election, however, of a prominent minister, who occupied a high official position in the church, and who avowed his purpose to proceed to Africa in good faith, and take up his great work of founding one or more Christian empires on that great continent, summarily put an end to all such notions. It is already felt that the new missionary bishop of Africa has made a new career possible for our missions in that benighted land. The missionary bishop for India and Malaysia, as if by instinct, feels that he has a brother at his side, and that instead of being the last Methodist preacher to bear his present title, he may confidently look forward to the time when, in harmony with our present militant system, one or more experienced leaders will be placed in charge of every great mission field of our church. Bishop Hartzell's election, in short, seems like a new charter of progress given to our missionary workers. Mere matters of routine, mere abstract questions of policy, are of absolutely no value in the face of the stupendous issues which God in His providence is setting before his church. Great nations are beckoning to us from every distant shore, and, if permitted to respond, our sons and daughters will not prove unequal to the opportunity which God is setting before them. The timid policy of assigning the post of danger to our brother in black has been abandoned forever. Side by side, and shoulder to shoulder, let North and South, let white and black advance together in the great forward movement which is to crown the labors of the present century, and soon heaven and earth will rejoice together over the greatest victory which has been won since the beginning of the Christian era.—Western.

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Mississippi leads the host this week.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Wesley Chapel, New Orleans, La.: I wish to state how our services were carried on Sunday, June 21st, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. Sunday morning. Prayer-meeting at 5 o'clock, with a fair attendance. At 10 o'clock, Children's Day was observed by the Sunday school, which was a crusade against all liquors and politics and everything that tends to degrade our people. It proved to be a grand result. At 3 o'clock our Osborne Day was carried out by the different auxiliaries of the church. At 5:30 o'clock the Epworth League had their devotional meeting. A neat program has been prepared; we extend an invitation to all lovers of good work. At night Bro. John Williams preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation. He is going to Boston to see his mother. Collection throughout the day, \$34.05.

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### SPAIN'S TROUBLE.

The correspondent of the London Times in Cuba is sending to his newspaper by far the most thorough and most convincing dispatches concerning the insurrection that have been published. They are evidently fair, and show in every line that their writer is an investigator and not a partisan, a trait of character that more impressionable young correspondents would do well to imitate.

With all his inclination to fairness and impartiality, the Times correspondent condemns the Spanish conduct both of military operations and of civil affairs. He finds in the first place that the Spanish officers are incompetent, and are outclassed by Gomez, Maceo and Garcia. He ridicules Weyler's Trocha as a weak and childish invention worthy of the Chinese. Writing under date of May 30th, he says that the Cubans do not intend to make another important movement until the wet season is "further advanced and the evil effects of it are fully felt by the Spanish troops." In the provinces of Puerto Principe and Santiago the Spanish are confined to the towns, while the rebels have full command of the country districts.

As to outrages, he says, what we have long supposed to be true, that they are committed by both sides, and like most cruelties, are purposeless and unrequited. Cruelty is an almost inevitable companion of anger in the Spanish character. There has not been a war in this century in which Spanish or South

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American troops have been engaged which has not been marked and marred by instances of medieval barbarism. To charge that Spain, or the Spanish Captain-General, however, is responsible for outrages committed by Spanish troops in distant provinces is to betray gross ignorance of modern Spanish public policy, and of the tendency of the Spanish troops to permit their passions to lead them into disobedience of orders and breaches of discipline. Spanish soldiers have killed many innocent persons in Cuba, but the Spanish Captain-General is keenly aware of international public sentiment on this subject, and has doubtless done his best to suppress murder.

Spain is now almost at the end of her resources. She has crowded the island with troops, and she has pledged for loans about all that she possesses in the nature of security. Her last pledge was of the revenues from her tobacco monopoly, for the purpose of increasing her naval power. Not only are her pecuniary resources failing, but her power to recuperate them by taxing Cuba is nearly gone. She has lost the country districts, and the destruction of the sugar plantations by the rebels has deprived her of much of her power to raise revenues in the island. The economic condition of the island is represented by the Times correspondent as pitiable. He says that the towns are crowded with refugees, and that as no food supplies are being raised in the island, food will have to be purchased from abroad. But the exportable products of the island for the remainder of this year will not amount to more than \$13,000,000, not enough for the purchase of the needed supplies, and there are hardly any savings to be depended on. And yet in the face of this distress the Spanish authorities purpose to increase their revenues by raising customs charges, especially on breadstuffs. The situation is further shown to be of the most distressful by the authorization given to the Cuban Bank of Spain to issue \$12,000,000 in notes—a first step toward inconvertible paper.

Meanwhile reconciliation, even through reforms of abuses, are growing more difficult, for the sympathies of nearly all the white Cubans are now enlisted on the side of the rebels. Spain is facing her last opportunity to save her hold of the island by peaceful intervention. It certainly seems unlikely that she can save it by war.—Harper's Weekly.

### "NOT NAPPING."

I want to give you this incident, to show how God holds His reserve forces always in hand, and how well it is to have faith in God.

Early in the session of the General Conference, Bishop Wm. Taylor was a guest at our home. He was stretched out full length upon the couch, taking his rest. We had been talking about his long missionary itinerancy; his journeys in Australia and throughout all the Queen's dominions; his visit to India, and other foreign lands; his repeated journeys to and from and into Africa; his recent return to America, and his long absence

from his family. He remarked that the order of this life had not been of his choosing. He said that he had been a great traveler, but naturally preferred not to travel. He had been much away from home, but his preference was to be at home.

I then said to him, "Well, Bishop, would it not be a gracious thing if the church would let you spend the remaining years of your life in America with your family?" At this he looked up quickly and asked, "Who could take my place; where is your man of experience to do that work? I do not know of any man to nominate either there or here." "Yes," said I, "but the Lord will take you home to Heaven one of these days and then someone will be compelled to take the field. Why not have him in training while you live?" His answer was in these words: "Oh, the Lord has got His man all right somewhere." And then looking up with a twinkle in his eyes, he added: "You don't catch Him napping." The work of the great General Conference proceeded. The Committee on Episcopacy reported Bishop William Taylor non-effective, and recommended the election of a missionary bishop for Africa.

Who would it be? A ballot was taken which nominated Dr. J. C. Hartzell. A second ballot elected him by an immense majority. The conference seemed to recognize "God's man," and, on Tuesday, before it closed, he was duly ordained "to the work and office of a bishop in the church of God for Africa."

Again I sat by the side of the veteran bishop in the home of a friend who was entertaining him. I asked his judgment in the matter. He answered that he was well pleased. He said Dr. Hartzell's sympathy for and acquaintance with the colored race, his residence in the South, and his health and piety, fitted him for the work. He was sure that the best had been done that could be done, and added that he would stay in America and do all he could for Africa.

"You don't catch God napping!" How glad we are that "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Since then the old hero has gone to South Africa, where he began his work on that continent years ago, and there, it is more than probable, he will end his earthly life. If it should be so, it will be well. God will be awake to welcome His faithful servant.—Times.

## The Bishops Speak.

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### THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

The Democratic Convention nominated W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, for President, and Arthur Sewall, of Maine, for Vice-President.

W. J. Bryan.

William Jennings Bryan is the greatest Democratic orator in the political history of Nebraska. He has long been the idol of the free silver wing of the Nebraska Democracy, which, in fact, is the reason of his advocacy of the doctrine of free and unlimited coinage of silver in that State.

It was Mr. Bryan who achieved the greatest triumph within his party, when, in the State convention, two years ago, by common consent, he was accorded the leadership. It was he who advised his followers to indorse the candidacy of Silas A. Holcomb, who had been nominated by the Populists for the office of Governor. It was also upon Mr. Bryan's recommendation that the same convention indorsed the candidacy of other men on the Populist State ticket. What he did then gave Nebraska the first Populist Governor, and worked the defeat of the Republican candidate for Governor, the sole object sought by Mr. Bryan and his followers.

The consistent course of Mr. Bryan as a silver advocate and the kindly feeling he has all along, as a Democrat, evinced for the Populists of Nebraska has made him many friends in the Populist party throughout the West.

William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, Marion county, Ill., March 19, 1860. At the age of 15 he entered Whipple Academy, at Jacksonville. In 1877 he entered Illinois College and graduated as valedictorian in 1881. For the next two years he attended Union Law School, Chicago, studying in the office of Lyman Trumbull. After graduating, he entered practice at Jacksonville. In 1887 he removed to Lincoln, Neb., and became a member of the law firm of Talbot & Bryan. He was elected to Congress in the First Nebraska district in 1890, over W. J. Connell, of Omaha, and was re-elected in 1892 over Allen W. Field, of Lincoln.

In 1894, Mr. Bryan declined a third nomination and was nominated by the Democratic State convention for United States Senator by unanimous vote of the convention. He polled 80,000 votes. The Republicans, however, held a majority in the Legislature, and Bryan was defeated for the Senatorship. Since Mr. Bryan's congressional term expired he has devoted his time exclusively to spreading the doctrine of free silver from one end of this country to the other.

Mr. Bryan first appeared in the political arena of Nebraska in the campaign of 1888, when he stumped the First District for J. Sterling Morton, nominee for Congress. The same year he declined a nomination for Lieutenant Governor. July 30, 1888, he was nominated for Congress and wrote the platform on which he ran. Nobody but himself thought he could be elected. He stumped the district on the tariff issue and won fame as a political orator throughout the State. He defeated his Republican adversary solely upon his power on the stump. Bryan neglects none of the accessories of oratory. Nature richly dowered him with rare grace. He is happy in attitude and pose.

Mr. Bryan's father was Silas L. Bryan, born in Culpeper county, Va., at the foot of Blue Ridge mountains. He was a Democrat. He came to Illinois when 18 years of age and settled in Salem and graduated at McKendric College, Lebanon, as a lawyer. In 1852 he was elected Senator and served eight years. In 1860 he was elected circuit judge and served until 1872. Was a member of the constitutional convention in 1870. He was a strong man and a finished public speaker. He died in 1880.—Picayune.

Hon. Arthur Sewall.

Mr. Arthur Sewall, who has just been

nominated by the Democratic Convention for Vice President, is a ship-builder of Bath, Me. He was born in 1836, but is said to look much younger than he really is. He has been a successful business man for years and the ships built by his company are said to be as many as ninety-five.

### SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It is no sin to sleep in church; that is, it is not always a sin. It is a good thing for a baby to sleep in church. It is all right for one who is overwheeled to sleep in church. We once saw Bishop James sound asleep on the platform at a conference when Bishop Ames was in the chair, but he had just come in from a long journey. We have sometimes imagined that some other bishops get as nearly asleep as they dare to when hearing for the twentieth or fiftieth time the familiar speech of a representative of some one of our great causes. We are quite sure that one or two good bishops went soundly to sleep during some of the long fraternal addresses made at the General Conference, and we have often seen a score of ministers asleep at once at an afternoon or evening session of an annual conference.

During the sermon of a prominent fraternal delegate in one of our Philadelphia churches in May, 1884, we observed with interest one of our own most eloquent ministers, who has since been made a bishop—and he is one of the ablest on the board—who listened for a little while in a comparatively obscure part of the great edifice and then curled up in a corner of the pew and apparently went to sleep. We didn't blame him a bit. That man didn't need that sermon, and as he was out of sight of the preacher, his attitude could not have had any influence in discouraging him, though it hardly afforded the most inspiring example to others in the neighborhood. He probably went to sleep because he had too much brains; most people go to sleep in church because they have too little brains to keep awake.

It is well for ministers to remember that listening to the sermon is not always a duty, unless the sermon be well worth listening to; and wise ministers need not be told that the apparent stupidity of some of their hearers is often due to the lack of ventilation of the auditorium. The average sexton gives neither the preacher nor the hearer a fair chance.

While it is not necessarily a sin to sleep in church, it is usually better to keep awake. One does not know what ridiculous things he may do if he goes to sleep. Eutychus broke his neck. To keep awake is respectful to the preacher, and is usually helpful to him. The spectacle of a sleeper is probably discouraging. To be wakeful and attentive affords a good example for others. Moreover, you never know what blessing even a poor sermon may have in store for you, if you listen to every part of it carefully. It is self-respectful to keep awake. If you are drowsy, uncharitable people may imagine that you are dull or uninspired.

But, after all, our limited observation, the fruit of our watchfulness since we began to occasionally occupy a pew in church, does not qualify us to discourse learnedly on this subject. We can only say to the preacher, remember that you are not to expect the congregation to keep awake from a sense of duty; and to church-goers we would say, try to appear bright if you are not so. Grown people are not babies.—Northern.

To all persons who attend District Conference at Brandon, July 22d. The Alabama & Vicksburg, Illinois Central, Yazoo & Mississippi Valley roads have agreed to pass all persons who attend the Conference over their roads for one and one-third fare, on certificate plan. Ask agent where you purchase ticket for certificate, and have same signed by secretary of Conference. Good three days after adjournment.—Yours truly, P. W. Baldwin, Secretary.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

Hon. John W. Foster will entertain Li Hung Chang in September, when the latter visits the United States on his return from the coronation of the Czar. Gen. Foster is an intimate friend of the Viceroy, and it will be remembered that he served as his confidential adviser during the peace negotiations with Japan. For the August number of the Century Gen. Foster has written a sketch of the life and character of Li Hung Chang, whom he ranks, as did Gen. Grant, among the greatest men of the century.

The last thing written by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, only a few days before her death, was a loving acknowledgment to the public for fond remembrances and tokens and expressions of affectionate esteem, on her 85th birthday, which she sent to the Ladies' Home Journal. In the next issue of this magazine it will be published in fac simile. It reflects the beautiful nature of the gifted authoress, and by her death has become her last message to the American public.

Henry Barnard is well called the "Nestor of American Education." His services in behalf of the public schools fifty years ago were immense. He was not only the great champion and reformer of the public school in his early life—second only to Horace Mann, if second at all—but he was the first national commissioner of education. It is long since his generous services have been well set forth for our people, and the fine article by James L. Hughes, the superintendent of the schools at Toronto, devoted to Barnard and his work, in the July number of the New England Magazine, is therefore most welcome. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

The Monthly Review, an independent magazine, by Chas. Alexander, Philadelphia, made the July issue a Philadelphia Conference (A. M. E. church) number, giving illustrated sketches of its prominent members. It has also an interesting sketch of the St. Roche church in this city, by Alice Ruth Moore.

### WARM WEATHER HINTS.

I have generally found that the heat or the cold, the wet weather or the dry, the windy or the cloudy day, affected me very little if I went calmly on and made the best of it. One's work should occupy one's thoughts and hands so fully that one has no time to be troubled about surroundings of atmosphere. The busy girl is happier than the indolent girl for the reason that her mind is taken up with something worth while.

A little caution about fans. Don't fan so vigorously that you put yourself into a heat by the exertion. Never fan the back of your friend's neck if you are sitting behind her. Fan with a gentle, steady motion, so that waves of air strike your own face, but not so that you send icy shivers down your neighbor's spine.

On a very sultry day nothing is gained by drinking a great deal of ice water. The more one drinks the more thirsty one grows. A little water held in the mouth a moment, and allowed to trickle slowly down the throat, will relieve thirst more effectually than a goggleful hastily tossed off.

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Chicago limited	7:30 pm	Chicago limited	8:00 am
Fast mail	7:45 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati			
Fast mail	7:45 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3	2:30 pm	No. 4	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31	9:35 am	No. 32	5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis local		No. 6, Memphis local	
Fast express	3:30 am	Fast Train	4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg ex-		Vicksburg ex-	
press	8:31 pm	press	8:10 am
No. 22, Baton Rouge		No. 24, Baton Rouge	
Range a c.	10:00 am	Range a c.	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 2, fast ex.	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.	9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex.	6:40 pm	No. 8, coast acc.	8:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.	7:50 am
Sunday ex.	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Oak ex.	6:55 pm	No. 51, Hot Spgs. express	9:15 am
Queen & Crescent Route.			
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York	3:20 pm
No. 3, local	6:20 am	Local	7:30 am
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Texas and Mexico		California ex.	9:15 am
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California ex.	6:55 am	fast mail	8:35 pm

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4 Fast Ex.	9:45 am	7 Coast acc.	8:55 am
8 Coast acc.	8:30 pm	1 Lim. Ex.	5:00 pm
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1896.

## GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID.

2 Sam., 7:14-16.

Golden Text: "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust" (Psa. 71:1).

As the ark entered the holy city, the king danced before it. "Mical, Saul's daughter, and one of David's wives, looked through a window, saw him skipping, and despised him in her heart." The ark was deposited in the tabernacle David had pitched for it, and the people were blessed and sent away. The king then returned to bless his household. Mical met him and spoke in ironical terms about dancing. She no doubt knew a few rules of politeness the king had never learned. David let her know it was before the Lord, who had chosen him in the room of her father and his house to be a ruler over Israel, that he danced. He farther gave her to understand he would be more base than that in his own eyes, and would be honored by those of whom she lightly spoke. After this he seems to have given her a severe letting alone.

I.—The Desire of David (1-3). The king sat in his house of cedar. The hundred years' war with the Philistines was past. The nations about him were at peace. God had given him victory over his enemies. He desired to render something unto the Lord for all His benefits. No good man wishes to receive something for nothing, or much for a little. He did not feel comfortable dwelling in a mansion while the ark of the Lord rested within curtains. The man is an ingrate who prefers better things for himself than he does for his God. This is the first we see of Nathan, the prophet. But what we learn of him after this shows his prophetic power to have been of a high order. The prophet in Israel was greater than the king. It sometimes became his duty to correct, rebuke and even denounce the earthly ruler of God's people. David consulted with him about building God a house. The king seems never to have entered upon any great work without first advising with his friends. Nathan gave his own judgment in the matter when he told the king to do all that was in his heart. The wisest and best of men, when not under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit, are liable to err; hence the doctrine of infallibility is the essence of blasphemy. Both were over-zealous. The matter was premature. God had given no command to that effect, and David was not the man to do the work. We should encourage the good intention of others. God was well pleased with David's desire.

## III.—David's Desire Checked (4-7).

1. The word of the Lord. A vision, in a Scriptural sense, is a revelation from God (Webster). It is a communication received in a waking condition (Keil). This vision was in the night. God likely spoke in an audible voice to Nathan. The matter was clear. All doubt was swept away. The prophet knew God had appeared and spoken to him. The Lord directs us through His written word, preached Gospel and Holy Spirit.

2. The command was given for David not to build the house. The king was called "my servant." This was a special honor, for only a few, like Moses and Joshua, did Jehovah address as His servants. The assertion, "Shalt thou build me a house to dwell in?" is a negative, expressed in a positive way. Elsewhere we read, "Thou shalt not build the house." God has a work for every man to do, and one may not discharge the duty of another. It was David's part to enlarge the borders of Israel, prepare psalms for the use of the temple service, and settle the courses of the priests and Levites. God feels for His people, adapts Himself to their state, and shares their experiences.

3. Why was David not to build the temple? (1) God had not commanded him to do so. From the time he brought them up out of Egypt to that day, He had walked in tents, and had never spoken a word to any of the tribes or judges about building Him a house of cedar. We should be slow to do what God has not ordered, lest we get wise above that which is written. (2) Because he had "made great wars, and shed blood abundantly" (1 Chro. 22:8). No where is David charged as being unjust, or of violating the will of God, in any of his wars. In many instances the Lord directed him to go out to battle against his foes. He was sufficiently good to write psalms for the temple service. Why

could he not erect the house of worship? We know not. God seldom employs a soldier in any great spiritual work.

III.—The Goodness of God to David (8-9). While God would not suffer David to build Him a house, yet He let him know He was well pleased with his life. He found him in the sheep-cote, or pasture. Many bright minds exist in obscure localities. Labor is honorable, and God has always exalted it. He chose David because of his gifts and graces. It takes ability and opportunity to bring success. David possessed the highest class of mental, spiritual and physical gifts, and God opened the way so he might have opportunities to succeed. He then led him forward, step by step, till He placed him on the throne of Israel. Success is sure if God is on our side. We may not always be victorious in the battle of life, but will triumph in the end. God rules nations same as individuals. He not only placed him on the throne, but made his name great; gave him honor and renown. He stood second to no other ruler. No monarch of the East, West or South was his superior. All true greatness is from the Lord; it is one of His noblest gifts, and brings with it great responsibility.

## IV.—The Goodness of God to Israel (10-11).

1. God appointed a place for his people. Eight centuries before this He made choice of Canaan as a home for Israel. We know not what constrained Him to select that land. His ways are past finding out. It was more than 400 years after the choice was made before they were located in it. These were years of wandering and servitude. The goodness and justice of God may be seen in every act of their lives. That land was always considered a type of a "better country."

2. God planted His people in the place He had appointed for them. He brought Abram out of Mesopotamia into Canaan, stood by him and his posterity while in that land, was with them during their bondage in Egypt, brought them forth by the hand of Moses, conducted them through the wilderness, and finally gave them homes in the land he had chosen for them. God makes choice of the sinner, leads him out from sinful surroundings, strengthens the inward man against evil, and at last brings him to a "better country" than Canaan.

3. God would not allow the "childer of wickedness to afflict them any more." For about "four hundred and fifty years" He gave them judges. During that period they were grievously tormented by the Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Ammonites and Canaanites. But these had been subdued by David. They never troubled Israel any more. May not this refer to sin in the believer, till David's great successor casts every root of bitterness out of our nature and perfect peace dwells within.

4. He would make them a house. David had purposed to build a house for Jehovah, but now the Lord says He will erect a house for the king. That is, God rewards his desire with a permanent possession in the royal family. God must build man's house before man can erect a home for Deity. Does not this point to the church that would be built by Christ and endure through all ages?

V.—The Messianic Promise (12-16). See here the political contract and the covenant of grace. It was first made to Adam, then to Noah, then to the patriarchs and here renewed to David. It has two sides; one is literal and the other spiritual.

1. The king, in a material sense, is Solomon. This no one denies. But in an immaterial sense, it refers to Christ, who is King of kings. In Isaiah we read, "I will make with you an everlasting covenant" even the sure mercies of David." Again, St. Paul said, "Of this man's (David's) seed hath God, according to His promise (this very promise before us), raised unto Israel a Saviour Jesus."

2. With a kingdom we associate territory, laws and subjects. The dominion of the kingdom of Solomon extended from the Euphrates, in the northeast, to the Nile, in the southwest. Its laws were given by Moses, and its subjects were all of the twelve tribes of Israel. The kingdom of Christ covers the entire universe. His laws, as given to us, may be found in His written word, and all the spiritual Israel are the subjects of His kingdom.

3. The reign of David would continue forever. He would sleep with his fathers, but God would raise up of his posterity persons to sit on his throne. His kingdom was broken here and there; it was oppressed by wicked nations; many stripes were laid upon it; yet through the mercy of God it continued to exist, and never lacked for a ruler. When Christ

came He was the rightful heir to the throne, but it was not God's plan that this kingdom be of this world. It is spiritual and will continue forever. It is righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost.

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Baton Rouge Ac- commodation . . . . .	3:15 p.m.	10:00 a.m.

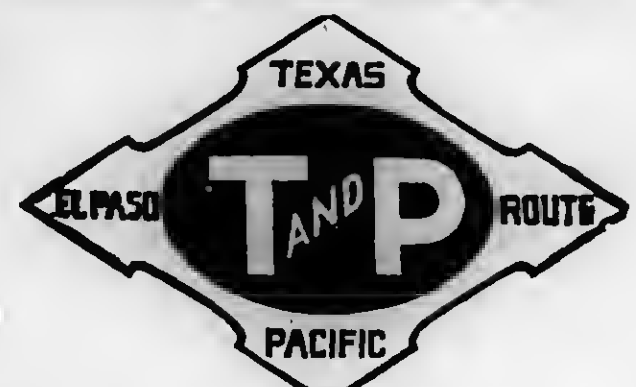
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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II:

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19	Cranston
North Montana Miss., Sandcou		
Lee, Mont.	Aug. 20	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown,		
N. Y.	Aug. 20	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 26	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima		
Washington	Aug. 26	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference,		
Hot Springs, South Dakota	Aug. 27	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Den.	Aug. 28	Foss
Cincinnati, Piqua, O.	Sep. 2	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2	Merrill
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2	Cranston
Wyoming Miss., Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3	Vincent
Central German, New York, Ky.	Sep. 9	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute,		
Ind.	Sep. 9	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9	Hurst
Erle, New York, Pa.	Sep. 9	Walden
Detroit, Mich.	Sep. 9	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9	Andrews
Northwest Nebraska, Omaha,		
Neb.	Sep. 9	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro,		
North Dakota	Sep. 10	Warren
Utah Mission, Deder, Utah	Sep. 10	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville,		
W. Va.	Sep. 16	Hurst
East Ohio, Garfieldville, O.	Sep. 16	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville,		
Ill.	Sep. 16	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Con-		
ference Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17	Warren
North Carolina Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17	Mallalieu
New Mexico English Mission,		
Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17	Vincent
West Swedish Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17	Newman
Western Norwegian, Daulah,		
Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17	Cranston
California German, Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 18	Foss
Ohio, Washington C. H., O.	Sep. 23	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23	Warren
Southern California, Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 23	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23	Andrews
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles-		
City, Ia.	Sep. 24	Andrews
Blue Ridge Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission		
Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30	Andrews
Port'n Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30	Walden
Houston, Tex.	Sep. 30	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30	FitzGerald
West Nebraska Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf.,		
Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1	Cranston
Genevieve, Spring, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda,		
Pa.	Oct. 7	Newman
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E. Tennessee Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.	Oct. 14	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon,		
Tenn.	Oct. 15	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19	Ninde
Southern German, Gilolo, Tex.	Nov. 26	Ninde
West Texas, Pecos, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 19	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle	June 4	Goodsell
Italy, Rome	June 24	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf. Lufcha	July 8	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo	July 15	Joyce
South Germany, Pirmasens	July 22	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg	July 29	Goodsell
Denmark Mission, Vile	Aug. 12	Goodsell
Korea, Miss. in Seoul	Aug. 19	Joyce
Norway, Aarhus	Aug. 19	Goodsell
Sweden, Jonkoping	Aug. 26	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg		
Mission, Abo	Sept. 9	Goodsell
North China Peking	Sept. 22	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-		
king	Oct. 21	Joyce
Fochow, Fochow	Nov. 18	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference		Hartzell
West China Mission		

## Coming Events in Methodism.

Louisville District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Shelbyville, Ky.	July 8
Lexington District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Flemingsburg, Ky.	July 22
Madison District Conference, Gainesville, Al.	July 22
Tupelo District Sunday-school Institute, Tupelo, Miss.	July 21
Tupelo District Conference, Tupelo, Miss.	July 23
Jack on District Conference, Brandon, Miss.	July 23
La Grange District Conference, Zebulon, Ga.	July 23
Atlanta District Conference, Hogshead, Ga.	Aug. 5
Griffin District Conference, McDonough, Ga.	Aug. 6
Waco District Conference, Bremond, Tex.	July 23
Anstine District Conference, Anstine, Tex.	Aug. 5
Houston District Camp-meeting, Harrisburg, Tex.	Aug. 4
Dallas District Conference, Fort Worth, Tex.	Aug. 2
Sau Antonio District Conference, Gonzales, Tex.	Aug. 12
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, Aug.	19

New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12.  
New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.  
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La., August 19.  
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 21.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Savannah District.

Third Round.	July
Savannah	25-26
Jessup	22-23
August	
Valdosta	1-2
Waynesboro	8-9
September	
St. Mary's	5-6
Brunswick station	19-20
Dar es Salaam	28-29
October	
Barley	3-4
Cordele	10-11

## Dadeville District.

Third Round.	July
Opeka	25-26
August	
Dadeville	1-2
Bluffton	15-16
Waynesboro	22-23
September	
Rockford	5-6
Wedowee	12-13
Ecotio	19-20
La Fayette	26-27
October	
Five Points	3-4
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## Marion District.

Third Round.	August
Oak Grove and Waltham	1-2
Newberry and Jackson Chapel	8-9
Old Town and Pine Grove	15-16
Entaw and Springfield	22-23
St. Paul and St. Mary	29-30
September	
Tuscaloosa	5-6
Mailou	12-13
October	
Bethany and Moses Hill	3-4
Union	10-11
Gainesville	17-18
F. L. Teague, P. E.	

## Tupelo District.

Third Round.	July
Honolulu	8-9
Okolona circuit	15-16
Tupelo	22-23
August	
New Albany	1-2
Ripley	8-9
Corinth	15-16
Shannon	22-23
September	
Belle	23
moty circuit	12-13
P. O. Jamison, P. E.	

## Huntsville District.

Third Round.	August
Deatur	8-9
Ather	15-16
Centre Grove	22-23
September	
Matson	5-6
Cedar Grove	12-13
Stevenson	19-20
October	
Guntville	3-4
Courtland	10-11
I. Townsend, P. E.	

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votes in that neighborhood at least. He was giving the squire's wife much taffy when she said: "Yes, I think that Mr. Johnson is a very nice man, too; he is over the fence milking the cows."

After the election it was found that Andy Johnson was elected by a very small majority, which Colonel Gentry remarked came from milking the cows. Colonel Gentry was one of the smartest men in the South, considerably Johnson's superior. From governor of Tennessee, Johnson became president of the United States, which great honor was achieved by milking cows.—Philadelphia Times.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Brunswick, Ga.—In Grace M. F. Church, June 24, R. H. Johnson, M.D., and Miss Pennie R. Johnson. The most popular pastors of the city were present and assisted in the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and crowded almost to suffocation. Dr. Johnson is a young man with a bright future. He has gained some grand victories since he came here. The doctor and his bride were the recipients of many handsome presents. All honor to Meharry Medical College! Give us more such young physicians. There is plenty of room for them. Pastor.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. James D. Rose to Miss Cora Covell, at the bride's house, this city. T. L. Johnson officiated.

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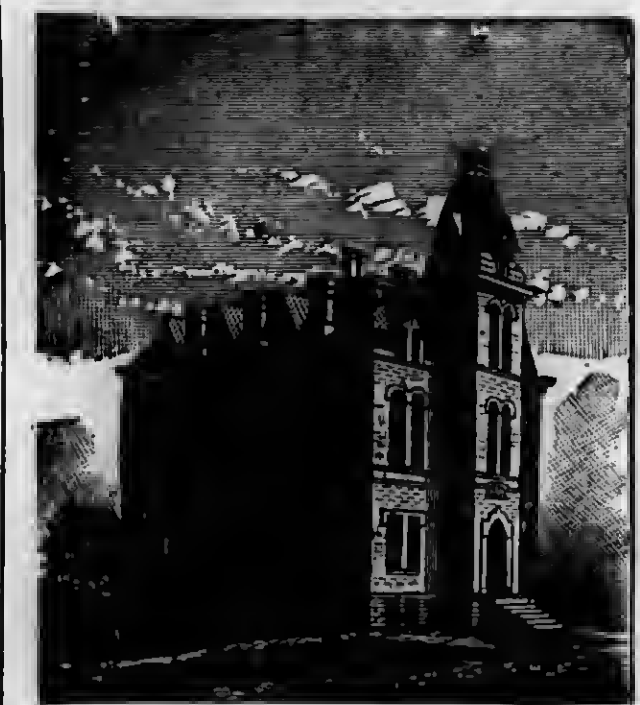
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## FIRM OLD BIBLE.

Last eve I stood before a blacksmith's door  
And heard the anvil ring its vesper chime;  
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," he answered then with twinkling eye.  
"The anvil wears the hammer out, you know."

And so the Bible, anvil of God's word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
And tho' the noise of Paine, Voltaire, was heard,  
The anvil is unworn—the hammers gone.  
—Selected.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Do each little duty well.

July is going. What have you read?

It may be your neighbor is mean, but possibly  
you helped to make him so.

He who is constantly looking for bad things  
in others is apt to find them.

Do not envy another man's success, but strive  
the harder to succeed yourself.

You may think you are a great man, but the  
people will not unless you accomplish something.

Watch other folks less and yourself more and  
you will not have so much about which to com-  
plain.

Now, brother, talk to your people about the  
paper and send in the full number you pledged  
last season.

If you think your pastor is faithful and has  
done well, it will encourage him to have you tell  
him so.

The Cubans and Spaniards are still fighting,  
though it does seem they spend a good part of  
the time making faces at each other.

Do not regard what you contribute to the sup-  
port of your pastor or presiding elder as a gift  
of charity. You are paying what you owe.

Notice the date on the margin of your paper,  
and if you see that the time for which you paid  
has expired, please send on the money for an-  
other year.

The physical, spiritual and intellectual man go  
to constitute your being. Each one needs some  
nourishment—something to live on. Do not  
neglect either.

Our Democratic friends nominated the Hon.  
W. J. Bryan for President because he made a  
good speech, and now the Nebraska people say  
it was the same old speech.

Representatives of the Afro-American Wom-  
en's League assembled at Washington the 10th  
inst. to discuss ways and means for the "Beter-  
ment of the Race."

We have before us the Wiley University cata-  
logue for the school year of 1895-96. Total en-  
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sionally, not because we are anxious to get rid  
of the papers, but because we expect you to take  
the hint and subscribe.

## WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

Rev. Dr. Nagler, editor of the Haus und Herd,  
one of our German periodicals, stated at the  
General Conference that he did not know of a  
single German official member in this country  
who does not take the official paper that is pub-  
lished specially for the Germans. He was aston-  
ished to learn that there are English speaking  
officials who do not take the church paper.

I tell you, my brethren, the Negro must wake  
up! He must be an intelligent, reading, think-  
ing man or be behind in the great battle of life.  
Just look for a moment at ourselves and sister  
churches of our race. We have more than a quar-  
ter of a million members, and for years the editors  
of this paper have been laboring to bring our  
subscription list to 10,000. And in this good year  
of our Lord we cannot count more than 5,000  
cash subscribers to save us.

Here are our C. M. E. Church brethren, with  
perhaps 200,000 members, who do not furnish  
more than 4,000 cash subscribers for a paper  
well managed and ably edited; and the brethren  
of the A. M. E. Church found the question of the  
support of their official organ one of the prin-  
cipal problems of their recent General Confer-  
ence session. With a membership of about half  
a million, it was found they have only a few  
hundred more than 3,000 cash subscribers. And  
this notwithstanding the fact that they have a  
paper of which to be proud.

Now, think of it, each of these papers must in  
part be supported from the general funds of the  
church or else suspend publication. What does  
it mean? Well, says one, we are poor. Yes, I  
know that, but not so poor but that the member-  
ship of either of these churches can furnish to  
their church paper 10,000 cash subscribers and  
not secure a single one among the really poor  
members.

Again we ask, what does it mean? We get after  
the members and they say the pastor don't—er—  
—; and when we get after the pastors they say  
the members won't—er—; and so it goes. How-  
ever, the fact that we have many pastors and pre-  
siding elders who are interested and remarkably  
successful in securing subscribers, and the fur-  
ther fact that we have reason to believe there are  
hundreds of members to whom it is only neces-  
sary to properly present the matter, leads us to  
calculate that we shall some day reach the goal—  
but when? Meanwhile, let every presiding elder,  
pastor and friend of the race help to so educate  
our people along this line that they may some day  
equal even our German brethren as readers and  
thinkers.

## 'WAS THE VOTE MERELY COMPLIMENTARY?'

Zion's Herald copies what Dr. Bowen told the  
Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting, and comments as  
follows:

"We believe that Dr. Bowen is absolutely cor-  
rect in the opinion which he has expressed. The  
great Methodist Episcopal Church, as a  
whole, is sincerely loyal to its Afro-American  
membership. Indeed, we have never seen the  
hour when that loyalty was so general, so pro-  
nounced, and so determined, as now. There  
have been times, in these later years, when good  
men in the church have deeply questioned what  
would be the outcome of our relationship to the  
Negro, but such instances have been sporadic  
and not representative of any general feeling in  
the denomination. The Methodist Episcopal  
Church is now located relatively in the great  
West, and an ardent and emphatic purpose is  
manifest there to stand by, to appreciate, and to  
honor the black man. This fact was shown  
conclusively at the last General Conference.  
The vote for Dr. Bowen for Bishop was just as

sincere and honest as that cast for any other  
man for that great office. We have not felt  
hitherto that this was true, but we are now  
thoroughly convinced that our Methodism in-  
tends to exalt a Negro to the Episcopacy."

While we have very great respect for any-  
thing Zion's Herald may say on this important  
subject, and while we are much pleased to note  
that the editor of that paper says he is coming  
around all right, we must say the vote for Dr.  
Bowen did not strike us just as it seems to have  
impressed him.

Without doubt there is a growing sentiment in  
our church in favor of providing for the needs of  
our work by the election of a bishop of African  
descent, but that sentiment is not yet strong  
enough to have secured any considerable part of  
the vote to which we refer, otherwise than com-  
plimentary. We believe positively that there  
were a number of white brethren in the General  
Conference who think the time has come when a  
colored man should be elected to the episcopacy;  
and perhaps they voted accordingly, but we have  
no more thought that all the brethren who so  
voted believed as they voted, than we have that  
all who voted for any of the other candidates  
really expected or desired their election.

Under such circumstances as surrounded us  
there men are actuated by various motives which  
all intelligent men understand, hence we need  
not enumerate; but you may rest assured that  
the desire or hope to elect a colored man secured  
a very small part of the vote given Dr. Bowen.  
The only ballot on which we even dared hope for  
an election was the first.

Perhaps it ought to be said, however, that we  
believe had there been as many as four or five  
bishops to be elected, instead of two, a colored  
man might have secured votes sufficient to elect  
him.

## A MAGNIFICENT RECORD—WHO CAN BEAT IT?

It affords us a great deal of real pleasure to call  
attention to the report attached. The man who  
succeeds in getting our young people to read  
good books and papers deserves the everlasting  
gratitude of all good people. He says:

"We have distributed eighteen of 'Uncle  
Tom's Cabin,' thirty-six Bibles, and taken ten  
yearly subscriptions for the Southwestern this  
year, and are still trying to put good literature in  
the hands of the people. Yours for the South-  
western,  
C. L. Johnson,  
Central Alabama Conference, Marion, Ala."

We take the following from the Western  
Christian Advocate. It may seem cruel, but Dr.  
Moore actually desires to have all the American  
people blind. The fact that there are some in the  
condition he covets for all, would seem to indi-  
cate that the attainment is possible. May the  
infirmity continue to spread. He says:

The Independent says that a Colored young  
woman, S. Elizabeth Frazier, has been appointed  
teacher of a school in New York, all the pupils  
of which are white, and that she is very much  
loved by them. The only blindness we covet for  
the American people is color blindness.

Ex-Gov. Wm. E. Russell, one of the leading  
Democrats of this country, and who was three  
times Governor of Massachusetts, was found dead  
in his bed in a fishing camp July 16th. He was  
only 39 years of age.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE MONEY QUESTION.

From the beginning of civilization it has been necessary for mankind to have some dealing with one another, and this dealing must, to a very great extent, be carried on through a medium called money.

As I understand it, money is a medium of exchange regardless of the condition or character of those who handle it, and a final measure of value in payment of debts. The great question now is, what is best to use for this medium and measure of value? It seems most logical that the substance which is to measure value should itself have intrinsic value. It also seems logical that the available substance that has most intrinsic value should be selected. That which is used as final money should be worth as much without a certain mark or stamp upon it as it is with it; and the stamp should simply indicate its true value. All civilized nations have long since concluded that gold and silver are the best substances to be used for money, but at present, the people of this country are divided as to how these metals shall be used—whether they shall use both, coined free at the ratio of 16 to 1, or whether they shall make gold the standard and measure silver by it.

Unless there be some way to control the supply of the two metals, it is impossible to coin them free and maintain a parity between them. Supply and demand have always controlled the prices, not only of gold and silver, but of all products.

This country, in 1792, adopted the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 15 to 1, and tried it without any very great change until 1873, except in 1834 the ratio was changed to 16 to 1, and in 1837 to 15.98 to 1, and also in 1853, when the free coinage of the minor pieces of silver was discontinued. During this whole time between 1792 and 1873, there is not a single period when the commercial ratio of these two metals remained the same for any three years in succession; or, in other words, there is not a single period of three years in succession when the relative values of these two metals were what this country said they were.

Nearly every civilized nation has tried the free coinage of silver and gold at some ratio, and nearly all have failed to make it practicable, and have changed to the gold standard or restricted the coinage of silver. England tried it between 1663 and 1717; France and the other Latin countries tried it and could not maintain a parity between the two metals; and all the attempts that the leading nations of the world have made at free coinage of two different metals at any ratio have proved impracticable. It does seem unwise for this country to adopt the free coinage of silver in the face of the futile attempts of the other great nations, and even in the face of its own failure.

When the United States adopted the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 15 to 1, the actual commercial ratio was 15.17 to 1. In 1834, when the coinage ratio was changed to 16 to 1, the commercial ratio was 15.73 to 1, and in 1837, when the coinage ratio was again changed to 15.98 to 1, the commercial ratio was 15.83 to 1. Any one may find by carefully searching the records that there has been an effort all along, except in recent years, to keep the legal and commercial ratios as nearly as possible the same, but the supply and demand of these two metals have been irregular and their relative value has necessarily been the same. At present, the commercial ratio of gold to silver is 32 to 1, and still it is maintained that the mints of this country should be thrown open to the free coinage of the two metals at the ratio of 16 to 1.

However difficult this question of money may seem, any unbiased mind can understand without much study that if the commercial ratio of gold to silver be 32 to 1 and the metals be coined at a ratio of 16 to 1, the silver dollar will be worth only 50 cents in actual value.

If there was ever any logic in the free coinage of two metals used as standard money, adopted by any nation alone, it was from the fact that the legal and commercial ratios were about the same. If 371 grains of pure silver be worth 23 grains of pure gold when they have the stamp of the government upon them, they should be worth the same when the stamp is off; but under a free coinage law of 16 to 1, take the government stamp off, and the 371 grains of silver are worth only about 12 grains of gold; thus it is plain that the government stamp in one place arbitrarily declares the value of silver 50 per cent more than it really is, and in another place it declares the value of gold 50 per cent less than it really is.

In the first place, is it reasonable or just for any authority to take 50 cents' worth of silver and make people accept it as being worth 100 cents? Or can it be expected that any one who has 23 grains of pure gold worth twice as much as 371 grains of pure silver, in bullion, to have his gold coined into dollars when the 23 grains of gold would be worth only 371 grains of silver, just half what it was worth in bullion? These are exactly the conditions that would exist with free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 with the present commercial ratio of 32 to 1.

The adoption of free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would simply mean that gold would go out of circulation, and that this country would change to a silver standard with our money actually worth one-half its face value; and this would be a false statement upon all of our silver money, for the face value of money should represent its real value, but this would not be a fact with free silver at 16 to 1. Further, the adoption of free silver at the proposed ratio means that we are either to stop trading with the gold standard countries or pay these countries two dollars for one when there is a money transaction.

It has been suggested in support of free silver that our obligations to gold standard countries do not necessarily have to be paid in gold, but simply in coin. Granting that fact, it does not help the case any, for if we pay all our foreign obligations in silver, we can not make the foreign countries allow more for our silver than it is really worth, which is 50 cents for every 371 grains. Still under free coinage, these countries could send the same 371 grains of silver back to us and we would be compelled to allow them 100 cents for the amount. It is also stated that free coinage will make money more plentiful. This is entirely untrue, for, in the first place, it would deprive this country of the \$577,182,702 gold coin it now has, which would have to be replaced by silver. The total silver product of the world in 1894 was \$105,757,300, and if the United States could get all the silver produced in the world, it would take at least five years to replace the gold money which the free silver would drive out. Even if money should become more plentiful in consequence of free coinage, it is a fact that this abundance of money would be cheaper, and always as the value of money goes down the value of other things goes up, and even this would strike the working class first and hardest, for wages are generally the last to go up.

The free coinage of gold and silver at any ratio except the commercial ratio (real ratio) is, impracticable, adopted by any nation alone.

As long as the leading nations of the world maintain the gold standard and

there can be no international agreement on money, it will be necessary to restrict silver, and not only restrict it, but it must be used as secondary or credit money, simply a medium of exchange as checks, notes, etc., and not a measure of value.

J. I. Lane.

Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

## COLORED BISHOPS IN THE M. E. CHURCH.

Now that our General Conference is over and we have no colored bishop elected, some of the white churches are rejoicing and saying we will never have one. Some of the colored churches are renewing their old cry to lead the ignorant—"white boss." I met an A. M. E. presiding elder the other day, with his men around him, who said, "The Bowen votes were complimentary and only that, but his election was never intended."

We are in the M. E. church to stay, but what is the chief aim of this or any other Christian church? Is it just to keep up an organization to give occupation to a few office-seekers who go around as a set of shrewd politicians forming rings for election to the bishopric and even stooping to low cliques after they are elected that are beneath the dignity of any Christian, or is it the salvation of souls? If we are to judge from the letter published in the Freeman of June 6th, from some reports of the A. M. E. General Conference and from the way they are still fighting on the office question, we must say that they have lost sight of soul-saving and, think the chief aim of Christianity is to give office to a set of tricksters.

But why should either of these churches keep watching us on this point? It is this: The M. E. church South left us on account of the slave question, and now that that is settled, they can come back if they wish, and perhaps will, if the Negro will get out. They are watching every movement of our church to see which way the Negro is going. They think he might be set apart and given his own bishops, just as they did the C. M. E. brethren. Thus the way would be opened for them to come home again. Some try to get us out by telling us that the old mother church will never give us anything worth having. Some thought when they set the C. M. E. brethren apart and gave them their own bishops that the M. E. church would do the same and the way would be opened for union. But not so. That was no honor to the C. M. E. brethren, but simply meant that the man who was loved and carried on in the church as a slave could not be endured as a free brother. Thus he was set apart to get him out of the way.

Now, since they see that the true spirit of the old mother is to love all of her children, regardless of color, they are losing hope of ever entering the old home again.

Yes, sir, the Bowen votes were complimentary, and more; they showed the real spirit of the M. E. church. The A. M. E. brethren left us, they say, because of ill treatment on the color line, but even if they were ill treated in some special locality, they ought to see by this time that it was a personal mistreatment and not the real spirit of the church. The M. E. church has faced the whole world on this line. They have no need to stand out now except they see the Christian church as an organization to furnish office and think that they would not be able to buy them all back again. Bishop Payne, of the A. M. E. church, and all of his class are about gone, and the stand they took on the great moral questions seems to be quite forgotten.

We have great need to be very careful on the colored bishop question. We received one brother from another church, put him through school, made him presi-

dent of one of our colleges, conferred high honors upon him, and were even talking him up for the bishopric. But where is he to-day? Another brother, in 1891, a member of our own church, was helped through school on our educational money, then made his plans with Bishop Gaines two months before he graduated to quit us and join the A. M. E. church, however he denied it to both teachers and class mates.

These are two illustrations of the kind that the M. E. church must be on its guard against in electing colored bishops. We want a colored bishop, but one that will show himself trustworthy and is able to represent the great M. E. Church that has stood many storms and dropped many unsound limbs. Let us pay no attention to pretended friends who are so anxious for us to have a colored bishop. They have nothing so good as the old mother church to give us, and are not seeking our real good.

C. L. Johnson.

Marion, Ala.

## SET THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FREE.

By A. B. Leonard, D. D.

The debt of the Missionary Society is a burden from which it should be set free immediately. Its fetters are galling and it retards all missionary operations. No matter how great the opportunity for an aggressive movement, the debt forbids and its voice must be obeyed. Missionaries are waiting to obey the Master's command, "Go," but the debt says stay, and its mandate cannot be disregarded. Thousands in pagan lands are asking for admission to the church and for instruction in Christian doctrine, but the debt keeps the door of the church closed against them and consigns them to the unspeakable ignorance and gloom of heathenism.

Shall this debt of \$220,000 be permitted to hold the society in leash, or shall it be cancelled and the society be set free? The ministry and membership of the church alone can issue a proclamation of emancipation. If all Methodists will do their part on July 26th the debt will be paid and the Missionary Society will be no longer in bondage.

Doubtless many church members will be absent from their accustomed places of worship on Debt Paying Day, but absence will not excuse them from contributing. All absentees should send to their pastors, or to some one in the church to which they belong, their contributions prior to the 26th inst. Every one who can afford to be absent from home enjoying a vacation, a pleasure excursion or a summer resort, can afford to make a special and a very liberal offering. Let our nearly 3,000,000 Methodists line up for once and show their fidelity to the cause of Christ by providing for the advancement of His kingdom.

The news that reaches the office is encouraging. The purpose to wipe out the debt is widespread and ought to become universal. No loyal Methodist who has the means will fail to respond.

New York.

Major McKinley is paying the penalty of being the center of a great host of admirers. It was his custom, before his nomination, to spend part of the day in his garden with a hoe in his hands, but since he has been placed at the head of the ticket of the Republican party, visitors have thronged from every State in the Union, and plucked every potato blossom and branch, and cabbage plant, until the garden is picked clean to furnish relics and souvenirs. Even the fence around the house is being badly demoralized.—Northern.

When any one has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense can not reach it.—Descartes.

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### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

Dear Brethren:—Let every dollar of the benevolent apportionment be reported in this round as collected and sent off. Push the revival work. Carry the Southwestern into every home on your work. Give particular attention to my special letter. The Forest City District Conference convenes at Mariemba, Ark., August 26, 1896.

J. W. Jackson, P. E.

### NOTICE.

Ocean Springs, Miss., July 13, 1896.—The great Gulf Coast camp meeting will commence Thursday, August 13, 1896. All are cordially invited. Accommodations ample. All those attending the camp meeting should get certificates at their starting point when purchasing tickets, and present them to the secretary at the camp ground, and they will be returned at reduced rates. Call for round trip ticket to the camp ground.

J. M. Shumpert, P. E.

### RALLY DAY AT ROSENEATH.

Last Sabbath, June 28th, was a high day on Roseneath Circuit for Wesley Chapel Church. The effort was to pay a debt of long standing upon the church. The collection reached the remarkable sum of \$340.65, and this twenty-five miles in the country. Rev. N. N. Sidney, the pastor, made a high mark as an energetic and enthusiastic leader of church and people. Success, being his worthy motto; he leads to victory with comparative ease. Rev. J. L. Wilson, principal of Meridian Academy, preached the sermon of the day. It was a master piece of pulpit oratory, stirring the great heart of the audience and carrying it at will. The man and sermon will be long remembered to the good of those who heard him. The faithful class-leaders made themselves a worthy example to all others, by raising the amount opposite their names, as follows: S. T. Thomas, \$4.75; J. C. Martin, \$5.05; M. B. Blackwell, \$5.00; Wm. Lonzie, \$2.20; H. Brown, \$3.50; H. C. Cade, \$1.20; N. Noble, \$7.20. Good! Let others go on likewise.

### NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the West Tennessee District: Please come to Wilderville, Tenn. We hope all will be there the first day and not later than the second, as all arrangements will be made to carry you out. The Conference will be at Mt. Pleasant. Brethren, be on hand the first day if possible.

T. S. Miller, P. C.

The cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food. Not that it is more important, but is often harder to get. The best rest comes from sound sleep. One hour of profound sleep is more refreshing than a whole night of dreamy sleep. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, peevishness, uneasiness. It will build up and make strong a weary body. It will go far to cure dyspepsia. It will relieve the languor and prostration. It will cure hypochondria. It will cure headache. It will cure neuralgia, and help cure a broken spirit. It will help cure sorrow.—Omaha Advocate.

### THE WHOLE FIELD.

L. W. Price, P. C., Bay St. Louis, Miss.: St. Paul Church is alive both spiritually and financially. Since May 2nd, we have built a new parsonage, paid for \$35 worth of furniture, and, in the rally for the parsonage, collected \$56.75. Our next effort will be to change the tower and paint the church.

B. J. Goff, Fort Worth, Tex., (box 550). Dear Brethren: Remember the Dallas District will hold her District Conference at Fort Worth, and we hope all the delegates will come and be on hand on the 29th of July. We would have said more about the Conference, but we have been trying to build. Failing to get the aid promised in time, we cannot build until after the conference. We are now making ready to have it pleasant for all that will come. Brethren, prepare yourselves and come armed to do good work.

L. W. Mosely, P. C., Grenada Circuit, Miss.: My second quarterly conference was held June 13-14th. Reports show great improvement along all lines. The elder preached a good sermon. Paid P. E., \$10, and P. C., \$40; raised on missions, \$5. Total, \$55.

P. E. Coleman, P. C., Pelahatchie, Miss.: When I came here the paper was not taken and it was difficult to get them to take it, but they are coming to like it. I shall endeavor to send you the full number asked for on the work. (That is right, push the canvass, Bro. Coleman. Ed.)

R. Howze, P. C., Mt. Jordan Circuit, Enterprise, Miss.: My second quarter was held June 27th, with P. E., A. M. Trotter in the chair. Reports from the officers showed success; 73 took the sacrament. The elder preached one of his sermons which filled the house with joy. Elder Trotter is the right man in the right place. Collection, \$18. While the elder and I were resting at night, a storm came upon us with many good things for the pastor and wife. Mount Jordan Circuit is alive; Southwestern carefully looked after; will try to fill my pledge.

J. H. Thompson, P. C., Rayne and Crowley Mission, La.: Our work is growing nicely. We have had a glorious revival which closed with eight converts. We had a grand baptizing in which we baptized six. Revs. A. H. Bank, H. King and J. L. Augustus rendered valuable assistance. We found only two members here; but, thank God, we have gained twelve more. We need a church building. I wish to ask all the pastors and members of the Louisiana Conference to help us in this hard field. All we need in Rayne is a church and the people are here to join us. We earnestly ask all the P. E.'s also to help us out to build an M. E. Church in this place. Our Sunday school numbers 48. Children's Day was carried out nicely. The Southwestern is never forgotten. Friends desiring to send us some aid can send it by money order. We humbly ask all who read this article to send us aid, please. Dear brethren, help me out; you know this is a hard place. We are trusting in the Lord.

Wm. Harrison, Pleasant Hill, La.: On July 7th the parsonage was visited at a

late hour by members and friends, who stormed us with a lot of presents of all kinds—pounds of every description, large and small were brought in and were received gladly. I kindly ask them to call again. The band of liberal givers was headed by Sisters Ellen Taylor and Luvenia Bishop. Many thanks to Mr. N. C. Gibbs and W. D. Gooch, merchants of this place, for their liberal gifts also. Call again friends.

J. E. Bryant, Marshall, Tex., writes: The thirtieth anniversary of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Marshall, Tex., was celebrated four nights—June 24, 25, 26, and 27. Amount realized, \$53.70 for the benefit of the new church. We now commence a revival, and hope to accomplish much good in that respect. The Southwestern shall receive my hearty support.

J. Gordon McPherson, Ocean Springs Circuit: Our second quarterly conference convened in the Bethel M. E. Church, West Pascogoula, Miss., on the 1st inst. Our worthy P. E., Dr. J. M. Shumpert, was on time and preached an able sermon, and administered the sacrament to a large number of persons. The occasion will long be remembered by these good people. The conference opened by electing Bro. J. Gordon McPherson, (who was formerly of the Baptist Church) secretary. The pastor, Rev. W. McNeil, showed his work to be in a very prosperous condition, both spiritually and financially. Collections were, P. E., \$6.15; P. C., \$61.25. Children's Day, \$10. The class-leader, Old Father Moses Nesbit, made a good report. The conference adjourned to meet at Scranton, Miss.

A. Harris, Asbury Chapel, Bodeau, La.: Our presiding elder, Rev. H. James, was on time. He called the second quarterly conference to order at 3 o'clock p. m. A. Harris, secretary. Rev. H. T. O. Abbott, from Adam Chapel, was with us. The conference was a grand one and was held the 4th of July. Reports show the church is spiritually alive, and financially as well. Presiding Elder James did not forget the grand old Southwestern Christian Advocate, and advised the members to take the paper. Sunday, the 15th, Elder preached a soul stirring sermon. See the collection for District quarterage, \$54.11; benevolent collection, \$19; other purposes, \$35.51.

Our last District Conference was held at West Point, Miss., and as the secretary will report as much of it as necessary, I shall only speak in this brief article of our church at West Point, of which Rev. J. W. Wimbush is pastor. An unfortunate split occurred in our church there about ten years ago, since which we have been very weak as a church at West Point, and, but for the untiring energy and prayers of a faithful few, it is doubtful whether we would to-day have a church there. Brother Wimbush was appointed to and became pastor of it about eighteen months ago, environed by circumstances that were discouraging and even disheartening; but, none of those things moved him from the Christian purpose to revive the M. E. Church at West Point, and the result is that we have there now a revived consolidated membership, the church under his labors having improved numerically—financially and spiritually. But I desire, earnestly, to speak of our present home of worship at West Point. Heretofore it was a very sorry building, its form and style very poor, and its roof so flat that it was feared that a heavy snow would sink it to the floor; but, our faithful young brother, the pastor, determined last year that should he be returned, a more stylish neat and complete house of worship should appear to the credit of the M. E. Church at West Point, and, pursuant to that resolve, he and his faithful people, who never fail to move when he says come, engaged in that work in April; and the result is that we have almost an entirely new house of worship at West Point. It is changed from the old, poor style to that of a modern church, so that it is one of the neatest and most complete structures in the Aberdeen District; the ceiling of the latest mechanical skill; the tower a thing of beauty. The church is a credit to West Point Methodism, all at a cost of \$350. The people feared that that work would prevent their supporting their faithful pastor, as they felt it their duty to do; but he relieved them by the proposition that if they would feed him, the work should go on; and the result is as above stated. And the people are now expressing the hope that their pastor, brother and friend shall be continued with them as long as the law allows; but, especially, till they shall be able to do that for him that it is in their Christian heart to do.

H. R. Revels.

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### BRO. KIRK IS SHUT IN BY SMALL-POX.

Stevenson, Ala., July, 1896.—Dear Editor: Permit me to say that when I first assumed my appointment here, I determined to make this conference year one of success. I found that our people here ignored all selfishness, was benevolent and full of plans for the benefit of the church, and were actively at work to make them effective. Having planned the circuit for this year, we did well, and the work was spiritually alive. At the time of the first quarterly conference a case of small-pox broke out in the town, from a railroad man. The alderman, and other officers thought it best to have him and his family guarded, to prevent its spreading over town, which was at once put into execution. Several of the members of his family were taken; only one died. The small-pox lasted for two months. During the two months we held services at the church with small congregations. The small-pox finally ceased and the excitement passed over. But, to the surprise both of officers and citizens, on the 7th of June, it broke out in another family of this town, whose home is about 100 yards from our church. On examination, it was found that it had been concealed among them for three weeks, and four of them were at the time sick. By some means arrangements were made by which the A. M. E. Church was used for a pest-house, it being on the suburb of the town. So the four sick young men of the above mentioned family were taken there. Two of them died in a few days. Later on, Miss Ellen Robinson, a daughter of the family, who had just returned from school, was taken with the disease, carried to the above mentioned place, and died on the 3rd inst. We have two new cases now, each in different families. So we are here quarantined and don't know how long that will last. But, I have set to my seal that God is true, that He can't make a mistake, nor do a wrong thing. Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. Brethren, remember me in your prayers.—Yours for the Master, B. S. Kirk, P. C.

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Be sure to read the article on "The Money Question," by Prof. J. I. Lane, one of the teachers at Wiley University. And, too, be sure to read what we say in another column regarding "A work of art given away." Every preacher, and for that matter everyone, who believes in the sentiment—the world for Christ—should secure a copy of Bishop Taylor's book and his photo as well.

While we cannot quite see what Bro. Johnson is driving at just at this time in his article on the Bishop Question, we publish it anyway, for we never want the time to come while we edit this paper that the brethren will not feel free to express themselves through its columns, even though we may not endorse their sentiments.

Before we came to this office we thought we could read any kind of writing that had hitherto been invented; in fact, we thought we would do for a postmaster. But we give it up! However, the above will explain why some things sent us do not appear in the paper. Sorry, but cannot possibly help it. Brethren, we really want to publish what you send, but you must write so we and the printer can understand it.

Now, brethren, you know how zealously and jealously we guard the doors of our conferences against transfers; we say we do not need them, we can do the work. Let me tell you the only way to keep them out without injuring anyone, is to get right down to studying. Our best churches will demand transfers unless we are fully prepared to master the situation.

We published last week the first letter from our regular Washington Conference correspondent, "Uno." Our purpose is to have a letter of the kind from each of our border conferences once or twice per month, in order that our readers may know what is going on in all parts of our work.

Our people in Houston, Tex., are preparing to hold an Afro-American Fair, beginning August 22nd, and their agents are canvassing the State for exhibits. We see no reason why these agents should not meet with a hearty response, for, without any doubt, the colored people are able to make a fine display.

The Associated Press dispatches tell us that last week a young white woman at Brinkley, Ark., who was assailed by a vicious Negro, drew a revolver and shot and fatally wounded him.

We desire to say if this case be as reported, there is not a self-respecting Negro in this whole country but that will say all honor to the woman, white or colored, who has sufficient nerve to thus protect her virtue when assailed. We trust our women may follow her example when assaulted by the same class of white scoundrels.

Occasionally we hear a minister relating in a complaining way what he has done for the church. But we never hear that class of persons speak of anything the church has done for them. They seem to desire to convey the impression that all the credits are in their favor. Now, brethren, be honest; what has God, through the church, done for you? It would be well to consider that when you were converted you said you were called to preach; some said not, but you insisted you were. You went at it and your very limited success has caused many to say since, they thought you were mistaken in the call, and yet you stick to it and keep complaining. The fact is you have accomplished very little for the church. Meanwhile, what has the church done for you? It saved you and made you the honored one among many. It gives you a support

which, though not the best, you might well ask how much better it would be were you at some, thing else. At any rate the church has done much for you, and if you cannot do your work cheerfully you had better surrender your commission.

#### BUILD HIM A NONUMENT WHILE HE LIVES!

Dr. Hartzell established the Southwestern Christian Advocate more than a quarter of a century ago, and it and everything else with which he has been connected, has been in some way devoted to the interests of the colored man. Now let us turn to and make this paper self-supporting that it may be a great and living monument to this man who has taken a final step by dedicating the remainder of his life to the Negro Race. What do you think of it, brethren?

#### A NEGRO PHYSICIAN'S NEW DEPARTURE.

Dr. G. J. Starnes, San Antonio, Tex., one of the most gifted sons of Meharry Medical College, has established in that city the College Infirmary, and, according to the reports of the local newspapers, it gives promise of very great success. The doctor proposes to make this a great sanitarium, especially for those who suffer from pulmonary difficulties. San Antonio is a noted resort for this class of persons anyway, and we are sure that when such a one has in addition the care of the most skilled physicians the city affords his chances for life are greatly increased. While Dr. Starnes was attending the General Conference he arranged with the Woman's Home Missionary Society for trained nurses.

#### NOW IT IS FREE COINAGE.

Whether the Democratic party believed in freeing the slaves in this country or not, it certainly believes in free things now. A few years ago it went before the country as favoring free trade, but now since it is not popular to say much about that, they are advocating something else free.

The free coinage of silver will bring, we are told, prosperity and plenty. Many Democrats and Republicans, too, say they do not believe it. But whether there is a sufficient number to prevent its being tried we cannot now say. Ordinarily we can tell how an election in these parts is going before it takes place, but this time the counting is to be done North as well as South.

#### IS IT CONTAGIOUS?

Rev. J. A. Tircuit, Shreveport, La., rejoices in the advent of a son, and Rev. J. E. Bryant, Marshall, Tex., is happy because his is a girl. They live just 40 miles apart. I wonder if it's contagious? They are both happy!

#### SHE WOULD QUIT HIM RIGHT AWAY!

While addressing the people on the 19th of June, we stated that there were many of our men who would fight and sometimes even murder a man for calling them a liar, who, when their sister or wife might be grossly insulted, would simply say: "Yes, I bound she was doing or saying something she had no business to."

A good old sister, who had been giving very close attention, jumped to her feet and said: "Yes-and-if-he-was-my-husband, right dar I'd quit him!"

It is needless to say she brought down the house.

We feel greatly flattered and delighted to have the assistance of some of the prominent educators who have written us they will join our Brush College faculty. If our students do not improve it will be their fault.

In New York and Philadelphia the health authorities are trying to stop people from spitting so much in public places. They claim it is not only filthy, but breeds disease.

An irate female seeks admittance to the editor's sanctum. "But I tell you, madam," protests the clerk, "that the editor is too busy to talk to any one to-day." "Never mind; you let me in. I'll do the talking."—Tit-Bits.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. E. W. Osborne, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue church, gave us a call.

Rev. M. P. Franklin, pastor at West Baton Rouge, called in to see us this week. His work is prospering.

Rev. I. C. Clemmons, A. M., has been appointed pastor at Natchitoches, La., as successor to Rev. G. W. Wells, A. M., deceased.

Rev. S. E. H. Morant, P. E., writes us that Rev. C. Johnson's subject for the District Conference is, "Christian Education."

Rev. E. E. Makiel, of the A. M. E. church, whom we have known in other days, called to see us. He and family are domiciled at 2005 Conti street.

Rev. Wm. Porter, our pastor at Gretna, just across the river, rides a wheel. Sometimes things are a little hard, but he thinks they are fair.

Eaton & Mains have just shipped to South Africa 1,000 copies of "The Story of My Life," by Bishop Taylor. Think of it—to Africa! Let us take a few down here.

Rev. R. N. Jones, pastor at Heidelberg, Miss., and a faithful worker for the Southwestern, called in to see us as he was en route to the District Conference at Pearlinton, Miss.

Whenever Rev. T. J. Johnson drops in we know he has just married a couple or else he has another subscriber for the Southwestern. We like to have him come.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend a public reception to Bishop J. C. Hartzell, at our St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, on the 22d inst. Rev. Dr. E. Lyon, pastor. We regret our inability to be present.

In a note from Rev. F. Parker, D. D., we learn that his wide awake membership of the Mt. Vernon church, Houston, Tex., will make their final effort, 20th-27th inst., to free their magnificent edifice from debt. His pastorate at this church has been one grand triumphal march.

We learn from an exchange that the University of Virginia has conferred the degree of D. D. on one of its colored graduates, Prof. Henderson, of Straight University, New Orleans.

Prof. Olin A. Curtis, D. D., has been elected professor of systematic theology in Drew Theological Seminary, this occasioned by the death of Dr. Miley some time since.

We are glad to learn from a number of our exchanges that Bishop A. Grant, of the A. M. E. church, is astonishing the natives in the first district, to which he was recently assigned by the General Conference. The first district embraces the Philadelphia, New York and New England Conferences. The bishop has many friends down South, who are proud of his success.

Dr. Young, of the Central, reports that our German Congregation in St. Louis lost their church during the severe storm that swept over that city. Not only so, but they lost their homes too, and he asks assistance for them in rebuilding the church. Dr. Barth, their pastor, is a most excellent man, and we are sure he and his afflicted people deserve the assistance of even the readers of this paper. We should be much gratified to have our people respond to this cry of distress as cheerfully and liberally as they possibly can. Take a collection and forward to Dr. J. B. Young, No. 1505 Locust street, St. Louis, Mo.

One of the most interesting characters in the church is the man who spends so much time watching the pastor and keeping him straight that he loses sight of himself altogether. He is constantly on the lookout for some short-coming or mistake of the pastor. He doesn't do much to support the church—in fact, he doesn't seem to think that necessary. He is engaged with more important affairs. He tells the pastor who are the proper men for offices, and who are not. He tells the presiding elder just when the pastor ought to be moved. In fact, he knows about everything and everybody except himself. He is all right.

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## ATTENTION!

As "Tered, we sent on July 8th a copy of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" to every yearly subscriber that came in during the first week in July. Now we will send a Methodist Year Book to every yearly subscriber received in the first week in August. Subscribers also get the Epworth calendar.

## A DISTRICT MEETING.

In First Street Church, July 16, 1896, was held a district meeting. The Rev. P. Landry, P. E., was chairman of said meeting. The meeting was opened by singing, and then the Rev. S. Priestly led in prayer. On motion the Rev. D. J. Price, A. B., was elected secretary. The chief object of the meeting was to discuss and recommend the equitable plan of the Missionary apportionments to the pastor of the district. After which, on motion of the Rev. W. R. Butler, all present, viz.: Revs. Landry, Priestly, Hilton, Walker, Monroe, Butler, Price and Hubbard, organized the South New Orleans District Preachers' Meeting. The following constitute the officers: Rev. P. Landry, P. E., president; Rev. W. R. Butler, vice-president; Rev. D. J. Price, A. B., secretary; Rev. F. Walker, assistant secretary; Rev. S. Priestly, treasurer; Rev. Prof. B. M. Hubbard, A. M. B. D., reporter. The meetings of said organization are monthly. Monthly fees, per member, 10 cents.

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After exercise or any muscular exertion the body is apt to be not moist but wet, and, for obvious reasons, should be sponged dry. This may be a matter of a quart of water and five minutes' time or less. It is, however, the price of personal refinement. During hot weather it is not possible to keep clean and cool with less than four baths a day—one for each meal and one to grow on, as the children say. The bath before going to bed is a problem. Medical men differ as to the relative values, but all agree that sleep will be all the sweeter if the sleeper is clean. At least two hours should be given the dinner for digestion, and even then it is unfair to cut off the blood supply by stepping into even warm water.—Omaha Advocate.

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## REPORTS FROM "CHILDREN'S DAY."

T. J. Clinton, pastor, Aimwell Mission: Our Children's Day is over. We had a grand time, though the program was not carried out in full; but, much good was done. Collection, \$7; and on the same day took one subscription for the Southwestern. On Sunday night, we had love feast, and there were many testified for Christ. A large crowd came forward to be prayed for; the Holy Ghost was upon us.

W. G. Deas, P. C.; Children's Day has been observed at all my churches, with good results. The children did well. St. James is a church in the mountains, but they acted as though they were in the city. The teachers had all done good work and trained the scholars to perfection.

H. R. Irby, P. C., Clinton, Miss.: Children's Day was a grand day here. We carried out the program just as laid down. Miss Sarah A. Holly is our organist, and the music was excellent. Mr. Harvey Holly and Miss Sarah Griggsby took the collection, \$6. Mr. Wardell Henderson, commander-in-chief.

A. W. Porter, P. C., Caplesville, Tenn.: Tennessee Conference, Memphis Circuit: I wish to announce through your paper that we observed Children's Day by carrying out the program prepared by the Board of Education. After which Miss Georgia Patton, M. D., of Memphis, delivered an address to the congregation. There were quite a large number in attendance. We raised for the Board of Education \$15, clear of all expenses and \$4 for pastor.

Etta E. Lee, assistant secretary, Bastrop, La.: I write this to the readers of the Southwestern Advocate. We carried out our Children's Day on the 12th inst. at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church. Rev. A. B. Venable, P. C. The program was one long to be remembered as it was interesting to both hearers and speakers. A very good collection was taken. I am a member and assistant secretary of the school and take great interest in the work.

Louis A. Harris, superintendent River-Chapel, Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference: Our exercise on the 14th of June in Children's Day was the grandest occasion ever witnessed in Sykes Mills, Ala. We used the program prepared by Dr. Payne, and, in every respect, it was successfully carried out. The collection was \$8.26. Quarterly Conference, held on the 27th and 28th, was another feast for Christian people. Rev. E. Frazier, of Sylowawga, preached two able sermons, and took up a collection of \$10.36. We are in better spirits now than we have been for a long while.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMS.

Program of literary exercises of the Rome District Conference of the Atlanta Conference, to be held at Douglassville, Ga., August 6, 1896: To preach the opening sermon, W. C. Bryant; Spiritual Condition of the District, E. D. Giddens; Progress and Need of the District, G. W. Matthews; Ministerial Support, H. H. Moulton; Care of Baptized Children, L. W. Coats; Our Benevolent Collections, M. M. Alston; Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, J. D. Lovejoy; the Epworth League, Miss M. B. Hodges; Our Sunday Schools, W. C. Bryant; Exegesis of Mark 1:40-41, L. P. Kimball; The Benefit of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, A. G. Gill; Revivals—how to Conduct Them, A. G. Story; Clark University, Joseph Sams. Others can write on subjects of their own. Five minutes discussion to follow each paper. Drs. D. C. John, M. C. B. Mason, and other distinguished visitors are expected to be present. July 26th is Debt Paying day throughout the churches. Let all pastors rally on that day.

H. R. Allen, P. E.

Program of Huntsville District, Central Alabama Conference, to be held at Decatur, Ala., August 6, 1896: To preach the opening sermon, E. B. McCauley; to preach the Missionary Sermon, A. G. Glenn; a paper on Methodism as a Revival Force, T. H. Ham; Why We Should Support Our Educational Work, S. J. Jordan; Why We Should Support the Southwestern, G. W. Winn; How to Organize Missions, G. Miller; the Relation of Epworth League to the Church, N. H. Speight; Why Local Preachers and Exhorters Should Attend Sunday School, B. S. Kirk; How to raise Benevolent Claims, F. E. Wynn; The Influence and Need of Christian Education, A. W. McKinney; What Can we do to help our Conference School?

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Huntsville, I. Townsend, P. E.; The True Sabbath—the Seventh or the first day of the week, which? A. G. Glenn; Why Ministers should Discourage Sabbath Desecration, Sunday Excursions, etc., E. B. McCauley; Why Local Preachers, Officers and other lay Members should attend District Conference, J. Harper; Why the Officers and other lay Members of the Church should read the Discipline and the Church Papers, G. W. Reeves. Brethren will please write papers to be read on the above subjects.

A. W. McKinney,  
N. H. Speight,  
I. Townsend, P. E.,  
Committee.

The Huntsville, Ala., Public school closed on Friday, the 3rd inst., when the children rendered the following program: Chorus, My Country 'Tis of Thee, by school; Invocation, Rev. E. H. Clark; Recitation, Little Drops of Whisky, Emma Louis; Recitation, A Little Girl's Hope, Olive Johnson; Recitation, Won't and Will, Marie L. Pierre; Chorus, Prohibition is Marching On; Recitation, Olivia Brazier; Recitation, Things I Don't Like to See, Robt. Edmonson; Dialogue, Our Flag, A. and E. Willis; Song, Vote as You Pray, by boys; Recitation, Harry's Arithmetic, Davey Mitchell; Recitation, Sidney Brazier; Recitation, Don't, Hattie E. Cox; Song, Huntsville School; Recitation, Boys' Right, Alexander Kyles; Declamation, Advantages of Education, Sidonie James; Recitation, Valedictory, Estelle Morrell; Dialogue, A. Kyles and S. James; Handkerchief Drill, by the girls; Solo and Chorus, Don't Let the Women Vote, by boys; Address, What is the Colored Man Doing? A. W. Brazier, teacher. The following speakers were introduced and delivered very eloquent speeches: Rev. E. H. Clark, pastor of St. James M. E. Church; Messrs. T. C. Smith, and A. E. C. Morrell, Judge Nimrod Kyles, the efficient superintendent of the St. James Sunday school, was called upon, but owing to the very late hour, kindly declined. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. E. H. Clark.

Prof. A. W. Brazier, Principal.

Shreveport District Conference program, to be held at Vanceville, August 7, 1896: Introductory Sermon, Wednesday night, August 6th, Jno. McKee; Welcome Address, Thursday at 9:30 a. m. Miller, of Vanceville; Missionary Sermon, Friday at 8:30 p. m., J. W. Hudson. The following papers will be read: Mission, by A. Gray; Freedman's Aid and Educational Society, J. W. Hudson; Church Extension Society, James O. Brown; Southwestern Christian Advocate, S. A. Mason; the relation of the Sunday School of to-day to the Church of to-morrow, J. A. Tircuit; the relation of the Epworth League to the Church, G. F. Huntley; Temperance, S. R. Hanson; the relation of the Board of Stewards to the Presiding Elder, P. C. Colton; the Millennium, Simon Mitchell; the Rise and Progress of Methodism in North Louisiana, H. T. O. Abbott; the Haddishins of the Itinerant Ministry, Jas. Robinson; the relation of the "Lafon Old

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Folk's Home" of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Louisiana Conference, Jno. D. Brightop; Division of the Louisiana Conference, Pompey Bibbs; Justification by Faith, Hernandez Daniels; the relation of the Shreveport Academy to the N. O. U., John P. Bayliss; Tact in the Ministry, I. C. Clemmons; Scriptural Authority for Infant Baptism, C. W. Reeves; the Need of an Educated Ministry, W. Scott Chinn; the Need of a Consecrated Ministry, B. M. Hubbard. Local preachers, exhorters and other members of the Conference will please select their own subjects to write. Drs. M. C. B. Mason, secretary Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society; L. G. Adkinson, president, New Orleans University; I. B. Scott, editor Southwestern Christian Advocate; Presiding Elders Duncan and others and pastors of the Louisiana Conference are hereby respectfully invited to attend the Conference.

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## MARRIAGES.

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New Orleans, La.—Mr. Albert Benjamin and Miss E. A. Gleggett, on Monday, July 15th, at the bride's residence in this city. J. J. Johnson officiated.

Jennett, La.—Mr. David Taylor and Miss Leona Nathan, at St. Paul's M. E. Church. J. L. Augustus officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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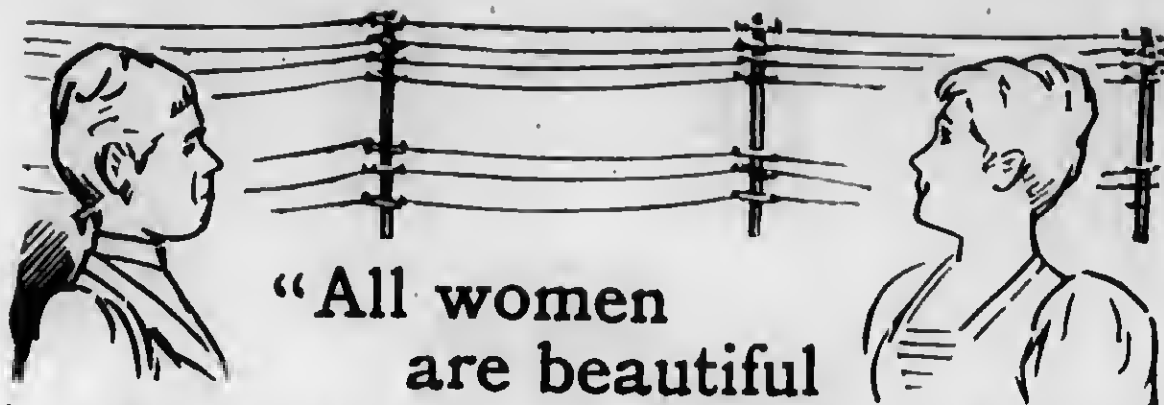
Como Charge—Sister Fannie Laid, a faithful member of the Epworth M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus, July 3d, aged 33 years. She was a member of the church 16 years. She leaves four children and a host of friends to mourn her departure. P. S. Bowie, Pastor.

Amory, Miss—Gov. W. Barlin, son of Rev. J. Barlin, died July 12. He was born March 1, 1864, and died July 13, 1896, aged 2 years 4 months and 12 days. He had been sick all of his life. C. L. Wallis.

Pleasant Hill, Ga.—Sister Amanda Elder the wife of Bro. Randal Elder, a local preacher of Foster Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life, recently. She was a faithful stewardess and a member of the church 30 years. Aged 51 years. She died in the full triumph of faith. She shook hands with her husband and children, and prayed God's blessing upon them. Wm. Harrison, Pastor.

Heidelberg, Miss.—On July 5th, Sister M. E. Abner was burned to death. She was 75 years of age and a member of the M. E. Church for 40 years, and was faithful to her church at all times. R. H. Jones, Pastor.





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## OUR BOOK TABLE.

Splendid work of art given away.—William Taylor, Bishop of America, was 75 years of age on May 2d. During the same month the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Cleveland, declared him "non-effective." In 1888, the publishing agents of the Methodist Book Concern said to him, "Bishop, the Christian people of this country and of the world generally would like to read the story of your life." And the response of the great missionary was, "I have done nothing that the world wants to read about." But the world did want to read about him. From far and near came inquiries for the story of his life and finally he was prevailed upon to write it. It is a unique history of a great career. A record full of inspiration and personal heroism. One of the most soul-stirring narratives of missionary labors ever published. It gives an account of what he has purposed, said and done in his ministry of fifty-four years in Christian lands and among the heathen of four continents. Bishop Taylor tells in his remarkable book of his experience in the streets and along the wharves of San Francisco, in the rough mining camps, and criminal towns of Australia, in the wilds of Zululand and Kaffraria, in the ancient cities and along the rivers of India, in the West Indies and South America, and in the untrodden pathways of Africa. It should be said that during the life of Bishop Taylor he has been so thoroughly unselfish as to not let up a dollar for himself. He will receive from the Missionary Society a stipend or pension, such as the government would pay to an old soldier; but, this amount will not be sufficient to support him comfortably in his old age; therefore, every one who purchases a copy, of his book will also contribute to the sustenance of this man who for more than fifty years has given himself to the cause of God and humanity. A few days before Bishop Taylor was declared "non-effective" one of the publishers requested him to sit for his portrait, and to write on his birthday at the bottom of it the following inscription: "William Taylor, Bishop of Africa, 75 years of age, May 2, 1896." The publishers have had the portrait finished in photography. The size of the portrait is 8x9. It is as near perfect as we have ever seen a picture of this kind. It represents the aged hero as he appeared at the recent General Conference. A copy of this standard likeness, on plate paper, 12x15 inches is sent free with every copy of the book. The picture will be to the family possessing it a touching reminder of the Greatest Missionary of the age. The Story of My Life, is a royal octavo volume of 750 pages; is handsomely and profusely illustrated, more than 100 of the illustrations being drawn by the famous American artist, Frank Beard. The publishers will send it, prepaid with the portrait to any part of the world on receipt of price. In fine silk cloth, \$3; half morocco, \$4; full morocco, \$5. Address Eaton & Mains, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

A curious result has come about through the present fad of poster collecting. Many dealers sell the posters and often at a higher price than the periodicals they advertise. The publishers of Scribner's Magazine, as an experi-

ment, have had a poster designed by Will H. Low especially for collectors, reproduced expensively in fac simile of the original. They believe it to be the most beautiful and elaborate poster ever issued.

Beginning with 1889 Scribner's Magazine has annually published a Fiction Number that has been remarkable for the number of famous stories that have first made their appearance in it. The August issue of this year will fully sustain this reputation. There will be six short stories, a comedietta, and several popular illustrated articles.

The August number of The Season appears with beauty and usefulness. Seasonable and dainty designs suitable for every occasion. Children's dress is an especial feature of The Season, showing many pretty illustrations that mothers will find useful and beautiful. Yearly, \$3.50; single copies, 30 cents.—The International News Company.

The August number of Harper's will contain the first part of a new serial story by Mark Twain, entitled "Tom Sawyer, Detective"; a paper on "The White Mr. Longfellow," by W. D. Howells; "Peeps into Barbary," by J. E. Budgett Menkin, formerly editor of the Times of Morocco; "Two Marmos from Muddlety," "Miss Maria's Revival," by Sarah Barnwell Elliott; and the regular editorial departments. It is a splendid number.

The Democratic Convention at Chicago will be fully discussed, and important articles on the war in Cuba may be expected in Harper's Weekly during this month.

The successive August numbers of the Bazar will be especially attractive to readers who enjoy outdoor life, and who cultivate acquaintance with Nature in her various moods. For those who enjoy fancy-work, there are several papers on "Summer Embroidery," and the series on "Household Decoration," begun in July, will be continued.

"The Altruist Interchange" will complete its fourth year as a Quarterly with the issue of the October number. It stands without a competitor in its own field, that of a new journal of philanthropy. It is intended to represent all movements having for their object the education and uplifting of humanity, or wise provision for those dependent upon organized aid. Beginning with October, 1896, the issue will be monthly; subscription price, \$1 per year. As a magazine the publication will be greatly enlarged and improved. Each number will contain original illustrations, and other new features will be added.—70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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### PROF. BLACKSHEAR.

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Edward L. Blackshear was born in Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 8, 1862, on the famous place in Montgomery which was the property and home of Col. Chas. T. Pollard, the historian of the Confederacy. At the age of 6, having been taught reading by his mother and numbers by his father, young Blackshear entered the public schools of Montgomery and remained in attendance seven years. While attending the Swayne public school of Montgomery, he attracted the attention of the principal, Prof. Melville McPherson, a Northern white gentleman in the employ of the American Missionary Association. Through the influence of this gentleman, Edward was sent to Tabor College, Tabor, Ia., and was there educated by Prof. A. S. McPherson and wife. He remained there six years, during the last half of which time he had as schoolmate H. T. Keating, of Austin, Tex., who has just been elected editor of the A. M. E. Review, Philadelphia. Through Mr. Keating's influence, Blackshear came to Texas and finally located at Austin, where in thirteen years he has successfully worked his way from a teacher in the primary school to supervisor of the colored schools and principal of the High School.

During this same period, Prof. Blackshear has conducted summer normals for teachers at Goliad, Seguin, Austin, LaGrange, Lockhart, Navasota, Brenham and Bastrop.

As a member of the State Teachers' Association of Texas, he has taken a leading part in the movement to establish a Branch State University for colored youths, provided for by the constitution of Texas. This movement promises to culminate in the passage by the next Legislature of a bill appropriating one million acres of unappropriated public lands for the purpose of establishing said University.

During the past year he has edited the colored department of the Texas School Journal in a manner which evoked the commendation of various authorities in and out of the State.

Prof. Blackshear has always been active in Sabbath school work as superintendent, and active in religious work generally. In 1890 he organized, with Mr. Chas. Virts, the first Christian Endeavor Society among the colored people of Austin, and during the past winter he organized the first colored Y. M. C. A. of Texas (outside the colleges), of which he is the president.

In the spring of this year the churches of Austin elected Mr. Blackshear president of the Emancipation Celebration organization, and, though hampered by a multitude of difficulties, he made the three days' celebration—including a free barbecue, an industrial exhibit, a woman's conference, a farmers' congress and union religious services all day Sunday—such a pronounced success that several thousand men and women at Convention Hall voted unanimously with great enthusiasm for his re-election.

On July 2d he was elected by the directors, in session at Bryan, Tex., principal of the Prairie View State Normal School of Texas.

### THE COUNTRY IS SAFE.

Zion's Herald observes: "A friend calls attention to the fact that there was a noteworthy Methodist flavor at the St. Louis convention. Charles W. Fairbanks, the temporary chairman, is a Methodist, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and at present a trustee of that institution. John M. Thurston, the permanent chairman, is a Methodist, and the brother of Mrs. Angie P. Newman. Joseph B. Foraker, chairman of the committee on resolutions and nominator of McKinley, is a Methodist, and once a student at Ohio Wesleyan University. Ex-Governor McKinley, the Presidential nominee, is a life-long Methodist, and a member, with his revered mother, of the Methodist Church at Canton, O." Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, leader of the free silver "hoblers," R. W. Thompson, of Indiana; Warner Miller, of New York, and H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee, the leading delegates from the South, are also Methodists.

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## DAVID'S KINGDOM.

2 Sam. 9:1-13.

Golden Text—"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love" (Rom. 12:10).

David no doubt listened with great delight to the words of God as spoken by Nathan. They overthrew his plan, but he cared not for that. To do God's will was his delight. After the message had been delivered he went into the tabernacle and sat, or tarried, before the Lord. In his prayer he magnified God, humbled himself, sought the Lord's continual favor for Israel, and asked that He make good His promise to the king's posterity. After this, he likely sat in his house of cedar. His kingdom and name were great. Peace reigned at home and abroad. His mind probably went back to his boyhood days, his anointing by Samuel, his life in the house of Saul, his acquaintance, friendship and love for Jonathan, the years he was an outlaw, his anointing by Judah to be their king, and his final exaltation to the throne of all Israel.

I.—The Question—"Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul?" He did not ask Jonathan, his pledged friend, but of Saul, his bitter foe. David forgave his enemies, loved them, and was ready to do good for evil. He addressed this question first to his court, and afterwards to Ziba, the servant of Saul. Mephibosheth was born while David was in exile, therefore he knew nothing of him. This was likely seven years after he was made king over Israel. Mephibosheth was five years old when his father fell in the battle of Gilboa. He is now married and has a son of his own. It is well sometimes to consider if there be any promises we have neglected to make good. We should seek for opportunities to help others. The most worthy objects of charity will seldom be found without inquiry. Saul's family was at one time large, but it is now so wasted that it is not generally known that any one of it remains. See how the sins of man and the providence of God can empty a home. The reason that prompted David to ask this question was good. It was not to put to death the only remaining heir of Saul's family to the throne. This would have been according to the conduct of the kings of the east, but David had in view a nobler purpose. He wished to show to him the "kindness of God." This may mean superlative, or very great, kindness, or such kindness as David had received from God, or kindness for the sake of God, before whom the covenant was made between Jonathan and himself. This last is likely the true idea. The request of Jonathan was, "Show me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not." God has entered into a covenant with man, and all His kindness to him is a result of that contract. His kindness is seen in blessing temporal and spiritual. It is man's part to be and act as much like God as possible.

II.—The Answer—"Jonathan hath yet a son which is lame on his feet." His name was Mephibosheth, which means "destroying shame." We know nothing of his mother. When his father fell in the battle of Gilboa his nurse fled with him, likely to his mother's people. In her haste she fell and wounded him in both feet. He became a cripple for life. This fact seems to have thrown a shadow over all his future and had a depressing influence on his character. He never forgot that he was a poor, lame slave. This likely caused him to say he was "a dead dog." That is, he was one of a hated race and in a despised condition. For about fifteen years he had lived east of the Jordan, in the land of Gilead, in the village of Lodebar, and in the house of Machir. Not only the house of Saul, but all people have been injured by the fall of man. His head is weak, his heart faint and his body bruised. His eyes are dim, his tongue palsied, his hands feeble and his feet lame. He does not desire to come to God, and he could not do so, unaided, if he wished.

III.—The Work of David. 1. He sent for Mephibosheth. Ziba was likely the servant deputized to go. He had been a slave in the house of Saul, but likely secured his freedom at the death of that monarch. When Mephibosheth was brought to Jerusalem he ceased to be an independent land holder, and became a dependent of the prince. When David fled from Absalom, Ziba gave a false report of Mephibosheth. He was no doubt a dear lover of money, and had but little regard for truth. Machir, where Me-

phibosheth dwelt, seems to have been a generous, free-hearted man. He no doubt treated the prince well, and was kind to David when he fled from Absalom. Mephibosheth would never have come of his own accord. The sinner is away from God. Sin separates between them. He will never come to the Lord of his own choice. They look on him as their foe, or the one who is forever opposing their course in life. They love their ways and prefer to walk in them. God has commanded that His written word and preached Gospel be sent to them. His ministers are commanded to tell the message of the king and urge the people to accept the same.

2. Entering the home of David. He was humble. Fell on his face, did reverence, called himself the king's servant and "a dead dog." In every conceivable way he showed humility. So the unsaved should come to God. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life" (Prov. 22:4). "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:14). The Lord "shall save the humble person" (Job 22:29). He was filled with fear. This may have been caused by the dazzling splendor of the court of the king, or probably he felt that his life was in danger. He was the only heir to the throne of his grandfather, Saul. But David swept all his fears away with the kind remark, "fear not." God would not have us come before Him with a slavish fear. He is not an austere power that seeks to be avenged on us for our wrongs, but a kind, merciful Father, who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Yet we should approach Him with a sense of our unworthiness. He is great and all powerful; we are small and very weak.

3. Dwelling with the king. (1) He showed Mephibosheth kindness for Jonathan's sake. David and the prince were very great friends. Their souls were knit together. Each loved the other as his own life. They made a covenant that they would be true to one another and to their posterity. This likely had much to do with David's conduct in hunting up Mephibosheth. It is no little thing to have good and noble ancestors. Kindness is often shown to children for the sake of their parents. God loves man tenderly and has condescended to enter into covenant relation with him. All He does for man is not for worth or merit in him, but for Jesus' sake. (2) He gave to him all the land of his grandfather, Saul. Kish, the dead king's father was a wealthy farmer. It is likely his entire estate fell into the hands of Saul, and at his death it became the property of Ishbosheth, and when he was no more by the right of the crown, fell into the hands of David. The king now turns it over to Mephibosheth, the rightful heir. Ziba and his sons were to cultivate it, and bring a part of the proceeds to the household of the prince. It seems that only the son of Jonathan, and not his family, ate with the king. In the east, women and children do not dine with men. Heaven is sometimes spoken of as a country. It is the paradise of God; has the river of life and trees with fruit for the healing of the nations. (3) He caused him to eat bread at the king's table continually as one of his sons. He took him as one of his family, robed him in royal attire, and fed him with the best the land produced. This was signal kindness, shown for the sake of another. The Good Samaritan did not do better. So our God, for the sake of Christ, takes us into His family, robs our soul in the garment of salvation and feeds us at His table. We feast on the hidden manna of His love in secret communion with Him, often enjoy His goodness in the sacrament of the holy supper, and will finally be admitted to the everlasting banquet of heaven.

## TO PREVENT CHICKEN DISEASES.

A diseased fowl is hardly worth doctoring, for a really sick chicken can seldom be saved. It is usually the best policy to kill the sick chickens, and give the medicine to the well ones. An occasional tonic with a strict observance of cleanliness will usually prevent disease. Iron in some form, venetian red, copperas, or a reliable condition powder may be given once a week, as a preventive of poultry ailments. If any of the fowls appear out of condition, put into a separate yard, and give a thorough course of medicine. Lice are supposed to cause a great deal of trouble, but I believe them to be the result rather than the cause of trouble. A healthy hen with access to a dust bath will seldom be injured by lice. A run-down fowl is very apt to be lousy. Improve her condition, and the lice will disappear. But there is another pest which does more damage both to the poultry and their owners than lice, namely mites. It is

very difficult to get rid of them. Last summer I was completely victorious. I used cold water, carbolic acid and a spraying pump. Once a week I cleaned the henhouse, and forced water into every crack and corner, the last pail contained a tablespoonful of acid, and was sprayed over every part of the roof, walls, roosts and nest-boxes. No mites appeared in my henhouse, although my neighbors were troubled with them as usual. It is much easier to prevent trouble than to contend with it.—American Agriculturist.

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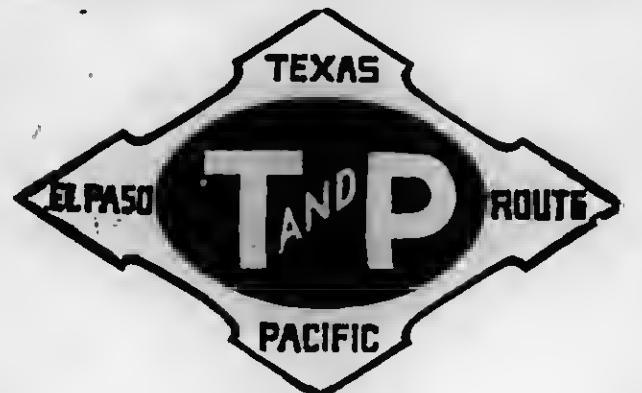
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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandcou-		
lee, Mont.	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown,		
N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 26.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima,		
Washington.	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference,		
Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio.	Aug. 28.	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute,		
Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Hurat
Eric, New Castle, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Newman
Northwest Nebraska, Ains-		
worth, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro,		
North Dakota.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah.	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 14.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville,		
W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurat
East Ohio, Uhrichsville, O.	Sep. 16.	Niude
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville,		
Ill.	Sep. 16.	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Con-		
ference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17.	Mallalieu
New Mexico, English Mission,		
Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danish,		
Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California, Geronimo, Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington C. H., O.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Minnesota, Ansteln, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurat
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles-		
City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallalieu
New Mexico, Spanish Mission		
Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Nok, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Hot Springs, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCabe
N. P. German Mission, Conl,		
Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Geneva, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7.	Hurat
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda,		
Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7.	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon,		
Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19.	Niude
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.	Niude
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Niude
Ansteln, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.	Niude
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Niude

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Vias, Conf. Litcha.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Joyce
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 22.	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodsell
Denmark Mission, Vele.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea Mission, Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Joyce
Norway, Sarpsborg.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Sweden, Jönköping.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg		
Mission, Ab.	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-		
king.	Oct. 21.	Joyce
Poochow, Poochow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference.		Hartzell
West China Mission.		

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

Cleveland O., May, 1896.

## Coming Events in Methodism.

Louisville District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Shelbyville, Ky.	July 8
Lexington District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention, Flemingsburg, Ky.	July 22
Madison District Conference, Gainesville, Ala.	July 22
Tupelo District Sunday-school Institute, Tupelo, Miss.	July 21
Tupelo District Conference, Tupelo, Miss.	July 23
Jack on District Conference, Brandon, Miss.	July 22
La Grange District Conference, Zebulon, Ga.	July 23
Atlanta District Conference, Hogansville, Ga.	August 5
Griffin District Conference, McDonough, Ga.	August 6
Waco District Conference, Bremond, Tex.	July 23
Ansteln District Conference, Ansteln, Tex.	August 5
Houston District Camp-meeting, Harrisburg, Tex.	August 4
Dallas District Conference, Fort Worth, Tex.	August 2
San Antonio District Conference, Gonzales, Tex.	August 12
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, Aug.	19.

New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12  
 New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19  
 Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La., August 19  
 Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 23.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Forrest City District.

Third Round.	August.
Jacksonport.	12
Newport.	12
Anvergne.	15
Palestine.	23
September.	
Batesville.	5
Cotton Plant.	12
Brinkley.	19
Park Place.	26
October.	
Bledsoe.	10
Marville & Helens.	17
Forrest City.	24
J. W. Jacksoo, P. E.	

## LaGrange District.

Third Round.	August.
LaGrange.	12
Harrie City.	19
Tionne Factory, by S.	23
C. Upshaw.	23
Greenville, by J. W.	23
Fisher.	23
September.	
Liberty Hill.	5
Macou.	13
Fort Valley.	16
Chilpey.	19
Hardeman, by J. W.	23
Fisher.	23
James Jackson, P. E.	

## Montgomery District.

Third Round.	August.
Pensacola.	12
Tenaw.	19
St. James Mission.	24
St. Sterling.	24
September.	
Brewton & Pollard.	5
Flat Creek Mission.	15
Evergreen.	19
Troy.	26
October.	
Union Springs.	3
Brown Grove & Aberfall.	10
Pittville & Hardaway.	18
Montgomery.	24
E. M. Jones, P. E.	

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## THE CUBAN WAR.

Key West, Fla., July 14.—The following letter has been received from Owen Melton, a young American captured on the schooner Competitor, and now confined in the Cabanas:

"Fort Cabanas, July 9, 1896.  
 "Two days ago a batch of prisoners was brought in, one of whom was a beautiful young Cuban woman. She was in chains, like the others, and her clothing was in tatters. As she passed, the Spanish soldiers made coarse remarks about her, which made tears come to her eyes. One soldier attempted to touch her as she passed, but the lady gave him such a look of hate that the brute desisted. The lady is Mrs. Inocencia Aranjio, and her story is a sad one.

"Three months ago she was one of the happiest young wives near Guantanamo. Her family was a wealthy one, and her husband, Jose Aranjio, was prominent. The family was intensely patriotic, and Mrs. Aranjio's husband joined the insurgents, being commissioned a captain. A month after her husband's departure, Mrs. Aranjio's home was routed by Spanish guerrillas. They found her alone, with a nephew, and making a Cuban flag for her husband's company.

"The Spaniards tore up the flag, arrested the lady and boy and sent them to Santiago de Cuba, where they were confined with common criminals. After a long delay, the nephew having died meanwhile, Mrs. Aranjio was tried by court-martial and sentenced to deportation to Centa, the Spanish convict settlement in Africa. Then she was brought here, whence she will be sent by the next steamer to Centa. The only charge against her is that she was making a Cuban flag.

"The poor lady is wasting away and may die before she can be deported. She sings nearly all the time, and such mournful notes I never heard. They are so pathetic, so full of longing that the prisoners are awed to silence, and many listen with moist eyes. Some of us think that her mind has given away under the brutalities of the Spaniards. Frequently the Spaniards curse her and order her to hush, but she stares at them vacantly and continues to sing."—Times-Democrat.

## AN UNPRECEDENTED GAIN IN WEIGHT.

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(From the Gazette, Yonkers, N. Y.)

"I don't look much like a living skeleton now, do I? And yet two years ago I weighed just seventy-two pounds," said Mrs. J. W. Coffey, of 55 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., to a reporter. And we agreed with her, for she certainly looked anything but a living skeleton, but rather bore the appearance of a plump and attractive lady in excellent health and spirits. Continuing she said: "I had lost my appetite and was wasting away in flesh, losing some fifty pounds in a few months. Doctors said I was threatened with consumption. I was under what was regarded as first-class medical treatment, but it had apparently little or no effect, for I kept getting worse until I was so weak that I could not attend to my household duties and could hardly walk. My husband and everybody who saw me thought sure that I would die, and there seemed no help for me.

"Tonics and stimulants and medicines all seemed useless, and I grew worse and worse until at last I resolved to seek some new remedy—one entirely out of the usual line of nauseous drugs and doses of stuff which seemed to take away what little relish I might perhaps otherwise have had for food. A friend told me of some wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I bought a box. The effect from their use was noticeable from the first and soon appeared almost miraculous, for it seemed pretty nearly like the raising of one from the dead.

"I soon commenced to eat, something I had scarcely done before for weeks, and soon began to gain in flesh and strength. I went one day to the doctor's office and he was surprised at the change in me for the better. I had to confess that I had been taking the pills, and he was broadminded enough to advise me to continue what was evidently doing me so much good. I took in all six boxes, and increased in weight from 72 to 125 pounds, which is my regular and normal weight.

"Are you sure the cure is permanent?" "Well, yes. My work is that of a trained nurse, which means, as you probably know, irregular hours and at times great exhaustion. During the two years since my recovery I have had many engagements, and through them all have continued in good health. I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the remarkable power of this great medical discovery. I know of other cures effected by it. A friend of mine suffered greatly at her monthly periods. One box relieved and three boxes cured her. But I know of no case equal to mine, for my situation was critical, desperate and almost hopeless."

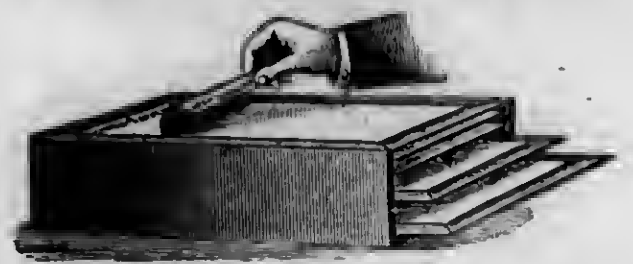
Mrs. Coffey has lived in Yonkers for sixteen years, and for twelve years has followed the business of attending the sick, excepting only the period of her illness. She has hundreds of acquaintances and friends who know her to be capable and trustworthy. Many of them know how very ill she was and how remarkable was her recovery. The pills have a large sale in Yonkers and Westchester county, which will be greatly increased as their merits become better known, for they seem to be one of the medical marvels of the age.

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## THE BIRD WITH A BROKEN WING.

"I walked thro' the woodland meadows,  
Where sweet the thrushes sing,  
And found on a bed of mosses  
A bird with a broken wing.  
I healed its wound, and each morning  
It sang its old sweet strain;  
But the bird with a broken pinion  
Never soared as high again.

"I found a young life broken  
By sin's seductive art,  
And touched with a Christian pity,  
I took him to my heart.  
He lived with a noble purpose,  
And struggled not in vain;  
But the life that sin had stricken  
Never soared as high again.

"But the bird with the broken pinion,  
Kept another from the snare,  
And the life that sin had stricken  
Raised another from despair.  
Each loss has its compensation,  
There is healing for every pain;  
But the bird with a broken pinion  
Never soars as high again."

—Butterworth.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Are you an intelligent Methodist? Not unless you are a reading Methodist.

It is estimated that one hundred thousands souls have been brought to Christ through the agency of the Epworth League during the past year.

If you wish to know when the various District Conferences are to meet, read our Coming Events in Methodism.

Read your Bible! Read it every day. The oftener you neglect it the more you weaken yourself not only spiritually but morally. Take time and read God's Word!

It is said that in Venezuela the white population is less than 3 per cent. The vast majority of the people are Negroes, Indians, Mulattoes and Zambos.

The brethren have sent us many kind invitations to attend District Conferences, Conventions, etc. We may not make it to your District meetings, but hope to see you at the Annual Conferences.

Mr. Sewall, who is the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, has a son who says he must vote the Republican ticket. Perhaps his father did not train him up in the way he should go.

The Freedman's Aid Society has been receiving \$10,000 per annum from the Slater fund. This amount has recently been cut down to \$4,500. Many of the good people are of the opinion that the money is needed for the Baptist schools.

Ninety-nine per cent. of Georgia's territory is under prohibition as to the sale of liquor. Its sale is now restricted to sixty-one towns. It is barely possible it will be a long—very long—time before Georgia becomes a prohibition State, because of the influence of these sixty-one towns.

The A. M. E. Zion General Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That each minister in the A. M. E. Zion Church whose character comes before his Annual Conference shall subscribe and pay for the Satr before his character shall pass. There shall be a subscription agent in every Conference, appointed by the Conference and approved by the bishop.

## "THE NEGRO IN BOSTON."

We are very greatly interested in the article published in a recent number of Zion's Herald on the above subject. It is shown that the Negro residences in Boston are confined to the "Negro" portion of the city; that he can secure no other work than that which white men do not wish to do and that he is as effectually "shut out" from association with the whites there as at the South.

We must say while the remarkable article may be a revelation to some it occasions us no surprise whatever. Since our first visit to the North some years ago we have been fully convinced that, speaking in a general way, the North is becoming southernized much more rapidly than is the South becoming northernized; that prejudice at the North differs from that at the South, more from its cause than otherwise; that while the Negro at the North enjoyed a greater number of privileges, at the South he has a far better chance to make a living for himself and family.

It struck us that the prejudice at the North is on account of color, while at the South it is founded on previous condition. Northern prejudice is equally intense on certain lines, but far less violent than that of the South.

In both sections the white people need to recognize the fact that there is more than one class of Negroes. We can understand why they should object to having as a neighbor a low class man of any race; but why the presence of a well-to-do and intelligent Negro and family in a community should destroy the sale of property for even one block away, we cannot possibly see.

While we have a greater variety of openings for our labor at the South, the thinking ones among us notice a tendency toward the same state of affairs, mentioned by the Herald, as existing at the North. A few years ago it was difficult to find a white barber in many of our Southern cities; now he has actually crowded out the colored man in some quarters; in hotels and in some other lines we find it the same way. However, since in some lines of labor, we have no reason to think we are shut out on account of color, where skill is needed we can only meet skill with skill.

But it does seem hard that the North should deny us the opportunity to make an honest living. It is unfair to complain of loafers and worthless Negroes, when a positive refusal to allow us to labor forces us into idleness and its attendant evils. We cry for bread—not have it given to us, but to be given an opportunity to earn it—and our cries are met with the derisive statement: We pity you, but can do nothing, public sentiment is against it.

So far as social equality is concerned, the Negro expects that, both at the North and South, to regulate itself. We feel that every man should be left free to choose his own associates. There is no doubt that intelligent association would be helpful and elevating to us, and yet there are so many, more vital and necessary things, for which to labor and contend with that we do not even ask this association, except as it shall come by mutual agreement.

We are grateful for the interest the Herald is taking in these matters and sincerely trust its efforts on behalf of the Negro may prove as helpful as we believe them well meaning.

The Michigan Advocate tells of a party of Northern ministers and their wives enroute to the A. M. E. Zion General Conference, at Mobile, whose presence in a sleeping car created a stampede among the white passengers at Meridian, Miss. The whites demanded the enforcement of the separate car law, which not being done they withdrew from the car. It is a pity they know no better than to do so, but since the State law does not specify which shall go, we believe too much in freedom to question their

right to withdraw whenever they feel like it. The inter-state commerce law protects both alike, and yet by their going they got a chance to try the other side of their infamous law.

However, we cannot account for the brethren having trouble unless it be on account of their number, or they may possibly have met with that class of whites who cannot stand Negroes, that is, under such circumstances; but ordinarily they give us more trouble than we give them. However, we desire to say in defense of our Southern friends that we have traveled in sleeping cars through every Southern State except Florida—sometimes alone and sometimes with others. But once in we have never been interfered with. However we have never told anyone we are colored, and no one ever asks us. Come to think of it, this may account for our not having been molested.

## A NEGRO COMES TO THE CITY FOR PROTECTION, AS MANY OTHERS HAVE TO DO.

The Daily Item, of this city, gives a minute account of the brutal whipping administered to "a defenseless Negro," Frank Madison, in Amesville, Jefferson parish, La. Madison's offense was cursing a white fellow who had cursed him; and when he secured a stick to teach the Negro better, he picked up a brick. While the two thus armed stood glaring at each other, a deputy sheriff came up and arrested Madison and took him to jail. That night the deputy and others took him out of jail and beat him unmercifully, and when they were adjusting the rope about his neck to hang him, he threw off the rope, freed himself from the mob by a desperate effort and jumped into the river. After swimming for some distance he crept up the bank and made his escape to this city. He will seek redress before the United States Court.

There is so much of this sort of thing done in some sections of the South that it makes one sick at heart to attempt to make any reference to such. Hence in this connection we simply desire to say: The fact that our people have been so frequently subjected to the most brutal outrages when they dared defend themselves, whether assailed by one or many, accounts for there being so many of them in Southern cities and towns. In the larger towns they stand some showing for protection.

Note in this case how trivial the offense; that is to say he had done no violence, and then remember had Madison been killed it would most certainly have been for "rape." As it is, the plea before the court will be, he was a bad Negro and the "gentlemen" who took part in administering the fearful castigation simply gave him a light flogging to teach him and his race a lesson.

## THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AT WASHINGTON.

Last year when Colored Epworth Leaguers and their friends were chafing because of separate seating, etc., at the Epworth League Convention, at Chattanooga, to our own certain knowledge some of our Endeavor friends were inclined to laugh in their sleeves and thank the Lord that they are not as other men. But, judging from the editorial in the Christian Recorder, under the caption: "The Endeavor Failed," our friends have had the same devilish caste spirit to contend with that was so manifest at Chattanooga last year. We regret this much, indeed, for we had hoped Father Clark's enthusiastic people would set us, Southerners and all, such an example as is inkeeping with the teachings of the Gospel. As it is we suppose our friends need look for nothing better at their next meeting, which is to be held in Nashville, Tenn. As for our part we hope to attend the meeting in Toronto next year, and should we find things no better there, we shall not expect to assemble in a place where colored leaguers will be treated as are other nationalities till we get to heaven.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

I feel that I am moved to write by a divine impulse, not because I am a great writer, but because there is a noble character in the person of the late Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," to write about. Was there ever such a woman? "A good name is better than ointment." When Mary poured the precious ointment upon our Lord, He said: "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." The writing of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was no less immortal and shows no less of true love for the freedom of immortal souls. And where are a child of liberty drinks in the sunlight of freedom, Harriet Beecher Stowe should have her memorial. If I were a great poet I would write a hymn to her memory and put it in the home of every Negro on this American soil and let Uncle Tom's Cabin accompany the hymn. Who will write it?

"Who will greet us first in heaven."

When that blissful realm we gain;  
When the hands have ceased from toil-  
ing.

And the heart hath ceased from pain;  
When the last farewell is spoken,  
Severed the last tender tie,  
And we know how sweet, how solemn  
And how blest it is to die?"

"As our bark glides on the waters  
Of that cold and silent stream,  
We shall see the domes of temples  
In the distance brightly gleam—  
Temples of that beautiful city,  
From all blight and sorrow free;  
Who adorn its golden portals  
First will haste to welcome me?"

"Ah! whose eyes shall watch our com-  
ing

From that cold, fairer shore?  
Whose voice we first shall listen  
That shall teach me heavenly lore?  
When our feet shall press the mystic  
Borders of that better land,  
Whose face greet our wondering vision?  
Whose shall clasp the Spirit hand?

"Who will greet us first in heaven?  
Of the earnest thought will rise,  
Musing on the unknown glories  
Of that home beyond the skies,  
Who will be our heavenly meeter?  
Will it be some seraph bright?  
Or an angel from the countless  
Myriads of that home of light?"  
—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

No, not these, for they have never  
Gladened here our earthly view;  
But Harriet Beecher Stowe  
She, the loved, the tried, the true;  
She who walked with us life's pathway.  
To its joys and griefs were given;  
She who loved us best in earthland  
Be the first to greet in heaven.  
H. N. B. own.

## ENTHUSIASM.

J. H. Reed, A. M.

Whatever tends to animate human ideals and give impetus to the world's domain of thought, stands as a wonderful force in shaping the destiny of individuals and nations. Great motives and principles must underlie the systems of thought which now permeate our entire civilization and make men the devotees of enduring institutions. We live in an age of unrest and widespread excitement, when the seething masses of humanity stand on tip-toe, as it were, in expectation of the complete triumph or utter defeat of some agitated cause. The whole of creation seems to catch the animated strains of exultant joys coming from the ranks of victors as we march forward in the noontide brightness of this golden age of the world. Bursts of applause from political conventions reverberate throughout the land and touch the anxious hearts of ambi-

tious partisans. Amen's resound from a thousand temples, and hallelujahs stir the profoundest recesses of the human soul. All earth rolls on with jubilant songs of youthful voices, while old ocean, with her majestic sweep, lashes into foam, with ten thousand vessels sporting upon her bosom. What, then, is the real significance of the great emotional natures with which we have been endowed by our Creator? They are to be controlled and directed into channels of reasonable and conscientious service for the uplifting of mankind and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Enthusiasm, excited by the shallow whims of popular sentiment, cannot accomplish any permanent results in our Christian civilization. The war whoops of the American Indians on our Western frontiers, the wild gesticulations and dances of unsanctified heathenism, the songs and ditties of thousands of devout worshippers in the Christian church, the false huzzahs of the world upon some perverted idea of popular government, the "whooping up" of some false notion to catch the public ear, are all phases of enthusiasm, but these cannot be regarded as factors in the highest development of a race or nation. How, then, shall we distinguish the false from the true? Real enthusiasm is heaven-born; it breathes forth the spirit of divinity. The soul is transfixed upon the emotions excited by a beautiful landscape, the snow-capped peaks of some lofty mountain, the sifting clouds, the prismatic rainbow that spans the heavens, the awful vault of the midnight skies. It is that which entranced the soul of Coleridge while standing in the vale of Chamouni and beholding the towering and majestic height of Mount Blanc, he exclaimed from the very depths of his being: "Hast thou a charm to stay the morning star in his steep course? So long he seems to pause on thy bald, awful head, O Sovereign Blanc!" True enthusiasm is a burning zeal for the triumph of right and truth. It is such as possessed the soul of Luther and caused him to shake the Vatican at Rome so that her foundations still tremble from the shock of his mighty reformatory hand. It bathed John Wesley in a sea of hallowed fire and set Methodism upon the wheels of religious zeal, that have rolled all over this babbling earth. It touched the slumber of Wickliffe and made him the "morning star of the Reformation." It gave to the church fathers that religious zeal which caused them to suffer as martyrs and their tracks are traced in blood along the march of our Christian civilization. Yea, more than this, Jesus Christ was neither a bigot nor a zealot, nor an enthusiast in the common acceptance of the term, but greater by far than Socrates, the ancient philosopher, he taught the world truth, actuated with no motive whatever to excite popular applause or tickle public fancy. His deep enthusiasm for His cause is best expressed in these words: "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

This is, indeed, religious enthusiasm and worthy of every true leader of men in every department of human progress. Much of the so-called enthusiasm of the day is nothing more than sentimentality which develops men into mere time-servers and peace-seekers, thus stultifying true Christian manhood and building up a system of popular thought detrimental to the highest good of church or State, race or nation. All of the burning eloquence that has swayed the multitudes and changed the drift of civilization has been but the outbursts of the soul in defense of the fundamental principles of social, political or religious truth. Impassioned oratory has its birth in the deepest recesses of calm and deliberate thought and reason, and the mighty sweep of a Webster or a Clay stood far beyond the sickly sentimentality of so-called orators of our present

generation. There is a vein running through the modern art of enthusiastic leadership that has its chief source in personal motives for the accomplishment of selfish ends. This is not true enthusiasm, but rather a subterfuge to excite men and assemblies into actions that will push the individual into prominence at the expense of the emotional and non-thinking masses. Bishop Simpson was the very embodiment and impersonation of holy zeal set on fire, while Dr. Mendenhall stirred not only Methodism, but Christendom, with burning thoughts that issued forth from a fiery brain concealed behind an uninviting personal form, and scattered broadcast to the world by his flaming pen. The one swayed the multitudes with matchless eloquence, the other charmed the world of thought by the profoundest research in his impassioned chase for truth. Both were great leaders and possessed a similar degree of enthusiasm in their different spheres. What the world needs to-day is not all noise, which tends to beg human reason and pervert the ends of truth, but men endowed with a sanctified enthusiasm, born of honest convictions, backed by the courage of those convictions—men with fixed purposes founded upon right principles, who are prepared to break lance with the mighty gladiators in the political, social and religious arena and wrest the world from Satan's cruel reign. Bring me men!

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Uno.

A company of progressive business men have been formed in Washington City, the object being to operate a large supply and grocery store which will not suffer in contrast with any in the city. That is a move in the right direction.

The National Steamboat Company is doing well under its new management, and is well patronized by the race. Somehow a fellow grows an inch taller as he rides down the river on a steamer, every plank and nail of which belongs to his race.

The National League of Colored Women met in the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., last week. They represent the highest and best interest of all sections of this great country. We give a few of the papers read and discussed:

"Woman's Work Among Men," "The Home for Working Girls," "The Home for Friendless Girls," "The Higher Education of Women," "Women in Business."

Following on the heels of the National League is another convention of colored ladies, in session at this writing in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, this city. They call themselves the National Federation of Afro-American Women. It is composed of some of the best women in the world, and have an elaborate programme. But somehow, Uno wishes that these two, so similar in character and work, would become one. If she will, she will, and if she won't, she won't, and that's the end of it.

Many of the ministers were invited by the president of Morgan College to meet in Sharp Street Church, Baltimore, last week to discuss measures pertaining to the college. May good abound.

The new presiding elders, Valentine and Owens, have made favorable impression over their districts.

The Rev. Daniel W. Shaw, recently transferred from the Lexington Conference to ours and stationed at Charleston, W. Va., has captured all in sight.

The Rev. Charles Price is on the sick list.

Sister Davis, wife of Rev. W. R. Davis, is not expected to live.

Sisters W. H. Cook and James Thomas have answered the roll call since Conference.

The district Conference and Epworth

League convention of the Washington district, which will convene in Shiloh church, Md., Sept. 8-13, promises to be a tremendous affair. Your uncle Uno expects to attend and get in some heavy blows for the Southwestern.

One of the elect ladies of Methodism, Mrs. Ernest Lyons, of New York, visited Washington last week and sang. Did you ever hear her? Well, you ought.

Bro. I. Garland Penn, ex-Commissioner Atlanta Exposition and lay delegate to the General Conference, has been called to the ministry, and was licensed by the district Conference in June. "Loose the man and let him go."

## NOTES FROM NASHVILLE.

"All the world and the rest of mankind" are most cordially invited to attend the Tennessee Centennial, beginning next May. The people of Nashville are more thoroughly aroused on this centennial than they have ever been before, and the prospect is that the exposition will be, both in quantity and quality, one of great excellence. All will be welcome—if they pay.

The Fourth of July was a glorious day—for ducks. The rain came down at intervals all day. The picnics and the bicycle races were indefinitely postponed. Now and then a patriotic firecracker went off, sounding almost dreary in its loneliness. Once the sound of drum was heard, and marching with a splendid national flag, the Stars and Stripes, with a company of Confederate veterans returning from Richmond, Va., where there had been a large gathering of Southern soldiers.

There is quite a revival of the spirit to cultivate Southern literature—poetry, histories, geographies, arithmetics, grammars, readers, spellers, etc.—all with the impress of Southern. This shows enterprise for which we should be thankful. There are intellectual forces South as well as North, and there is no reason why they should remain idle. The schools in the South need books, and if they will buy books published south of the Ohio river, more freely than those printed north, we should rejoice that good books are now largely circulated among the people. The North has done the book business very largely, and has had its side of the history of slavery and the rebellion, the causes which led to the final conflict, told again and again. The South has also had its history, but some of the leaders of thought think that it must be told in the school books from the Southern standpoint, in order that the real truth and a full statement of the facts in the case may be taught in the schools. This is on the supposition and assumption that the Southern writers will be perfectly free from sectional feeling.

The churches in Nashville are generally enjoying a season of quiet. The Salvation Army is holding nightly meetings in several parts of the city, and also at their headquarters. The Gospel wagon is on the streets every pleasant Sunday afternoon with a chorus of singers and a preacher or a layman to expound the Scriptures. The effort has been made, and it is said quite successfully, to close the saloons on Sunday, but nearly every Sunday some saloon keeper is arrested for being engaged in selling liquor. The saloon is a synonym for lawbreaker, and will ultimately destroy the nation, if not destroyed itself.

The Central Tennessee College closed a very prosperous year June 4th. The enrollment in all departments was over 500. The graduates were three in the classical course, three in the preparatory, six in the English, one in the Biblical, eleven in medicine, three in dentistry, six in pharmacy, four in law and two in industrial courses. The summer school is now in session, is well attended and meets a very great demand of teachers who wish to take advanced studies to keep pace with the additional studies added to the curriculum of common school studies. J. Braden



## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

Reduced rates on the certificate plan have been granted to the District Conference to be held at Gonzales, Tex., Aug. 12th. E. Henderson, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, M. D., vice president of Gilbert Academy, will deliver the obituary of Rev. George W. Wells, (A. M.), deceased, late pastor of Natchitoches, at Boyce, La., Aug. 9th, at 11 o'clock a. m., during the Natchitoches District Conference; Rev. G. G. Golsbon of the late Jacob Stephens, local preacher of Alpha. Miss Della Weston will deliver the welcome address; Rev. M. S. Golsbon will respond. Rev. I. C. Clemmons, A. M., subject, "America's Relation to Africa." Conference will convene at 9 o'clock a. m. Reduced rates from Alexandria and Mansfield. H. J. Wright, P. E.

## GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

Brethren:—Take all your benevolent collections at once. Some of the brethren have already raised all their benevolent claims. You that have not, go to work in good earnestness. Don't stop when you have raised the amount apportioned to your charges. Remember that your charges are growing every year, and it is reasonably expected that each charge will do more from year to year. I pray God's blessing upon you. J. W. Davis, P. E.

## STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

Brethren:—Do not fail to have your entire assessment for benevolence collected. This is imperative. You will need the balance of the year to arrange for conference and emissary for a new year's list of subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Every day should now count. We want to make an advance on all lines. The man who works for God and His cause will be the man whom God delights to honor. See that every local preacher and exhorter collects his apportionment of benevolence and subscribers for the paper, and that all your committees report in full. By all means the district must be brought up to the standard, i. e., full assessments raised, good revived churches, good working Leagues and Sunday schools and a large list of subscribers for our church paper. Having personal acquaintance with our new editor, Rev. I. B. Scott, I am quite sure you will be pleased with the paper and the matter contained therein. The paper is ours; it must succeed. Should we prove untrue to our trust, we cannot possibly expect much in the future. The eyes of the world are upon us more than ever. The church is expecting of us more than heretofore. Shall we come up to the expectation or shall we fail? Let us as a district do our part. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E. Columbus, Miss.

## NOTICE.

To the Preachers, Delegates and all whom it may concern: Please take notice that upon invitation of the people, officers and pastors of Centerville, La., the New Orleans South District Conference will convene there on the 18th of August, at 9 o'clock a. m. The Southern Pacific will grant reduced rates between New Orleans and Lafayette on the certificate plan—one full fare going and one-third fare returning. Purchase ticket to Bayou Sale Station. Pierre Landry, P. E.

## GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Please send your Debt Paying collection raised for the Missionary Society on July 26th, the following Monday, to Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., No. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. I am yours for success. J. P. Patterson, P. E.

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—I trust that your reports on the third round will, as to your success in behalf of Southwestern Christian Advocate and all the benevolent claims of the church, be encouraging. And let us pray much that your protracted meetings, now in progress, may result in the revival of the work of God's grace in the hearts of his people, and the conversion of many precious souls to Christ. H. R. Revels, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Reduced rates have been secured for the District Conference, Griffin District, Atlanta Conference, which meets at McDonough, Ga., August 6th. In purchasing ticket pay full rate and take a receipt at each purchasing place. The certificates are to be signed at the conference by E. H. Oliver. Be present the first day to answer at the call of the roll. Jno. P. Wragg, P. E.

## NOTICE.

Preachers and delegates of the Shreveport district who will attend the district Conference at Vanceville, Aug. 6th, can easily reach Vanceville from Shreveport by traveling over the Cotton Belt R. R., which road runs two trains a day from Shreveport to Vanceville. You can ride on either of them; local freight up in the morning at 6 o'clock; regular passenger up at 5 o'clock in the evening. Brethren, we expect you all up on Wednesday evening train, as the Conference will convene Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Our church is six miles north of Shreveport and half a mile from Vanceville station. The committee will meet both trains each day to receive the preachers and delegates. Brethren, please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Also the preachers on the Shreveport district are requested to send at once to the chairman of the committee on District Conference Entertainment, at Vanceville, La., the names of all local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, district stewards, Sunday school superintendents and presidents of the Epworth Leagues that are going to attend the District Conference Aug. 6th, in order that the committee can provide places for them in due time. Rev. Alfred Gray, P. E.

## NOTICE.

To the Brethren of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Conferences: Dear Brethren:—You are hereby requested to send to me address, 38 Broadfield street, Boston, Mass., your collection for Rust University for the present Conference year. The hearing place is in and we are greatly in need of the money. Having faith in you and your willingness to help, we expect a hearty response to this request for help. I expect to be at my post of duty in Holly Springs in August, and we want to commence the year with clean pages, having sealed for the hearing plan. C. E. L. May, President.

## PALESTINE (Tex.) DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Dear Editor:—We desire to say this in your paper. Our Epworth League and Sunday School Convention met July 2d, and beginning at 9 a. m., it convened in Hamilton Chapel, Hearne, Tex. In proof of the rapid development in education among the preachers, superintendents and teachers of the Palestine District, it is only necessary to call in evidence the magnificent body that assembled in this city on that day. A more intelligent gathering of men and women perhaps has never met here. It was a pleasure to the friends of education to look upon this gathering of more than sixty willing workers for God. The convention was called to order by Rev. W. A. Fortson, presiding elder of the Palestine District. The opening exercises consisted of singing, "Bring them in," with Miss Della Mosley, of Palestine, at the organ. Prayer by Rev. Mason Wilson, of Oakwood. Paper, the Object of the Sunday School Convention, by Miss R. A. Alexander, of Hearne, was well received by the convention, and discussed by Revs. J. S. Whitaker, J. A. Steward and Miss P. J. Green. Paper, Why should our Sunday Schools use our own Literature, by Miss Sarah Turner, of Butler, was replete with thoughtful suggestions, and showed that she had thoroughly mastered it; discussed by Revs. F. R. Morton, J. L. Jackson and B. Knox. Paper, Should all the Officers and Teachers be Members of our Church, and Why? by Prof. G. W. Griswold; discussed by Revs. Wells and Alexander, of Hearne, and Miss Ellen Clark. Paper, Should Weekly and Monthly Meetings be held by the Sunday School Board? by Miss Malinda Webb, was well read; discussed by Rev. Wells. Adjournment from 2 to 2:30 p. m. Object of the League, by Prof. E. G. Williams, was of much interest. The Relation of the League to the Church, by Mrs. Carolina Williams, of Oakwood; discussed by Rev. R. Hillman and other active members of the League. The Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School, by Willie Lighten, showed careful preparation. Benefit of Spiritual Deportment in the League by A. Alexander. A talk by Rev. Fortson was well received. The following is a synopsis of his address: Fellow Teachers, Preachers, Superintendents and Presidents.—You have come from the regions of the Western confines of Texas and from Eastern Texas where the

giant pines stand like sentinels upon the watch tower; in fact, from every section of the State. Now, let me tell you what your motto should be—Look up and lift up. The convention will meet in 1897. District president, Sunday school, W. A. Fortson; vice-president, R. A. Alexander. District Epworth League president, E. G. Williams; vice-president, Miss M. E. Grace; District secretary, Miss M. E. Webb; treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Mosley; organist, Miss Della Mosley.—Yours truly, A. Alexander.

Our church at Martin, Tenn., was dedicated last Sabbath by Rev. J. P. Price, ex-P. E.; clear of debt. His discourse was pointed, plain and powerful. Saints praised God, and sinners were moved to tears. Rev. C. L. Seward, the pastor, is beloved by all. We raised on this occasion \$24.25. Mary Martin, Reporter.

Rev. John Davis, preacher in charge, at Island, La., writes: "This church is situated on a lot deeded by Mr. A. Senegal, at Island, P. O., Iberville parish. The church was founded in 1895, and building commenced, with materials furnished by Mr. Senegal, Hon. J. M. Carville is ex-member of our State Legislature and now a leading merchant. Last January the church was organized by Presiding Elder Landry. Then the church was in course of erection; now it is completed. Then we had a membership of seven; now we have fourteen. Then we had a Sunday school of ten scholars; now we have twenty. Our Children's Day was observed. Collection \$3. The Southwestern has been a stranger here, but we are doing what we can to introduce it and Dr. Scott, our new editor, to the people."

## A SAD SEA SCENE

(Rev. Geo. V. Morris.)

It was in the month of June, 1892, on the broad Atlantic. We were in mid-ocean. The usual number of bright people were on board, among these a party of four men, nappy and full of life. We had seen them every day from the time we started, and though they were second-cabin, we enjoyed their society. We saw them all together for the last time on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday morning dawned clear and cold. It was reported that icebergs were not far off. In fact, the night before, as we were looking at the sunset, we were positive that we saw them on the horizon in the face of the setting sun. Spy-glasses were turned toward them, and much enthusiasm was evinced among the passengers till an old sailor punctured our bubble by telling us they were not "bergs," but clouds. But they were so much like pictures of them we had seen, and they corresponded so perfectly with our ideas of them, that some of us more than half doubted the old sailor and secretly hoped that we had actually seen the floating mountains of ice. But whether we saw them or not, whether they were near us or not, it was cold, and we knew it. We were huddled on the sunny side of the deck in our steamer-chairs, clothed in heavy overcoats and wrapped in our rugs, with newspapers up our vests. Even then we were cold. The sun was shining; but it was that dead, cold shine; that gray shine that seems but to make the cold visible. The wind was high, and except for the noise it made and the throbbing of the engines and the swish of the water, all was quiet. No one was in a talkative mood, though the jolliest crowd on the ship were curled near together. We did not feel jolly. There seemed to be a sense of foreboding upon us all. Some were trying to read, but very few pages were turned. Our minds were dominated—oppressed.

Suddenly the ship's bell rang out clear and mournful. It was not the regular "hells," but a toll. We looked at each other and shuddered. We rushed forward and took a good position on the hurricane deck, and there witnessed one of the saddest sights ever given us to see—a funeral in midocean. A man had died on the ship that night of delirium tremens. His last appearance on deck had been 4 o'clock the preceding afternoon. Perhaps at once the first of the work of destruction began. He was a doomed man, and long ere morning dawned his soul had passed into the presence of its Maker. All that was left to be gotten rid of was the poor, maltreated body, and that was sad and impressive in the extreme. The wind was now blowing a gale. It shrieked through the cordage of the vessel like a lost soul wailing in its woe. The quarter-deck was crowded with a curious throng. The

ship's bell was still tolling, mingling most solemnly with the noise of the gale. Below, a great space had been roped off to give room for the services. Out of the fore-castle came eight or ten sailors bearing a body encased in a hammock and wrapped in the British flag. Upon it was a trifling tribute of dried flowers. The captain and sailors stood around with uncovered heads. A man shabbily dressed, but in the garb of a priest, read the service, one word of which we could not hear because of the howling wind. Then, instead of earth being thrown upon the coffin, as is common on land during the reading of the committal—"dust to dust, earth to earth, ashes to ashes,—a glassful of water was thrown upon it. Without a further word the heavily-weighted hammock was consigned to the ocean's wide and soundless waters—and that was all. There it rests, waiting the general resurrection, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead.

A silly maid beside us thoughtlessly laughed at the queer appearance of the priest and the hapless crew. We could have wept. The unfortunate was only a young man, twenty-three years of age, in the prime of his life. He was some mother's darling. He was going out to see the world—to have a good time. No doubt the mother's prayers were going out after him. What must have been her anguish when she learned that her boy was murdered in midocean!

We have seen many sad sights, but the picture of that sad sea scene will never be erased from our memory should we reach our fore-score years.—Epworth Herald.

Baravia, O.

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There are four hundred Methodists in Corea. They are erecting their first Christian school in Seoul.

We have learned by actual contact with the brethren at the District Conference at Pearlinton and Brandon, that Mississippi is perfectly loyal to the Southwestern, and nearly every mail brings similar testimony to this office. At the conferences mentioned, we found Presiding Elders Shumpert and Houston well in the saddle, and everything moving before them.

Schrader, the divine healer, who created so much excitement in Denver, Col., last year, has been operating in Gainesville, Tex., but one day last week mounted his bicycle about noon and struck out for the East. He is expected at Dallas.

Self-conceit keeps more people in voluntary ignorance than any other weakness. "He that knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is blind—lead him." Try to learn; do not take it for granted that you know every thing.

The joint meeting of the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society, of this city, was certainly "an eye opener" to us. We had the pleasure of visiting and addressing the ladies in their meeting, and must say we were perfectly delighted with the large attendance and splendid enthusiasm. The addresses were well prepared and interesting; and the singing was inspiring and helpful.

The meeting indicates to us the use to which such interest and enthusiasm may be termed for the good of the cause if the chief officers of the society at the North will take hold with our ladies here and properly assist and encourage them.

It is really refreshing to note the interest the Northwestern and Epworth Herald takes in "Dan," the colored janitor at the Book Concern, in Chicago. He has been with them three years, and, during that time, has managed to take the medical course in a reputable medical school in that city, and comes out, to the great surprise of his employers, a full-fledged physician. All were so greatly pleased with him for past faithfulness and so delighted because of his new departure that they called "Dan" before them and presented him a substantial token of their good will and best wishes. The former janitor is now Dr. D. W. Roberts. He must be made of good material. We wish him success in his new field.

#### JUST FOR THE LOVE OF MOTHER.

While in attendance at the District Conference at Pearlinton, Miss., where the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, and his people have just erected a magnificent new church, Rev. David Dudley, in one of his characteristic speeches, presented the church, on behalf of Mrs. Mary Martinez, No. 19 Washington street, a beautiful communion service.

He said some years ago Mrs. Martinez's mother was a consistent member of this church, but had since died. Her daughter had saved up her spare money for months, for the sole purpose of presenting the church this communion set, in memory of "mother." The daughter who thus loves her sainted mother was introduced to the conference and the present accepted with thanks.

#### ANOTHER KIND OF PREJUDICE.

The late Baron Hirsch once offered Russia about \$10,000,000 for educational work upon the condition that no distinction should be made as to race or color among the beneficiaries. This condition, however, was too much for present Russian ideas and the offer was declined.

#### THE JIM CROW CAR—KENTUCKY STRIKES IT AGAIN!

We clip the following from the Conservator, and, while this decision affects inter-state travel only, it is, nevertheless, in the right direction and will eventually break the back of this unjust law. The Conservator says:

Judge James Breathitt, of the Federal Court, sitting at Hopkinsville, Ky., in the case of R. N. Lander and wife, colored, against the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, has decided the Jim Crow law of that State unconstitutional. The suit involved the right of equal accommodation, in common, in inter-state travel, and grew out of the fact that the brutal conductor had compelled Mrs. Lander to move from the car set for white people to the Jim Crow coach, and was for \$5,000 damages.

The upright judge not only decided the law unconstitutional, but peremptorily ordered the jury to find for the plaintiffs. Thereupon that body accordingly returned a verdict for \$125.

In the light of the above, one need not altogether despair because the United States Supreme Court has upheld the Jim Crow law. Justice sleeps a long while, but she is not dead.

#### FAREWELL!

To my dear family, to my kindred, to my missionary partners, patrons and well-wishers: I will be the only passenger on a large steamship, and yet I shall be cared for as well as was a poor old widow who lived all alone in her hut, and daily depended on the Lord for subsistence. Some boys passing one day peeped into the hut and saw the old saint on her knees, and heard her ask the Lord for food. With a kindly feeling, and a desire to have a little fun at the old lady's expense, they ran to a bakery and bought two large loaves of bread, and threw them through a small open window onto the floor near to where the old saint was kneeling. Opening her eyes and seeing the bread, she praised the Lord with gladness. Then the boys knocked at her door, and on hearing the welcome "Come in," they entered saying, "Mother, what makes you so jolly this morning?" "O, I am praising the Lord for the good bread he sent me." "Why, mother, you missed it this time. We bought the bread at the bakery and threw it in through your window, and you silly old sister thought the Lord did it." "O, my dear boys, you don't understand it. The Lord sent me the bread in answer to my prayers, no matter if the devil brought it."

Many of my sympathizing friends are greatly concerned about my going to South Africa alone, and insist on my having some one to go with me to take care of me.

If I was so poorly as all that, I would stay at home. The Lord takes care of me in all my traveling and work for him by the special agency of human kind, good and bad, and by "angels who always behold the face of my Father in heaven," and by devils, who as "a roaring lion" would gladly devour me, but each attack widens the break that separates us, and strengthens the bonds of loyalty, faith, and love by which I am united with the God-man, and stand ready for any work he may assign to me.

What would I do with the fellow sent to look after me? I would have to look after him; stop by the way to nurse him through African fevers, and do what I never did in my life—fail to come to time with my preaching appointments.

I have three farewell requests to leave with my friends in all Christian countries in which I have labored as an evangelist:

1. Pray for my successor, Bishop Hartzell, that he may, by the might of God, build wisely on the foundation God has, through my agency, laid in Africa within the last twelve years.

2. Pray to the God of missions for this special work in Africa till he shall give you clear intimations of how much per week he would enable you and obligate you to give to this cause, and forward it to Rev. Ross Taylor till further notice. He will turn over this entire work to Bishop Hartzell just as soon as the bishop can get ready to receive it, of which prompt notice will be given.

3. Rally around my son Ross and help him to make the best mission periodical on the earth—*Illustrated Christian World*. I have been editor-in-chief for eight years and will continue,

but Ross carries the burden of the work. Help him please.

WM. TAYLOR.

To us it is really pathetic to have this old veteran go out alone to work among the heathen. We have a fear, somehow, that Bishop Taylor will be disappointed when he begins his work and finds he is not the Wm. Taylor of old. Samson-like, he has been shorn of his strength and it was done so stealthily that he may not realize it till he goes out to shake himself as of old. But, without doubt, he will find that while he was absorbed in the work God gave him to do, old age has despoiled him and left him at the mercy of the enemy. May the God of battles sustain and keep him.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. Daniel Matthaei, pastor of our First German Church, this city, gave our office a call.

Bishops McCabe, Cranston and Hartzell have each received the degree of LL. D., since their election.

The Rev. G. L. Blackwell, S. T. B., of Charlotte, N. C., publishing agent of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Kansas Wesleyan University. This is the first degree the university has bestowed upon a colored man.

Bishop W. F. Mallien, whose name is so inseparably connected with the development of our educational work in this city, writes us that after the 21st inst. his address will be Boston, Mass., instead of Buffalo, N. Y.

Bishop H. W. Warren was elected a member of the Lesson Committee to arrange the Sunday school lessons for the next fiscal year.

Rev. G. W. Zeigler, pastor of Wily Memorial Church, Chattanooga, rejoices in the fact that the audience room of his magnificent building will soon be completed. He promises us a cut of same.

Our brethren of the A. M. E. Zion Church mean business; see how they propose to secure subscribers to their official paper.

We are glad to say that, as a rule, traveling preachers of our patronizing conferences, take the Southwestern.

Rev. H. J. Wright, presiding elder in the Louisiana Conference, met with a very painful accident recently. His horse took fright and jumped from a bridge, injuring Bro. Wright quite seriously. Glad to announce he is rapidly recovering.

The Epworth Herald says Drs. Mason and Schell preached recently at Storm Lake, Ia., and that "Dr. Mason's sermon in the morning was a fine specimen of real pulpit eloquence. The young people enjoyed it, and several of the older people shouted."

Dr. Schell preaches as he speechifies—with fire and force.

Brethren, do stop making a great string of excuses when you get up to preach. If you are prepared, get up and go ahead; if you are not prepared, either refuse to preach or else go right in and do your best. Excuses will weaken either you or the effort you make.

Color blindness among railroad and sea-going men is said to be the result of the use of tobacco.

Young man, young woman, go spend some of your pleasure money to provide for the needy or clothe the naked orphan and see how happy you will feel.

While some preachers are around boasting of the big sermons they preach, the one who feels he has nothing for which to boast has started one or more movements among his people that keep them happy and busy, build up the church and give the pastor something to report at the annual Conference. Out of the pulpit some men are as helpless as a babe.



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## ATTENTION!

As ordered, we sent on July 8th a copy of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" to every yearly subscriber that came in during the first week in July. Now we will send a Methodist Year Book to every yearly subscriber received in the first week in August. Subscribers also get the Epworth calendar.

The convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, that convened June 15th, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, on Jackson street, adjourned to First Street M. E. Church June 22d, having elected their officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Walker was elected delegate to the convention in October. The installation sermon was preached at Mt. Zion M. E. Church Sunday, July 5th, by Rev. T. G. Montgomery, at 3 p. m., assisted by Rev. Pierre Landry, P. E. of the South New Orleans District. They spoke very encouragingly, after which the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Rev. S. Duncan, P. E. of the North New Orleans District, and Rev. Pierre Landry: Mrs. S. E. Johnson, president; Mrs. A. Claude, first vice-president; Mrs. A. Marshall, second vice-president; Mrs. D. C. Mead, third vice-president; Mrs. Pardon, fourth vice-president; Mrs. M. Hill, fifth vice-president; Mrs. D. M. Walker, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. Dright, recording secretary; Mrs. T. G. Montgomery, treasurer; Mrs. M. Johnson, North New Orleans District, manager; Mrs. L. Gee, South New Orleans District, manager; Mrs. Brown, local worker, North New Orleans District; Mrs. Grant, local worker, South New Orleans District. The women of our church seem to have their heart in the work.

D. M. Walker, Cor. Sec'y.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMS.

District Epworth League and Sunday School Institute will convene at Grace M. E. Church, Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 26th, (instead of the 27th), 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. Pastors, local preachers, exhorters, superintendents, Epworth League presidents, district stewards and district class leaders from every charge on the district are expected to be present with full reports. District class leaders are required to make out their reports by the Quarterly Conference form, so as to secure uniformity. The following will be the literary program:

Savannah Circuit: "Duty of Superintending of Sunday School," P. B. Gibson. Savannah: "Great Men of To-day and What They Are Doing," L. S. Ried; "Woman of Our Church and Their Rights," Miss C. Emma Lewis. Jesup: "Recreation," Mrs. I. L. McKim; "Character Building," Mrs. V. L. King. Blackshear: "Sunday School Teachers and their Responsibilities," Mrs. Fred R. McLarrin. Waycross: "What I Saw and Heard at the General Conference," G. H. Bowen; "Duty of Epworth League Presidents," A. L. Cheek. Wareboro: "The Consecrated Superintendent," James Wilson. Valdosta: "Recreation," Annie Lane. Thomasville: "The Preacher, and How to Prepare His Sermon," E. Lowery. Camden: "Ten Facts on Sunday School Work," A. Grant. Baxley: "Echoes from Africa," A. B. Whitely. Eastman: "The United Official Board," L. C. Edwards. Cordele: "Higher Education for Girls," Miss Josephine Holzendorf. Americus: "Down with the Run Traffic," E. H. Elder. Brunswick Circuit: Resolved, "That the American Negro Immigrate to Africa," affirmative, Clinton Smith; negative, Peter Smith. St. Mary's: Declaration, Miss Daisy Harris. Brunswick Station: "Relation of the Epworth League to the Masses," R. H. Johnson. M. D. Welcome address will be delivered by Prof. J. C. Prince. Response by Rev. Thos. Thompson, of St. Mary's. All papers should be written so as to require no longer than five minutes to read them. John Watts, P. E.

Program of Sixth Annual Session of Alexandria District Conference, Louisiana Conference, to convene at Lake Charles, La., Aug. 12, 1896:

(Rev. Jos. Jones to preach introductory sermon, Rev. A. H. Banks, alternate; Rev. J. W. Turner to preach missionary sermon, Rev. M. H. Hunter, alternate; (Revs. I. L. Augustus, W. J. M. Price, A. J. Pickett, C. W. Kershaw, A. Thomas, H. C. Gair, H. W. Welsh, T. Williams, S. Tillman to preach revival sermons afternoons and at night; Rev. A. L. Banks, "Conference Evangelists;" Rev. A. J. Pickett, "Ministerial Character;" Rev. H. C. Gair, "Christian Evidence of Faith;" Rev. Joseph Johnson, "Work of the Sunday School;" Rev. Willis Carr, "How Pastors Should Conduct Themselves;" Rev. J. A. Vincent, "Power of Prayer;" Rev. E. Harrison, "Personality of the Holy Ghost;" Rev. C. W. Kershaw, "Relation of Stewards to Pastor and Church;" Rev. W. J. M. Price, "Why Subscribe for the Southwestern?" Rev. M. H. Hunter, "Relation of District Steward to Presiding Elder;" Rev. J. H. Thompson, "Temperance;" Rev. E. B. Richards, "Baptism: Its Modes in M. E. Church;" Rev. Robert Anderson, "Benefit of Means of Grace;" Rev. Ed. Powell, "Progress of Religion;" Rev. Z. T. Gayden, "Danger of Riches;" Rev. Wm. L. Amos, "Relation of Sunday School to Church;" Rev. J. A. Vincent, "Does Discipline Injure the Church?" Rev. Wm. J. Walker, "Christian Conduct;" Rev. A. J. Johnson, "Progress of Methodism;" Rev. Horace King, "What is Regeneration;" Rev. W. C. Calvin, "The Good of an Epworth League Chapter." All are expected to bring written reports and essays. Rev. M. C. B. Mason has promised to be present if convenient, and expects every pastor on the Alexandria district to bring up a good collection for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society as an evidence of our appreciation of his selection by our great church for the honored position he now holds in it. Let us do our best, brethren.

Let us make this session of the Alexandria District Conference a glorious one among the others of its history. Yours fraternally, A. J. Pickett, E. B. Richards, Joseph Johnson, Committee on Program.

The Literary Program for the District Conference to be held at Burnett, Tex., August the 5th, 1896: To preach the opening sermon, J. H. Neal; Justification by Faith, R. H. Ponton; Apostasy or Probability of Falling from Grace, J. T. Gibbons; What Advancement has the West Texas Conference Made Since its Organization, Samuel Gates; Has the Younger Minister made any Advancement over the Older Ones, in General Church Work, G. A. Shanklin; Has the Older Ministers lost any of their Former Power? P. V. Crawford; The Duty of the Presiding Elder, Morton Lott; The Coming Church and Ministry, Anderson Roach; How do other Methodist Bodies Compare with the M. E. Church? B. I. Adams; Why do we need an Educational Ministry? James Hatcherson; Would it best promote the Welfare of the Church by all Negroes Being in one Body? A. M. Mason; Should the Church be Governed by the letter or the Spirit of the Discipline? W. H. Moseley; Can a Local Preacher do Effective Work, used as a supply, without Ordination? Alexander James; How can Ministers' Wives best help them in their Work? R. H. Duncan; What is the most Effective Manner of Preaching to Reach the Masses, W. H. Stevens.

All local exhorters and preachers are expected to bring written productions, on some particular subject best suited to the occasion.

All members of the District Conference are expected to be present at the opening of the session.

Moses Smith, P. E.,  
R. H. Ponton,  
J. T. Gibbons,  
Committee.

The Program of San Augustine District, to convene at Gonzales, Tex., August 12, 1896: Organization of the M. E. Church, Alfred Brown; The Missionary Church, J. T. Jacobs; Adaptation of the Itinerary to Missionary Work, Riley Soda; Are Foreign Missions Successful? J. H. Holden; The Educational Work and Spirit of Methodism, Mack Henson; The Sunday School Union and Tract Society, P. B. Bennett; The Sunday School and how it should be Conducted, G. J. Starnes, M. D.; Methodism and the Sunday School, T. H. Wyatt; The Mission of Methodism to all Classes, Alfred Dickenson; How to Reach the Masses? Thos. Watkins; Is Methodism Losing its Power Over the Masses? A. S. Bethany; Woman's Work in the Church, Isaac Smith; Temperance, N. H. Townsend; The Relation of the Southwestern Christian Advocate to the M. E. Church, J. W. Stone; The Epworth League, and How it should be Conducted, Mrs. N. A. Mills; The Duty of the Pastor to the Sunday School, George Pleasant.

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N. B.—All members will be at the seat of District Conference, August 12, 1896, 9:30 a. m.

E. Henderson, Chairman  
S. D. Mitchell, Secretary.

## THE GRAVE OF MRS. STOWE

Of the last resting place of all that was mortal of Harriet Beecher Stowe the Boston Transcript says:

"It is most fitting that the burial place of Harriet Beecher Stowe should be in Andover. This is not only because the graves of her husband and the son who was drowned forty years ago are there, but also because Andover is the capital of that orthodox faith which was hers unto death, a faith which met all the expansions of reason with a larger certainty, that led thought always upward and never feared any call to progress or to growth, in the serene certainty that the thing of the spirit are greater than all and conquer all. Andover is associated also with the years of Mrs. Stowe's first fame more closely than any other town. The twelve years of her life there immediately followed the publication of her book that made her known to the world, and during Prof. Stowe's occupancy of the chair of Sacred Literature in the seminary at Andover, the stone house—still called "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—was a great center of inspirational feeling to all anti-slavery workers. From Andover Mrs. Stowe went to make those journeys abroad which secured her English copyrights and gave her the personal friendship of many famous men and women over seas who had known her through her works. In Andover she mourned the sudden death of the son who bore the name of her famous brother Henry, and there to-day she is laid to rest beside him and the husband who died ten years ago. Thus the grave of Harriet Beecher Stowe is brought within the radius of that circle of immortality of those of our famous New England writers

Whose part in all the pomp that fills The circuit of the summer hills

is that their graves are green. When pilgrims of afar come to Boston on pilgrimage to the graves of Emerson and Hawthorne and Longfellow and Lowell and Holmes and Whittier, they will go not only to Sleepy Hollow at Concord, and to Mount Auburn, but also to Andover, which to-day has become as the shrine for all who are reverent of freedom and of faith and of the noble work of a noble woman."

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All lovers of Whittier, and for the matter of that, all who love a beautiful life, will be deeply interested in the article in the August Arena entitled "Whittier—The Man." This article is one of a series on Whittier by the editor, B. O. Flower, and is certainly the most delightful of the series so far. Mr. Flower is a brilliant and at the same time a sympathetic writer.

The Christian Literature Co. (New York) announces for early publication a History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., editor of the Christian Advocate. This work will be of great value to all, and should be in every Methodist family. It is to be sold by subscription and ministers and laymen who wish to secure the agency for this work in their congregation should write the publishers at once, as only one agent will be assigned to each church, thereby giving him exclusive control of territory. The work will be published in one volume and the price will be as low as possible, so as to bring it within the reach of all.

We are informed that the new disciplines will be ready about September 1st. We shall have here a full supply and fill orders in their turn.

An illustrated article on the Cleveland Centennial appeared in the number of Harper's Weekly, published July 22nd.

A short time ago Prof. Flinders Petrie discovered at Thebes a granite tablet containing the first known Egyptian mention of the people of Israel. It was erected by Merenptah, whose portrait bust was recovered at the same time. Prof. Petrie has written for the August Century a full account of the finding of the tablet and of the character and reign of Merenptah. This king has been supposed by scholars to be the Pharaoh who released the Children of Israel from the bondage imposed by his father, Rameses II., but this tablet records that he himself conquered the Israelites, probably in Syria.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

Expenses paid as follows for delegates and General Conference officials:

Home traveling expenses, \$18,359.29; foreign traveling expenses, 35 delegates and two missionary bishops, \$1,279.55; hotels and boarding, \$29,628.30; total, \$59,276.14.

Miscellaneous Expenses—Balance expenses Omaha General Conference, \$51.25; fraternal delegates, \$370.44; secretaries of General Conference, for stationery, etc., \$93.29; General Conference printing, souvenirs, etc., \$1,245.36; official stenographer, stationery, etc., \$226.51; pages and doormen, \$167.67; clerical help, \$23; Committee on Entertainment of General Conference, traveling and hotel expenses during the quadrennium, \$1,240.67; total, \$3,418.19; grand total, \$62,695.33.

Receipts—From Conferences, \$63,113.72; rent of boxes and chairs at Cleveland, \$1,676.18; total, \$64,789.90.

Credit balance, \$2,104.57.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Dymond, Treasurer.

This is a splendid showing, especially so when we consider that every one seemed well pleased with this entertainment. Instead of borrowing of the Book Concern, the Commission has more than \$2,000 to its credit. Treasurer Dymond is to be congratulated.

## MAKE HOME PLEASANT.

Many a child goes astray simply because home lacks sunshine. If a thing pleases they are apt to seek it; if it displeases they are apt to avoid it. If home is a place where faces are sour and words harsh and faultfinding are ever in the ascendant, they will spend as many hours as possible elsewhere.—The Lutheran.

## A DETERMINED BOY.

It may almost be said that no amount of physical disability can overwhelm a determined soul. A boy of fifteen through accident lost both of his feet, one hand, and the fingers and all but the stump of the thumb on the other. He had no friends, and it seemed inevitable that he should depend upon the public for the rest of his life.

So thought the good people whose business it was to provide in some way for him in his helpless condition; so did not think the boy to whom misfortune had come in no common measure. They said, "Get him boarded somewhere where it can be done at the least expense." He said "Give me a chance, and it won't be long before I will cease to be a burden to you."

He was sent, as he requested, to a good school, and was educated, and has since made his way in the world. He has been teacher and reporter and a successful man, and has earned the respect of all who know him. Artificial limbs make his loss almost unnoticed; so cleverly is the lack concealed that the man with one arm who begged from him on the plea that one in his condition had a hard time, was quite unconscious that he was talking to a man with far greater drawbacks.—Selected.

## CIGARETTES.

"Does cigarette smoking injure the lungs?" asked some one of a leading New York physician. For his answer, the doctor lighted a cigarette, and, inhaling a mouthful of smoke, blew it through the corner of his handkerchief, which he held tightly over his mouth. A dark-brown stain was distinctly visible. "Just such a stain," said the doctor, "is left upon the lungs." If you ever smoke another cigarette, think of the stains you are making.

There is a disease called the cigarette eye, which is regarded as dangerous. A film comes over the eye, appearing and disappearing at intervals. And did you know that boys have been made blind by smoking cigarettes? How would you like to part with your sight, and never again behold the light of day or the faces of your friends?

Shall I give you two or three pictures? A writer greatly interested in young people (Joseph Leeds) described a pitiful spectacle which he saw—a pale, woe-begone boy, seemingly less than ten years old, standing at the entrance of an alley, without a hat, his dilapidated trousers very ragged at the knees, his hands in his pockets, shivering with cold, yet whiffing a cigarette.

Dr. Hammond says: "I saw in Washington a wretched looking child, scarcely five years old, smoking a cigarette and blowing the smoke from his nostrils. His pale, pinched face was twitching convulsively, his little shoulders were bent, and his whole appearance was that of an old man."—St. Louis Advocate.

## HER LEGACY.

A lady with whom I was once conversing, said: "I am living off the legacy my dear father left me, and it will be enough to last during my life time; it was a rich legacy."

I said to her: "I knew your father left you a few thousands; I was not aware it was so much."

"Oh," she replied, "that was gone long, long ago, along with nearly all we had obtained. It is the legacy of my father's prayers we are living upon now. You know the promise is, 'Even to the third and fourth generation of those that love him.' I can remember now the earnest pleadings of my father for his darlings; and, although he has gone home long ago, yet a precious sense of those prayers is round me as the walls of Jerusalem of old. I am assured that they will follow and sustain me through life—go with me even through the gates into the city of God. I claim no special goodness, but my father was the best man I ever knew."

She lay back exhausted upon her pillow—for this lady was one of our "shut-ins"—and as I gazed upon her, suffering and helpless, poor—yet who shall say 'he was not a millionaire, an heir of the kingdom—I found she was trusting the Lord for everything.

"And it always comes just in time," she murmured, as a trusting smile lighted the wasted features.

How many of our parents of to-day are laying up for their little ones such a rich legacy? They may toil and delve, heaving together their treasures on earth, yet all may be swept away with the wave of some fearful panic. But a legacy of prayer laid up before the everlasting throne would be as enduring as the city itself.—American Messenger.

## THE PRAYER OF POWER.

We clip the following from the Christian Advocate because there are scores of people who need to read it. As with a congregation so with an individual, he who works as he prays and pays as he prays will, as a rule, accomplish the desire of his heart. Read it!

The prayer that has power with God must be a prepaid prayer. If we expect a letter to reach Canada, we prepay it; if we do not value it enough to put a two-cent stamp on it, the document will go to the dead-letter office. There is a dead-prayer office, and I fear that thousands of well-worded petitions are buried up there. Valuable things cost something and divine blessings are no exception. All God's promises have their conditions; we must comply with the condition, or we cannot expect the blessing. No farmer is such an idiot as to found his expectation of a crop of wheat on God's general promise of seedtime and harvest, when he had not plowed a rod of ground nor sowed a kernel of grain. In prayer we must do our part if we expect God to do His part.

At a missionary convention a venerated minister was called upon to offer prayer. He halted and began to fumble in his pocket. "Father A, they want you to pray," whispered somebody in his ear. "Yes, yes," replied the wise old man, "but I cannot pray until I have given something." That old saint prepaid his prayer. For the Christian churches in these days to offer the petition, "Thy kingdom come!" and then actually expend more money in jewelry and cigars than for all their enterprises of foreign missions, looks very much like a solemn farce. As far as the Lord's people are willing to prepay their prayers for the conversion of the world in solid cash and hard, self-denying work, just so far will their prayers have power.

God has no blessings for stingy pockets. What is true of pecuniary sacrifice is equally true of personal efforts. Often when I listen to "requests for prayer" for the conversion of a husband or a son or a Sabbath school scholar, I ask myself, "how much is that person doing for the conversion of that husband or child or scholar?" The Christian wife who does her utmost to make her everyday religion attractive to her unconverted husband, prepaying her petition to God. She works with the Holy Spirit. A noble woman in my church was instrumental in the conversion of her whole big Bible class; she prepaid her prayer for them by loving personal efforts for their salvation.

God demands that we prove our faith by our works. Much of the pious prattle in church prayer-meetings and young people's meetings comes to nothing because the person who utters the empty words is not reviving himself. He asks the Almighty to do what he would not lift a lazy finger to bring about. Dear young people, how much are you endeavoring to secure the answer to your prayers? O, I fear that it will be an awful thing to meet some of our own prayers at the day of judgment! Genuine, self-denying, effective, prevailing prayer is always prepaid. The offerer of it is willing to make any sacrifice to secure the blessings sought for. In short, every prayer may be said to be prepaid for whose fulfillment we are glad to co-operate with the Holy Spirit, cost what it may.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

Mrs. "Babe" Mason, a young colored woman, of Chicago, was killed by an electric wire on July 4th. The horrible accident came about in a most singular manner. An ascending sky-rocket came in contact with a telephone wire; the wire snapped and fell across a trolley wire of the South Clark street line. The woman was one of numerous pedestrians upon the street at the time. The dislodged wire, heavily charged from the trolley wire, was whirling and curling in the street, causing all near by to flee in dismay. The woman was not so fortunate as many others at the spot at the time, and was struck upon the head by the wire. Then, as if the thing were endowed with life, it wrapped about her body and neck while she screamed, and with her hands endeavored to free herself, but in vain.—Northwestern.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Crook, formerly of the University of the Pacific and recently president of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, has resigned that position owing to the inability of the institution to meet expenses. Nebraska, more than any other State, perhaps, has suffered from the hard times and drought, and its educational institutions are sorely pressed for funds. The esteem in which Dr. Crook is held by the faculty and trust-

tees of the University is evidenced by the bestowment of LL. D., accompanied by words of highest commendation. He is not likely to long remain idle, as he ranks among our ablest preachers and educators. His old friends on the Pacific coast will wish for him the happiest possible adjustment of relation.

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Fast mail..... 7:45 am	Fast mail..... 7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati all.	
Fast mail..... 7:45 am	Fast mail..... 7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati limited.	
No. 3..... 7:30 pm	No. 4..... 8:00 am
McComb City, Accommodation.	
No. 31..... 9:35 am	No. 32..... 5:15 pm

## Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.

No. 5, Memphis Local	No. 6, Memphis Local
Fast express, 10:31 am	Fast Train 4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg express..... 6:31 pm	Vicksburg express..... 8:11 am
No. 23, Baton Rouge a c..... 10:00 am	Baton Rouge a c..... 8:15 pm

## Louisville and Nashville.

No. 2, fast ex..... 7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail..... 7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc..... 8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex..... 8:04 am
No. 1, lim. ex..... 6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc..... 8:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail..... 8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex..... 7:50 pm
Sunday ex..... 9:30 pm	Sunday ex..... 7:50 am

## Texas and Pacific.

No. 62, Ft. Worth and Gal. ex..... 6:55 pm	No. 63, Gal. ex..... 8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Spgs express..... 9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Spgs express..... 7:20 pm

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8 Coast acc..... 3:30 pm		1 Lim. Ex..... 5:00 pm	
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 1896.

## DAVID'S VICTORIES.

2 Sam. 10:8-19.

Golden Text.—"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 21:1.)

The Ammonites were descendants of Lot. They dwelt in the country east of the Dead Sea. Their King, Nahash, who showed kindness to David, likely in the time of his exile, was dead, and his son, Hanun, reigned in his stead. David was not the man to forget a favor, hence he sent an embassy to comfort him over the loss of his father. Some censure David for offering condolence to a heathen king. But, God so loved the heathen world that He gave His only Son to redeem it. He has commanded His ministers to go into all the world and comfort the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, and lead the erring. They are Christ's ambassadors.

David's was misunderstood. He was accused, by the princess of the Ammonites, of sending spies to search out the city that he might overthrow it. Nothing is more common than for the bad to misjudge the good. They measure them by their own standard, and suppose that others would do about as they act. With the people of the east the beard is the seat of honor, the proof of freedom, and the symbol of manhood. For anyone to touch it irreverently, speak of it lightly, or cast reproach upon it in any way, was an offense never to be forgiven. Hanun could not have shown a greater insult to David's messengers. They were also exposed to ridicule. The world will, when it can, subject the ambassadors of Christ to ridicule, insult, and death.

The Ammonites had not counted the cost of this insult. They were not able to go to war with Israel. David's indignation and declaration of war was to them an after thought. Short-sighted people do not take a second thought till they see the result of the first. Many of our best ideas come trooping along too late. When the Ammonites saw what David meant to do, they entered into a league with the Syrians, and promised to give them a thousand talents, to help them defeat Israel. It is no uncommon thing for the kingdoms of this world to unite against the Kingdom of Christ.

1.—The defeat of the Ammonites (8-14). This plan of the enemy. The Ammonites had encamped near the gate of their chief city, Rabbath. The Syrians had pitched their tents in the field or open plain surrounding the stronghold of Medeba. The Israelites came down in battle array and encamped between the two armies. They had a strong opposing force north and another south of them. God has on earth a spiritual host. The powers of darkness are often arrayed against them. They may fight as a united body, or as a divided host. Their commander has skill and cunning, and will use the most successful plans.

2. The skill of the Israelites. Joab, the nephew of David, and the commander-in-chief of his armies, saw he was in danger of being destroyed by the two opposing powers. In a moment he realized the situation and arranged to meet the emergency. He divided his forces, and selected the choice men of Israel to fight the Syrians. This, he likely did, because they were the best skilled soldiers. He then put the other division of his army under the command of his brother, Abishai, and sent them to fight the Ammonites. The Lord has seen fit to divide His army to fight spiritual wickedness in high places. There are many denunciations. It may be that God has raised up all of them. No one church is likely to preach the whole Gospel, or do the entire work of God. Jehovah expects each church to work along its line. The denunciations are under leaders, or commanders. Not all can be officers, neither can all be privates. Let every one find his sphere and labor therein.

3. The address of Joab is short, but to the point. The tongue of a commander should fight more than his hand. A good leader ought, out of his abundance, put life and spirit into others. If a lion lead a sheep into the battle field there is hope of victory. His address teaches: (1) Co-operation. If either side prove too weak for the foe the other was to come over and help them. There are to be no opposition, but each was to show interest, sympathy, and love for the other. The armies of our God

should not be enemies one to another, but should endure one another's imperfections, bear one another's burdens, and love one another with pure hearts fervently. (2) Bravery. "Courage is that quality of mind which enables men to encounter danger with firmness, or without fear or depression of spirits." (Webster). It is not savage, ferocious violence; not a fool-hardy insensibility of danger; not a headstrong rashness to run into difficulty; not the fire of an inflamed passion broke loose from reason; not the courage of a tiger, but the calm, deliberate, rational firmness of a man. It is an essential characteristic of a good soldier. Jesus is the best example of true bravery we have on record. God has but one use for spiritual eowards—for those who are too timid to speak a word for Jesus, or lift up their voice in prayer-meeting, or look a brother in the face and tell him he is in the wrong or going to the nameless place. (3) Manliness. Joab had no swords for any but true men. The despondent, whining, squirming coward he did not want. There are many sauntering triflers in human shape and men's attire we have no use for. Many sybarites who are hred on stories, poetry and magazines; many scholars who glory in the nicety of metre, accent, and college humors; many dressed creatures who sweeten soirees and play houses with their odors; many who flutter and die in the light of fashion; many professors of religion who almost ask the sons of Belial for permission to serve God. Of these classes we have more than enough. But, of men whose souls are bent towards some great object in life, who are laboring, bearing, self-denying, and praying, to accomplishing the same, we have but few. Yet the times that are upon us demand them, and it is our part to train them for these emergencies. (J. W. A.). God has much use for many men, and womanly women, and He has but little use for any other kind. All this talk about the new woman is of the devil. God and man have no use for her. (4) Patriotism. They were exhorted to stand for their people, cities, and God. For their people, because they were one great brotherhood with interests and desires in common. The household of faith is one mighty family in God and should have a family feeling of love and sympathy. For their cities are homes. More than their lives were at stake in the battle before them. Their wives, children, homes, possessions, freedom, and the liberty of their descendants were all in the balance. In the spiritual warfare before the church more than our own salvation is in the contest. Our country, laws, churches, schools, Bible, Sabbath, and religious liberty are to be considered. No man liveth or dieth to himself. He lifts up or drags down others as he rises or falls. For their God, they were also to stand. He had done much for them. He had brought them up out of Egypt, conducted them through the wilderness, and provided them homes in Canaan. He had scattered their foes and raised Israel to great dignity and honor. The same God has led us from the wilderness of sin into the Canaan of rest, cast every evil principle out of our nature, and set us on high among his people. (5) Resignation. Joab was not a saint, but, on this occasion, his language is admirable and worthy of imitation. They are not the words of high confidence but of desperate resolution. He would have them do their whole duty with all their might and leave the result with God. If the battle went against them they would have the conviction that they had done their part. If it went for them they would give God the glory. He well knew the race was not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. He looked above the hills from whence his help cometh. God would have us do our part as though He did not exist to help, and also to trust Him as if we could do nothing without Him.

4. The result of the battle. The Syrians were soon put to flight by the armies of Joab, and when the Ammonites knew their allies were defeated they retreated into their capital city. This may have been a bloodless battle. Many such are fought. The armies of Israel returned to Jerusalem and in the next year "destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Babbah," and finally overcame and destroyed it. But in the mean time the Syrians rallied again, secured help from their neighbors beyond the river Euphrates, and returned to fight Israel. They were commanded by Hadarezer, their king. When the news reached David that this vast army was invading his territory, he "gathered all Israel together" and at the head of his troops marched against them. The battle was fought at Helam. The Syrians were defeated. They lost seven thousand

charioteers and forty thousand footmen. These figures are very uncertain. Before the Arabs invented our present system of notation, there was no method of representing numbers with any likelihood of escaping error. One result of this battle was peace. The nations about Israel would not go to war with them again. Another result was the extension of David's kingdom from the borders of Africa to the Euphrates. Thus the promise made to Abraham was fulfilled. Africa to the Euphrates. Thus the ber of small governments paid tribute to Israel. In the space of twenty years David had righteously began and honorably terminated eight wars.

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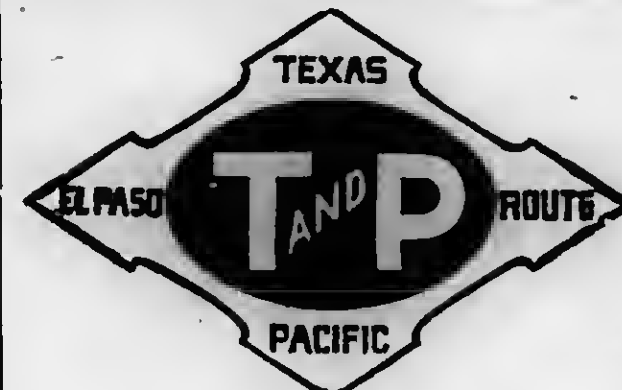
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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 10.	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandcoulee, Mont.	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 16.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima, Wash.	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills, Miss. Conference, Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Den.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Oluchuat, Plana, O.	Sep. 2.	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming, Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Hurst
Erie, New York, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Lawman
Northwest Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah.	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurst
East Ohio, Garfield, O.	Sep. 16.	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17.	Mallieau
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West's Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Duluth, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., U.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Minnesota, Anthon, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallieau
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.	Andrews
Port's Minnesota, Moka, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Hosanna, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallieau
North Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Geneva, Union, N. Y.	Oct. 1.	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Tawamla, Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7.	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallieau
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallieau
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.	Mallieau
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19.	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.	Ninde
West Texas, Burn, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Ninde
Anaheim, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf. Sofia.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Joyce
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 22.	Goodsell
Hortu Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodsell
Denmark Mission, Vele.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea Mission, Seoul.	Aug. 18.	Joyce
Norway, Aarsborg.	Aug. 18.	Joyce
Sweden, Jankoping.	Aug. 18.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Mission, Abo.	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king.	Oct. 21.	Joyce
Foochow, Foochow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference.	Nov. 18.	Hartnell
West China Mission.	Nov. 18.	Hartnell

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## District Conferences and Conventions to be held.

Dallas District Conference, Fort Worth, Tex.	August 2.
Houston District Conference, Harrisburg, Tex.	August 4.
Austin District Conference, Austin, Tex.	August 5.
Atlanta District Conference, Haganville, Ga.	August 5.
Griffin District Conference, McDonough, Ga.	August 6.
Birmingham District Conference, Talladega, Ala.	August 6.
Huntsville District Conference, Decatur, Ala.	August 6.
Rome District Conference, Douglasville, Ga.	August 6.
Shreveport District Conference, Vicksburg, La.	August 7.
San Antonio District Conference, Gonzales, Tex.	August 12.
New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12.	
New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.	
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La.	August 19.
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, August 19.	
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn.	August 23.
Chattanooga District Conference, Kingstree, S. C.	August 27.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Greenville District.

Third Round.	August.
Indianola.	12
Greenville.	13
Lula.	15
Clarksdale.	22
Ita Bena Sta.	30
September.	
Wells.	12
Mound Bay.	14
Benoni.	26
Ita Bena ct.	28
T. W. Davis, P. E.	

## Starkville District.

Third Round.	August.
French Camp.	12
McCool.	15
District Ep League and S. S. Conference.	27
September.	
Stargos.	12
Chester Mission, Rev.	12
G. Orange.	19
Cedar Bluff.	19
Mathison, Rev. N. L.	26
Lackey.	23
Otober.	
Enpora.	3
B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.	

## Aberdeen District.

Third Round.	August.
Aberdeen.	8
Gatman.	11
Caladonia.	22
September.	
Colmibus, by pastor.	5
Macdonaldville.	12
Hickory Grove.	15
Macon ct.	26
Moon Valley.	30
October.	
West Point.	3
H. R. Revela, P. E.	

## Gainesville District.

Third Round.	August.
Barnford.	12
Noble Hill.	13
Liberty Hill.	14
Pineville.	19
Hague.	23
September.	
Anedoodo.	5
Walden.	12
Mcconoy.	13
Rochell.	23
October.	
Adamsville.	3
Old Creek.	13
Whitston.	27
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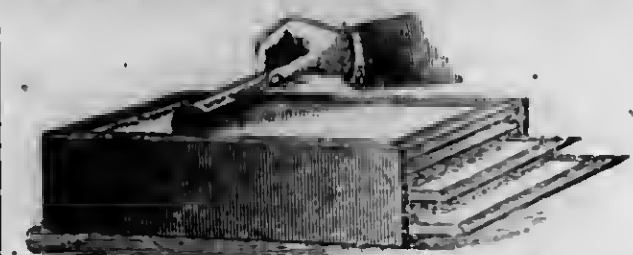
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No coward alarm, no craven fear  
Can move the heart that trusts in God.  
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"Be strong, fear not," he hears the voice  
That bids the desert land rejoice.

—Ran's Horn.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

There is to be a total solar eclipse August 8th. Look for it!

The Ohio Legislature has passed a law substituting electrocution for hanging in the case of persons condemned to death.

There is being erected in New York City a building twenty-six stories high, besides three stories more in the tower. It will be well supplied with elevators.

The Book Committee has decided to continue on full salary for the remainder of this year, the bishops who were voted non-effective by our last General Conference.

Maryland offers \$1000 for the apprehension of persons engaged in a lynching that took place in that State. Georgia has done equally well. God lives and the world moves.

If there is a race problem help solve it by making the most possible of yourself; if there is none, improve the race by improving yourself.

Henry M. Stanley says that when he was at Lake Victoria, eighteen years ago, there was not a missionary there; now there are 40,000 native Christians and 200 schools. The natives are enthusiastic converts, and many would spend their last penny to acquire a Bible. What we want now is to develop the country, not so much for the white man, but for the natives themselves.

Robt. E. Speer, a man who spends his thousands to bring the world to Christ, says:

Missionaries on the foreign field bring in three times as many converts every year as all the ministers here at home, aided by Christian influence, workers and literature.

You profess to be a Christian, and you may be; but I desire to ask do you ever take any pleasure in spiritual things? Do you ever have any communion with the Master? Have you ever had any special service for your religion? Did you profess religion and take it home and put it away, so to speak, to be used on stated occasions? To be used on Sunday, or during a protracted meeting, or when you think you are dying? If such be the plan on which your spiritual life is conducted you need to offer most earnest prayer that God may deliver you from a worldly life and a cold and formal religion. If you really mean to serve God throw yourself into the thickest of the fight. It may be you are not able to give a great deal; then give something and do a great deal more. A man may be too poor to give money but he ought to be fully able to give a godly example, a kind word, a devotion to duty, that will help others.

## WHY ARE YOU A METHODIST?

We think this a fair question and desire to have each one of our readers ask himself and make an honest effort to answer.

To be a loyal and devoted Methodist, one needs to have his faith founded on good and sufficient reasons. There is such a thing as blind devotion. That that knows no reason and asks none. This is founded upon ignorance, but true devotion is founded upon knowledge. What one loves truly must possess worth, and he must have reason to believe it is worthy. Such will bear investigation and real worth profits by investigation. For one properly to value and appreciate the church of his choice he should know something of its doctrines and history. Whence did it come? What has it done? Knowing these it is only left to determine whether he accepts and believes what he knows. Should a person find himself in the Methodist Church without such information he should at once set himself about the task of securing it. If he do not know what his church believes as to baptism, the Lord's Supper, a future life, regeneration, sanctification, etc., how is he to know whether his belief accords with the doctrines of his church, or not? Each denomination is composed of a company of individuals who agree in their faith in the great doctrines set forth in the Scriptures. Now then, as a Methodist, what does your church believe, and, hence, what do you believe?

"Well," says one, "I believe what my mother believed, and I am a Methodist because she was one."

That is not a bad reason, provided you know what she believed and provided her belief accords with her church. This shows she taught you properly.

Another is a Methodist because he does not like the Baptists. Even that is alright, provided you mean you do not like their doctrines, for if you like their doctrines that is good reason why you ought to be a Baptist.

Still another is a Methodist because his friends are; or because the prominent people attend that church; or because it is the largest church in the town; or because the pastor is popular, etc. But it will be seen at once that the only lasting reasons are those founded upon faith. To the man who knows, believes and loves the doctrines of his church no other is so dear, no other will answer so well. Who has any respect for the person who says he loves one church as well as another? Such a person surely believes everything or nothing. He does not amount to much in any church. He may be a Christian, but few believe it, and in nine cases out of ten he will not do to depend upon when there is anything much at stake.

But situated as we are, how are our people to know the doctrines of our church? First, the preachers must know them. We take it for granted that every one knows the articles of religion as set forth in our discipline. Even the laymen and local preachers should be familiar with these. Knowing these, let it be simply the starting point; extend your range of knowledge and grasp the great system of doctrines as set forth by the masters.

Second, let our preachers preach our doctrines

more. This is one of our weaknesses as Methodists. We do not preach our doctrine enough. It is alright to talk once in a while on what we believe about heaven; but do not stay in heaven all the time. Teach the people; teach the children; feed the sheep and feed the lambs. We baptize the children of our congregations and they grow up without knowing anything about that doctrine of the church; and we know nothing more about them, till they come up some day to be rebaptized. In conclusion, we ask, why are you a Methodist?

## WHAT OUR NEIGHBOR THINKS OF US.

The Christian Register (Unitarian) of Boston, says:

At the Methodist General Conference at Cleveland, it was distinctly stipulated with the hotels which made special rates for delegates that a fixed percentage of colored delegates should be accepted, and that they should sit at the same tables with the white men. The conference wisely determined to protect the rights of the colored members. As a consequence, they were not obliged to seek boarding houses in the back alleys, nor were they obliged at the hotels to eat at tables by themselves. Some of the Southern daily papers are severe in their comments upon this action of the conference, and it is doubtful whether the Southern religious press would have the courage to sustain it. But allowance for this feeling must be made in the South; and it must be remembered that it is said to be the first time that the larger hotels in Cleveland have admitted colored men to their regular dinner tables. The Methodist conference did, therefore, some practical missionary work in converting that city to Christianity.

We like to have credit even for doing right. In the case referred to the Methodist Church set a good example for others and we trust they may profit by it.

## NEGRO MEMBERS IN SOUTHERN WHITE CHURCHES.

A writer in the Southwestern Presbyterian says: "As to the reception of colored members into our own churches, I am not aware that the Assembly has said anything on that point, still it would logically follow, that the Assembly approves the reception of colored members into our white churches when there is no colored Presbyterian Church at hand to receive them. Now if individual Negroes in the midst of a white community desire admission into a Presbyterian Church of whites, if found duly qualified, why should any Presbyterian Church session refuse to receive them? Has it passed out of the memory of Southern Presbyterians that before the war most of our churches had colored members in good and regular standing, and who sat at the table of the Lord as well as the white members, and received baptism in the presence of the congregation like others, and had their appropriate seats provided for them in our church buildings? What harm came of that in any case?"

We cannot say just how our Presbyterian brethren manage the colored membership question referred to above, but we know of a few Presbyterian churches that welcome colored members and we know of at least one in which the communion is passed to a colored visitor as though he belonged there.



## REPORTS FROM "CHILDREN'S DAY."

L. W. Mosley, P. C., Dunnaway, Miss.: We had Children's Day on the 14th of June, which resulted in a good collection. Hickney Grove collected \$18.95; Spring Hill, \$25.50; Mosley Chapel, \$5; total, \$49.45.

Rev. C. H. Hendricks, pastor White-right Mission, Texas Conference: The second Sunday in June was our Children's Day for the first time. It was a new thing for some of our people. When I began to show from statistical reports the great number of Sunday school scholars belonging to the Methodist church all reciting the same lesson and answering the same questions, I could see the little fellows' eyes brighten with delight and encouragement. We are moving along with our work. Pray for us.

E. F. Carter, P. C., Livingston, Tenn.: Last Sunday was Children's Day and we had a very nice program arranged and had a good time. The collection for Children's Day was \$1.61; for Missions, \$1; other purposes, \$1.25; total, \$3.86. We want to be in the number. Pray for our success.

S. N. Wallace, Moss Point, Miss.: I wish to tell you of two things: First, of our annual picnic, which was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Paul M. E. Sunday school. The children enjoyed a delightful boat ride some eight or ten miles up the river, and there on the banks of the beautiful Pascagoula river, amidst the moss, lilies and violets and wild vines, we spread our table, laden with good things. After spending a joyful day fishing, swinging, jumping rope, etc., we returned home at 5 o'clock, much pleased with our trip. Much credit is due the committee of arrangements, who did their utmost to make it pleasant for everybody. Secondly, Children's Day was duly and appropriately observed Sunday, June 14th. Our Young Crusader's program was carried out to the letter, in addition to the printed program. Papers were read by the following persons: Miss Vassie Buchanan, recently from "Straight," subject, "Strive to Obtain a Christian Education;" Mr. Chas. S. Collard, also from "Straight," subject, "The Advantages of Education;" and Mr. R. W. Brown, superintendent of First Baptist Sunday school; subject, "The Barren Fig Tree." In the evening we were treated to a most delightful Bible exercise, "Sacred Bees," by Rev. W. H. Harrison, P. C. of Baptist church. The presentation of a beautiful banner to Berean Class No. 1 for meritorious service by our esteemed and much beloved pastor, Rev. A. Davis, followed, his remarks upon the importance of the occasion closing our exercises. Mr. S. A. McIntosh is leader of the choir, while Miss Lucy A. Carrol presided at the organ. Miss Carrol read a paper on "Value of Wisdom," which was quite interesting. Collection, \$18.86.

Miss Mamie L. Williams, Corinth, Miss.: The Children's Day service was held on the Corinth Circuit June 21st, at Concord M. E. Church. To say the least, it was perfectly grand. The exercise was accurately performed and showed that the efficient commander, Prof. M. L. Hayes, and much-loved pastor, Rev. G. W. Baker, spared no pains to make the day a grand success. The services were further extended by many important remarks which met a unanimous welcome. Prominent among these speakers were Prof. W. B. Garrett, Prof. S. T. Sumler and Prof. R. A. Adams. Allow me to compliment the amiable young ladies who so elaborately decorated the church. This was a silent token of love for Christ and a high appreciation for such edifying services. Last, but not least, Mr. A. D. Hayes made a collection address, and his eloquence was grand, the result of which was he collected \$7.

W. Brooks, P. C., Augusta, Ark.: The 21st of June, Children's Day, was celebrated, with Rev. J. W. Stevogs, superintendent. The program was not carried out as we wished, but we did the best we could, as our Sunday school is young. It is four months old, but we are coming. We raised \$1 and have sent it to Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne. So pray for us.

S. T. Cooper, P. C., Park Place, Ark.: Rev. B. V. Jackson, our dear Sunday school teacher at this place, is sick. We are succeeding in interesting our young people in the work of the Sunday school and church. On account of the late reception of our programs, we

did not have our Children's Day exercises until the third Sunday in June. We had the new form of programs, from Dr. C. H. Payne. Every banner marked its band of Crusaders. The pieces were all nicely delivered. The table was then set out and the little folks brought sixty envelopes with their gifts, which amounted to \$12.35. The people of this community are learning that Haven's Chapel M. E. Church is the centre of intelligent Christian worship.

E. H. Clark, P. C., Hahnville, La.: Children's Day service was carried out here at St. James' M. E. Church on June 21st. It was all that could be expected. The program was carried out in full. Bro. N. Kyles, the superintendent, and Bros. A. Morrell and A. V. Dozier and Thomas Smith, deserve much credit for their faithful and untiring zeal. Our Sunday school is second to none on the district.

O. W. Trammell, Fredonia Circuit, Ala.: On the second Sabbath in July we celebrated Children's Day, at Mt. Pleasant. Fredonia school united with Mt. Pleasant. To say it was a grand success would only express it in the mildest terms. Introductory address was delivered by Miss Edna L. Gunn, of Fredonia. The Cold Water Army was represented by Master Walter Hugh Trammell, of Mt. Pleasant. Quite a number of other young people acted their parts well, but we refrain from mentioning the large number of names: We should mention Bro. D. Trammell, superintendent, and Prof. B. O. Trammell, who labored so faithfully to make Children's Day a grand success. Collection, \$7.60. The Southwestern Christian Advocate is gaining ground in this vicinity. Praise the Lord.

Wm. Martin, secretary Lexington Conference, Indiana District, Cementville, Ind.: Sunday, June 14th, was observed for our Children's Day, and we carried it out by the program. Mrs. Johnson, our public school teacher, took the lead. Mr. H. Hall, the superintendent, the pastor, and, in fact, everybody, spoke well. Little Daisy Johnson got a nice ring for her work.

Phillip P. Wright, Central Alabama Conference, Dadeville District, Roanoke Circuit: Children's Day exercises were observed here. Much interest was manifested. One brother said: "I came here with the expectation of giving the Children's fund 5 cents, but since hearing that talk from Bro. P. P. Wright, instead of 5 cents, I give \$1." I verily believe if the people knew more of the grand old Methodist Episcopal Church they would do more. Also as the result of those few words, you have three cash subscribers to add to your list. Others have said they will send in subscription next week. Amount collected for Children's Day, \$11.69. We, too, join in helping the grand old Southwestern to success.

Lillian Boswell, Dover, Ky.: Our Children's Day exercises given Sabbath June 21st, were the grandest ever given in this town. The church was beautifully decorated with birds, flowers and United States flags. Each division moved with the precision of regularly drilled soldiers and every piece was recited perfectly. The church was crowded; standing room at a premium. Collection, \$6.02. Much credit has been given the pastor, Rev. Edw. R. Lewis, and Miss L. B. Boswell for the very splendid training and management. Rev. B. W. Kirtley, of Augusta, and his congregation, were here and gave us great aid. We have a splendid Sabbath school; superintendent, A. Lewis. The church is on the forward move.

L. J. S. Bell, P. C., Haven Chapel, Meridian, Miss.: Children's Day was a success on the Haven Chapel work this year. Program was carried out nicely and a good collection was taken for the cause. On a recent night the parsonage was surprised by quite a number of members, who left the pastor and family in possession of a good supply of entables. We are saying, come again. God bless the new editor. I will send in a list of cash subscribers soon.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

San Antonio, Tex.—A few dots from St. Paul's M. E. Church, San Antonio, Tex.: The congregation has increased fifty per cent. since last December. The average attendance of Sunday school is from 195 to 205. We have enrolled 250, with chances for steady increase. Dr. G. J. Starnes is superintendent. We Baptized by effusion six adults, July 19th, and one infant. And received into full connection seventeen persons. The rally to pay the pastor closed July 26th, with \$88.81. A regular campaign is "on" in old St. Paul for the Southwestern. Its editor, Dr. T. B. Scott, has many personal friends in San Antonio.—Mack Henson.

P. H. Jenkins, P. C., Bellville Circuit, Texas Conference: Second quarter of May 2-3, was a grand success. The quarterly Conference was very largely attended, both Saturday and Sunday. Rev. E. Jefferson, an old herald of the Cross, held the quarter and preached two soul-reviving sermons, which made lasting impressions upon the minds of the people. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$105. Paid on long standing indebtedness on our church property here. We are preparing to erect a new church in this town. The church and Sunday school are well organized and everything is moving along nicely. Our motto this year is to put the Southwestern in every home, a Methodist hymn book and discipline, and the Bible, which will aid greatly in establishing the kingdom of God in human hearts.

M. Adams, P. C., Upper Mississippi Conference: Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, were high days with us on the Amory Circuit. Rev. P. O. Jamieson was with us and held our second quarterly Conference. The meeting convened at New Point, and the elder's presence with us was like good news from a far-off land. He told us that we belong to a great church, that he was just from the General Conference and that it represented all the nations of the globe. Collection, \$3.43. We want him to come again.

A. B. Venable, P. C., Mt. Nebo Charge, Bastrop, La.: The stewardess sisters gave a grand rally May 24th and had a grand time. They realized the sum of \$10. The rally was for the purpose of furnishing the parsonage. Also the trustees gave a grand rally June 27th, for the purpose of raising means for the improvement of the church. They realized the sum of \$28.30. We are fixing for the district Conference, which will assemble here Aug. 19th to 23d. Preachers who assisted us in the rally are Revs. P. W. Clark and D. G. Pharris.

Wm. McMorris, Vicksburg, Miss.: Second quarterly Conference held 10th and 12th inst. Presiding Elder Cowan's new life seems to agree with him. He is enjoying better health than usual. He preached to the great edification and satisfaction of a full house. One hundred and eleven partook of sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We have been greatly hindered in our work here by the small-pox. I have never been so completely defented in plans and work before. No revival as yet, but trust to do something along all lines from now on. I expect to keep my pledge as to subscribers.

J. M. Thompson, P. C., Starkville Circuit: Our second quarterly Conference was held in Zion Franklin's M. E. Church, June 11th, with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., in the chair. Results were very gratifying. Two able sermons were preached by the presiding elder. From the first quarter to the second we raised quite \$150. Nine adults have been added to the church. The Epworth League is ablaze at New Prospect, and I hope to have it so at Zion very soon. One of our very faithful members, Sister B. M. Murray, departed this life in the month of June in full triumph of faith. We hope to send in some subscribers to the Southwestern soon.

W. H. Smith, Pearlinton, Miss.: I am glad I can say that Pearlinton charge is alive spiritually and financially. The fourth Sunday in June was the greatest day in the history of our church here. The corner stone was laid with the help of Rev. O. H. Flowers, of Pass Christian, and Rev. D. J. Wilson, Baptist, of New Orleans; Rev. J. M. Bryant, of Louisiana, and Rev. Mr. Focithe, of M. E. Church South. Each of these rendered grand services during the day. Collection, \$49.98. Our long desired and greatly-

needed church is being completed today. It has cost at present, without seats and lights \$1,100. The Lord has wonderfully blessed this work this year. We have some very true and faithful sisters here who are not sparing any pains to make everything pleasant for the district Conference, which will convene here this month. Last Thursday night was a night with the family of the P. C. to be long remembered. After retiring, a host of the members and friends of this place came in with a storm and loaded down our dining table with everything one could wish to eat. God bless you all. Come again!

## MERIDIAN ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT.

The Seventeenth Annual Commencement was the grandest of all; the concert was of the highest order and was enjoyed by the large congregation that greeted the principal, faculty and students. The faculty is composed of Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B., B. D.; J. H. Brooks, A. M., and Mrs. M. E. Wilson, music teacher. A class of nine graduated—seven young ladies and two young men. Too much praise cannot be given Prof. J. L. Wilson for the noble manner in which he has managed the school. He has carried the enrollment to the highest number in its history, which is 220. We are expecting 250 next session. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Hibbler, of Jackson. The subject, "The Glorious Gospel," was all that could be desired. What we want now is a new building; the old building needs repairing very much and needs repairing with a ten thousand dollar building. We have a fine location on a high hill overlooking the city. Can we find a generous friend who will come forward and help us? The academy is located in the city of Meridian on the eastern border of our State, twelve miles from the line of Alabama. Here nestling among the hills may be found what is locally known as the "Queen City of the East." Her people are full of enterprise; in 1880 we had 4000 inhabitants; to-day we have 15000. We have a sewerage system that cost \$100,000; \$13,000 has been recently appropriated to pave and fix up our streets and sidewalks, also gas and water works are perfect. We have twenty-five manufactories, five railroads entering our city and thirty-one churches representing all denominations and races. These facts are given to place our friends in the North in possession of facts that will justify them in planting in the midst of this growing city a school building for the Meridian Academy that shall be the joy of our State, the M. E. Church and the proud Mississippi Conference. We have the grounds, and present building that is beautiful for situation the joy of our conference. We hope the eye of some philanthropist may read these lines and endow this academy, and let us have here a school second to none of the Freedman's Aid schools. This will do untold good in the near future. I am yours for education and the race's elevation.

L. J. S. Bell, P. C., Meridian, Miss., 1942, 17th avenue.

## NEVER GIVE UP.

Never sit down and confess yourself beaten. If there are difficulties in the way struggle with them like a man. Use all your resources, put forth all your strength and "never say die." The case may seem hopeless, but there is generally a way out somewhere. Are you bound and fettered by hurtful habits? Do not despair. You can't do much to help yourself, it is true, but there is One who never fails to strengthen the young man when he makes an honest attempt to overcome temptation and master every evil passion. "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." That is the experience of thousands of fellows who have felt their feet slipping, who have begun to sink in the quicksands of sin and have reached out a hand to accept the loving help of the strong and gentle Christ. While he lives and loves, no man need ever give up.—Selected.

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### CONFERENCE PROGRAMS.

The District Conference of the Pine  
Bluff District will convene at Pine  
Bluff, Ark., August 27, 1896, at 9  
o'clock a. m. The following is the  
program: Introductory Sermon, D. B.  
Hurst; Welcome Address, G. A.  
Cahn, M. D.; Revivals and Revival Ser-  
mons, J. W. Burns, H. Bright, S. Q.  
Johnson; Needs of the Pine Bluff Dis-  
trict, D. B. Hurst; T. P. Curtis;  
Concomitant to the Sermon, J. T. Haw-  
kins, D. L. Buford; Discussion: Should  
there be an evangelist in the bounds  
of the Little Rock Conference? Aff.  
J. C. Sherrill, June Lemons, Neg., J.  
M. Clark, U. S. Kitchens.

One day will be given to institute  
work. Instruction on the following  
subjects: Sermon Building, H. P.  
Strong; Expository Preaching, J. C.  
Sherrill; Bible Study and Outlining,  
H. P. Strong; How to Raise Finance, J.  
C. Sherrill; Southwestern Advocate, E.  
D. Spencer.

Brethren, let us have a good report  
on benevolence by the District Confer-  
ence.

E. D. Spencer, P. E.

Program of Literary Exercises of  
the Ohio District, Lexington Confer-  
ence, to be held at Columbus, O., Au-  
gust 25, 1896: To preach Doctrinal  
Sermon, R. L. Dickerson; alternate,  
E. A. White; What is the Soul? James  
Taylor; The Model Preacher, W. B.  
Harris; The Moral Disinfectant of the  
Church, N. H. Tolbott; Our Church  
Polity, E. A. White; How to Sermonize,  
R. L. Dickerson; General Conference of  
1896, H. W. Tate; What is Conversion?  
G. C. McPheeters; Infant Baptism, G.  
E. O. Curry; Sunday Excursions, S.  
G. Turner; The Advantage of District  
Conference, Scott Ward; How to Raise  
Benevolence, W. H. Evans; Welcome  
Address, A. McDade; Response, G. F.  
Carr; Why am I a Methodist? W. M.  
Lungford; A Successful Church, D. W.  
Heston; to preach missionary sermon,  
R. L. Dickerson. E. R. Lewis, T. W.  
B. Harris, Committee.

The Palestine District Conference,  
for the Palestine District, Texas Con-  
ference, will convene at Palestine,  
Tex., Aug. 19th, at 9 a. m. Let every  
pastor, local preacher, exhorter, Sun-  
day school superintendent, president  
of Epworth League chapters, class  
leader, representative, district stew-  
ard and other members of the District  
Conference be present—the first day  
and on time.

The first day will be given to the  
reports of local preachers and exhor-  
ters; passage of their character and re-  
newal of license. Second day, to the  
reports of presidents of Epworth  
League Chapters, class leaders, district  
stewards, Sunday school superintend-  
ent. Third day, reports from presid-  
ing elders and pastors. Fourth day,  
reports of committees, licensing local  
preachers and choosing the seat of the  
next District Conference, disposing of  
such other business as may belong to  
the District Conference.

The following is a list of the commit-  
tees on examination of candidates to  
preach: Revs. Benj. Fisher, R. Hillary  
and L. J. Jackson.

To examine local preachers in each  
of the four years' course: Revs. A.  
Williams, C. Davenport and G. W. Love.  
Examination of candidates for re-  
ception on trial in the Annual Con-

ference: Revs. A. Alexander, J. S.  
Whitaker and J. A. Stewart.

Examination of candidates for or-  
ders: Revs. J. Jordan, M. Wilson and  
P. A. Dismuke. Home Missions, Revs.  
F. R. Morton, D. C. Hailey and R. N.  
Thompson.

Appointment of local preachers and  
exhorters, the pastors on program for  
literary exercise for next meeting:  
Presiding elder and pastors.

Program: Regeneration, Revs. Benj.  
Fisher, F. R. Morton and D. C. Hailey.  
Justification, Revs. R. Hillary, L. J.  
Jackson and J. A. Stewart. Sanctifi-  
cation, Revs. J. Jordan, G. W. Love and  
P. A. Dismuke. Which of the above  
three takes place first? General dis-  
cussion. Baptism, its Mode and Sub-  
jects, Revs. A. Alexander, J. S. Whit-  
aker and C. Davenport. The Sacra-  
ments, Revs. A. Williams, M. Wilson  
and R. N. Thompson.

Local preachers, exhorters and other  
members of the District Conference  
will prepare subjects of their own. One  
hour each day will be given to literary  
exercises. Those assigned to subjects  
will please prepare papers. After the  
papers, time will be allowed for gen-  
eral discussions. Each member will  
be expected to pay 25 cents for expen-  
ses, including programs, blanks, Dis-  
trict Conference record, stationery,  
etc.

Dr. I. B. Scott, A. M., editor of South-  
western Christian Advocate, is cordial-  
ly invited to be present; also Rev. O.  
I. Jones, Sunday school agent for Tex-  
as, and all other presiding elders and  
members of the Texas Conference.  
There will be preaching each night.  
The opening sermon, Rev. J. A. Stew-  
art. To preach the missionary ser-  
mon, Rev. J. S. Whitaker. Reduced  
rates will be asked on all railroads.  
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W. A. Fortson, P. E.

Program of Monroe District Confer-  
ence, at Mount Nebo M. E. Church,  
Aug. 19th, at 9 a. m. General officers  
of the church are desired to attend.  
Drs. Scott and Munson and a bishop are  
expected to be present:

Introductory sermon, Rev. G. J.  
Rogers. Responsive sermon, Rev. F.  
M. Lashington. Missionary sermon,  
Rev. P. W. Clark. Revival sermon, A.  
B. Venable.

Women Mission session Saturday  
evening, Aug. 22d, Mrs. C. C. Frazier,  
manager. Each auxiliary will send a  
delegate.

Welcome address, Bro. W. Williams;  
responsive address, Sister Violet  
Ward; D. G. Phavis, subject "Did Job  
Ever Live?" O. Wilson; The "New  
Birth," T. P. Morris; Justification,  
Frank Frost; Regeneration, M. Law-  
son; "How to Conduct a Prayer Meet-  
ing," A. Johnson; Life of Moses, A.  
Gaulden; What is Life Without Christ?  
I. Foster; Growth in Grace, Geo.  
Johnson; Division of the Bible, G. J.  
Rogers; "I Will Visit the Iniquity of  
the Fathers, etc.," P. W. Clark; Do We  
Need a Colored Bishop? A. Jones;  
Atonement, A. B. Venable; What is  
Love? Sister A. McNeil; The Best Way  
to Manage Stewardesses, A. Smith;  
The Laity, L. Jones. Those not men-  
tioned will bring papers to be read.

F. T. Chinn, P. E.

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mention this paper.

### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### NOTICE.

The District Conference of Hot  
Springs District, Little Rock Confer-  
ence will convene at Ebenezer Chapel,  
on the Clow circuit (instead of Wil-  
ton), Sept. 17th, at 9 o'clock a. m.  
All the pastors, local preachers, exhor-  
ters, Sunday school superintendents,  
presidents of Epworth League Chap-  
ters, district stewards and one class  
leader from each charge of the district  
are expected to attend. All the local  
preachers and exhorters who are not  
subscribers to the Southwestern must  
subscribe before their licenses are re-  
newed.

Let the pastors notify Rev. H. M.  
Renfro how many will attend the Con-  
ference so that entertainment can be  
arranged for them. Address him at  
Clow, Ark.

Efforts are being made to secure  
special rates on the different railroads.  
Buy your tickets to Nashville, Ark.,  
where you will be met and conveyed to  
seat of the Conference.

J. E. Toombs, P. E.

#### NOTICE.

The Monroe District Sunday school  
and Epworth League convention, also  
the District Conference, will be held  
at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church, Aug. 19th to  
23d. Each Sunday school and Epworth  
League Chapter will please send two  
delegates besides their officers. Send  
the regular \$1. F. T. Chinn, P. E.

#### NOTICE.

Members and visitors to the Baton  
Rouge District Conference will please  
take notice that reduced rates, on the  
certificate plan, will be given to those  
attending the Conference, to meet at  
Jackson, La., August 19-23, provided  
fifty or more purchase tickets. Dr.  
L. D. Cook will make the welcome  
address and will be responded to by  
Rev. J. D. Pool.

J. F. Marshall, P. E.

#### NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Let every dollar of  
the benevolent apportionment in my  
fourth round be reported as collected  
and as much sent off as possible. Those  
of you that observed the order of the  
church, the 26th of July, let the South-  
western hear from you. Push the re-  
vival work, brethren; many souls are  
now coming into the kingdom of our  
God. Praise the Lord! For the good  
of the church, carry the grand old  
paper into every home of our people.  
Come, brethren; work for the paper.  
Remember your pledges. Please give  
particular attention to my special let-  
ter, for I shall speak of some very im-  
portant things concerning us. Prepa-  
ratory to the District Conference,  
let each pastor elect the following  
persons. One Sunday school superin-  
tendent, one president of the League,  
one class leader, and one steward. I  
shall send blanks in time. In order to  
get through the District Conference  
every exhorter and local preacher must  
meet the requirements of the church.  
Remember, you must pass examina-  
tions, etc. How can you pass with-  
out having the books or without read-  
ing the same? The Southwestern has  
been neglected by many of our local  
preachers and exhorters. No man can  
preach without much hard study and  
prayer. "A hint to the wise is suffi-  
cient."

W. L. Duncan, P. E.

#### NOTICE.

Gainesville District Conference.—Ar-  
rangements have been made with the  
railroads for reduced rates to Elber-  
ton, Ga., August 12th. Let all be sure  
to secure certificates from each agent  
from whom tickets are purchased,  
from August 8th to 14th inclusive.

J. C. Hunt, P. E.

#### A VALUABLE REMINDER.

A small church was sadly in want of  
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The minister having said that to do  
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rose and said he would give \$1 to the  
list.

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of plaster fell from the ceiling and  
hit him on the head, whereupon he  
rose hastily and called out that he had  
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ast present, who, forgetful of every-  
thing called out fervently, "Oh, Lord,  
hit him again."

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## WHEN TO START; WHEN TO STOP.

Every fellow thinks he knows exactly when to do both, but the fact is that these are things that none but the wise know. When to begin your sermon and when to close! Learn these and you will have a full and contented congregation. When to begin an article to a newspaper and when to close it! Listen and remember: Begin when you have something to say and be sure to stop when you are through.

## HOLD UP, BRETHREN, HOLD!

We take this occasion to notify you that if you do not make your articles shorter we will soon have "copy" enough to do us a month. A few are just right, but many of them are too long even if we had sixteen pages. Put on brakes! If every one will couple up to the last notch, you will not have to wait so long for the appearance of articles. You want a good paper; you want variety and we must have it.

## BISHOP HARTZELL GIVES UP HIS HOME IN AMERICA.

"On the 17th and 18th inst., Bishop Hartzell's household effects were sold at auction, and now souvenirs of "the Bishop of Africa" have begun their history as heirlooms in scores of homes. This breaking up of his home supplies whatever was lacking of the realization that henceforth he and his family are to be apart from the scenes of their earlier labors and successes. This is not a change to another home in civilization; but either to none at all or to one in heathen Africa. Mrs. Hartzell goes temporarily to visit her relatives in and about Chicago, the sons will take their places in Eastern schools, and the bishop will visit the Conferences as far as may be before sailing for Congo. The family have made many warm friends, who will follow them with love and prayer. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society will miss its senior secretary, who, after all, will be engaged in its crowning work."

We take the above clipping from the Western of last week. It means that the Bishop's purpose is to give himself wholly to his great work in Africa. In these parts we shall all watch him with the greatest possible interest and pray for the choicest blessings upon him and his.

Those wishing to write him previous to his leaving for Africa in November, address No. 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

## THE PERVERSION OF SCRIPTURE.

We always enjoy real wit and really admire a person who is truly witty. But we must say we abhor that individual who is constantly perverting Scripture for the purpose of convincing others that he is a wit—he is "funny." How such a fellow enjoys his own strokes of wit! He always reminds us of one tickling himself to see if he can make himself laugh.

Sometimes ministers fall into this error; when they do they deserve the pity of the ungodly man. They ridicule the weapon with which they claim to be armed to fight the devil and his host; they impress men that there is nothing sacred about it; they weaken themselves in the work they have in hand for the Master.

God's work is not to be played with, but believed, preached and obeyed. Upon it hangs our hope of eternal life. Teach him who would in this way show he is funny that he is losing the respect of good people.

## THE VETERANS.

Let all our conferences give close attention to what Dr. Hamilton says about the veterans. We must take better care of our superannuates, our widows and orphans. If you encourage your conference even by your actions, in neglecting them, when your turn comes you will be neglected:

The late General Conference was petitioned by over six hundred superannuates to adopt some plan of ministerial support which would remove the discrimination against the veterans. A plan was adopted which contains the following provisions:

1. A veterans' Anniversary is recommended at each Annual Conference session.
2. A veterans' Day is recommended to be observed by each congregation.
3. A veterans' Permanent Fund is recommended to be created by each Annual Conference.
4. A collection must be taken annually in each congregation in aid of conference claimants.
5. An Annuity Plan was adopted. Each Annual Conference was authorized to raise money for its operation.
6. The amount needed to work the new plan must be apportioned among the charges.
7. The estimate for the claimants shall be the amount necessary to provide a comfortable support; not assist in providing it.

The above eight provisions comprise all the legislation asked for claimants save two provisions which failed to be adopted.

1. The Annuity Plan was to be compulsory in all conferences; it is optional in all conferences.
2. The apportionment for claimants to be a ministerial claim and pro rata with all other ministerial claims; it was ordered to be made upon such basis as the conference might determine.

The plan is certainly such a stride toward justice for the claimants that every Methodist ought to rejoice. It restores the heroic fathers to the place they held from the beginning until 1852. Since 1852, no superannuate has had a claim unless it was granted. By the new plan every superannuate has a claim unless he relinquishes it or it is taken from him.

The vital question now is not method but money. The annual collection ought to be doubled or trebled. It is about ten cents per capita upon an average; it ought not to be less than twenty-five cents per capita. No congregation ought to fail to take the collection for claimants which is ordered. About 2,000 neglect to contribute to the cause. Each conference ought to take measures immediately to create a Permanent Fund; if it is begun it should be increased to a generous sum. Each pastor who is a possible claimant ought to regard himself as a special agent. He is vitally interested in receiving his annuity without humiliation. He ought, therefore, to aid vigorously in securing the needed funds. He must solicit special gifts, urge bequests in will; but especially see to it that his annual collection, if possible, is at least twenty-five cents for each member, including probationers. If each will work as if he believed he would be a claimant all this will be done.

## GEORGIA COLORED TEACHERS OBJECT.

The colored teachers of Monroe, Pike, Spaulding, Jasper and Butts counties, Georgia, in an institute recently held by them, set forth their thoughts on certain lines in three sets of emphatic and well-worded resolutions:

First, they ask the State authorities to provide them experts of their own race to instruct them in their Teachers' Institute.

Second, they object to Bill Arp's School History of Georgia, which they claim abounds in unjust and untrue statements about the Negro race in this country. Since they must use such a book in the public schools, they ask that one written by an impartial, or a colored author, be selected.

Third, they hold that the oft-repeated story that the Negroes of the State are being educated by the whites is an unfair statement of the case, and to sustain their proposition reproduce the following figures from the State School Commissioner's report:

Liquor tax, \$102,000; show tax, \$1,000; dividends Georgia Railroad stock, \$2,146; hire of convicts, \$16,000; fees of oil inspectors, \$17,500;

half rental of W. & A. R. R., \$10,000; direct appropriation, \$900,000; poll tax, \$800,000; total \$1,256,652.

Although the Negro children constitute about 48 per cent of school population, only 30 per cent of the total income is expended for their education. Teachers are so poorly paid they do not feel able to properly provide themselves with many things they should have to equip them for their work.

To our mind, the case is pathetic. We taught school five years or more in Georgia, hence we are fully prepared to sympathize with the Negro teacher in that State. Our white friends there seem to think education the panacea for many of our ills and they propose to see that we do not get it. They are educating the Negro, 'tis true, but it is in the school of injustice and hardships.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Bishop Walden has purchased Bishop Hartzell's former residence in Cincinnati.

This time it is the Rev. J. O. Williams, Tyler, Tex., who rejoices in the advent of a fine boy. Tyler is only a short distance from Marshall.

Rev. Wm. P. Hypes, D. D., of Dayton, O., for years a minister of influence and power in our church, died July 26th. He was a superannuate member of the Cincinnati Conference.

Bishop Earl Cranston has moved from Cincinnati to Portland, Ore., his residence for this quadrennium. We trust the Bishop may enjoy his new residence; we are sure it is greatly to the advantage of that section to have him.

Dr. Curtis, who is now the senior publishing agent of our Western House, has moved from Chicago to Cincinnati and is to occupy Bishop Cranston's residence.

Rev. J. B. Middleton, of South Carolina, writes from Boston a very interesting letter to the Charleston Enquirer, on "Negro Operation." He thinks if they are to be judged by their record during slavery they will make excellent mechanics now.

We are glad to note Mrs. Bishop Newman's interest in the needy Mexicans and those of her own people as well. She has just given \$1000 to Rev. Dr. J. W. Butler, of Mexico, to improve the orphanage at Mexico City.

Hon. John L. Waller, ex-consul to Madagascar, who has recently returned to this country, has become editor of the American Citizen, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Waller was the founder of this paper.

Mr. Paul L. Dunbar, the colored poet, is brought into much greater prominence by the commendation given his work by the literary critic, Mr. W. D. Howells, in a late issue of Harper's Weekly. Mr. Dunbar certainly gets the Negro and his dialect in "When Melinda Sings."

Bishop C. B. Galloway, of Mississippi, of the M. E. Church, South, is, we find, very greatly beloved by our people in the State. This is especially true of our preachers. They consider the bishop a great preacher and a broad Christian man. He frequently accepts the invitations of our pastors to preach for them and greatly edifies and enthuses our people.

As a sample of the excuse usually given for killing a Negro, we have clipped the following:

"Conductor Philip Dupoyster, running between Jackson, Tenn., and Water Valley, Miss., shot and killed a Negro near Teague's station on the night of July 23d. The Negro was stealing a ride on Dupoyster's train, and refused to get off when ordered, and attempted to cut the conductor when he attempted to eject him. Dupoyster had to shoot him in self-defense."

While we do not uphold our people in violating law, it is a fact that this excuse is so often given for killing a Negro who dares protect himself that when we see it mentioned we take it for granted that it was some Negro who would not allow himself to be imposed upon.

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Thos. Harmon	A Rawles
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H Swann, 3	E L Gilliam, 1
Wm. Henry	S B Stanley, 2
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J Strickland	J W Stoue, 2
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F L League, 4	G B Lamkin
Laura A Evans	L E Rowe
A Hilton, 1	H J Wright
E C Gill	P D Kennedy

## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Mount Zion M. E. Church sent to the Missionary treasurer \$20, the result of Missionary debt rally, July 26th. I have a charge against the members and friends of Mount Zion Church for disturbing me at a late hour in the night with so many nice presents for myself and wife. They are guilty of the charge and God bless them.—T. G. Montgo mery.

Services were good all day last Sunday at Simpson Chapel, in spite of the bad weather. Eighty were at the sunrise prayer meeting, 125 at Sunday school, 290 partook of the Lord's Supper at night and two were received in full membership—Misses Ellen Guesnon and Sarah Jones.

The Queen and Crescent Route advertises a cheap popular excursion to Cincinnati and return for \$12, Aug. 22. Tickets good ten days. A fine chance to see the beautiful scenery along that line.

Correspondents will address Rev. J. W. Jackson, P. E., at Marianna, Ark., instead of 909 West Twenty-first street and 1618 Ringo street, Little Rock, Ark.

The Bible should be made the "man of our counsel." We should not go to it prepossessed in favor of certain notions or courses of action, but with the simple, single aim to learn the mind and will of God. He who thus studies the Bible will advance in divine knowledge and will be guided aright.

A clergyman's bright little boy has a remarkable faculty of quoting Scripture. One morning he spilled his cup of milk on the tablecloth, and anticipating a reproof, he dropped his head instantly and murmured, "My tupp runneth over."

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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Cumberland River District Conference convened at Alexandria, Tenn., July 23d. The presiding elder, L. M. Moores, called the Conference to order at 10 a. m. Twenty-five members answered to their names. The writer was re-elected secretary. Revs. R. H. Johnson and T. W. Stephen were chosen assistants.

The presiding elder's report showed hard work had been done to improve the district, and resulting in much success. Twenty-one pastors were present and read reports. Revivals had been held in most every charge, resulting in 232 conversions and a large increase in the benevolent collection over last year.

Most all of the local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, class leaders, Sunday school superintendents, and presidents of Epworth Leagues were present to represent their work. Reports showed they had been hard at work. Every charge on the district was represented. All pastors present but one. Eighteen local preachers and 6 exhorters had their characters passed and licenses renewed.

The following were recommended to the annual Conference for admission: Robert Piggins, H. P. Belcher and G. G. Gordon. For ordination, D. M. Crockett, B. F. Payne, Robert Figgins and H. P. Belcher. For recognition or orders, F. T. Hatfield, from the Baptist Church, and L. Branham from the A. M. E. Church.

Visitors: Rev. A. W. Williams, teacher of city public school of Alexandria, and pastor Baptist Church; Prof. S. T. Officer and Prof. Matthew W. Dogan, of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, who represented Central Tennessee College, Dr. J. Braden being ill.

Prof. Dogan gave two lectures. One was in the interest of the college; the other was to the young men and women. He will be long remembered in Alexandria and the Cumberland River District.

The following brothers preached able sermons: Rev. Jesse P. Price, of Gallatin, the introductory; Rev. S. S. Rideout, of Jamestown Mission, the semi-annual, and Rev. T. W. Stephen, of Braden Chapel, the missionary sermon.

In the midst of the Conference, the sad news came to us of the death of our presiding elder's daughter. On this account the elder had to leave on the Sabbath. Many hearts were saddened on this account.

On the Sabbath the pastor, R. H. Johnson, superintended the Sunday school, at 9:30 a. m. The following brothers preached on the Sabbath: Rev. R. A. Dowell, 11 a. m.; Rev. Thos. Ward, 3 p. m., and S. S. Rideout at 8 p. m. This was one of the largest district Conferences ever held in the history of the district. Much credit must be given to the good people of Alexandria for their kind hospitality. They spared no pains to make everything pleasant. God bless the good people and pastor. It is worthy to mention the noble and impartial way in which Rev. L. M. Moores presided over the Conference.

There had been an increase of subscriptions for the Southwestern. Dr. Scott and the paper were remembered.

The next District Conference will convene at Cherry Valley, Tenn.

E. J. Guthrie, Secretary.

The fifth session of the Florence District Conference convened at Benningville, S. C., July 22d, and continued until Sunday night, July 26th, in St. Michael M. E. Church, of which the Rev. C. R. Brown is pastor.

The Conference was opened with devotional exercises, led by the Rev. A. G. Townsend, A. M., and who is the efficient and beloved presiding elder.

After the organization was effected, the presiding elder read his annual report of the district. The report showed marked improvement in every particular over the previous year's work on the district. This report brought many hearty amens from the

brethren while the presiding elder was reading it.

The program prepared by the committee was well carried out, with one or two exceptions. The essays read showed painstaking, much thought and time in the preparation of them. No little impression was made upon the hearers of them.

The sermons preached were very much enjoyed by large audiences every day of the session. Sunday was a great feast day. In the morning, after the Sunday school exercises, a spiritual love feast was conducted by Revs. A. Middleton, the veteran preacher of the South Carolina Conference, and A. Adams. Nearly 200 persons testified for Christ. It was a glorious meeting. Presiding Elder Townsend preached at 11:30 a. m. Rev. E. M. Pinckney at 4 p. m., and Rev. J. L. Grice at 8:30 p. m. We will only say that the Holy Spirit was with and upon both preachers and the people all day. Praise the Lord. Local preachers and exhorters passed in character and their licenses were renewed. A few received licenses to preach. Thus ended one of the best sessions ever held on the Florence district.

J. L. Grice.

The first district Conference of the Shubuta District convened July 15th, at 9:30 a. m., with Dr. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. T. W. Smith was elected secretary. All regarded it one of the most prosperous District Conferences ever held in the Shubuta District. It was in session four days, discussing topics pertaining to the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual condition of the race and church. The session reached its climax on Sunday. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern, preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock; G. W. Smith at 3 o'clock, and A. J. McNair at 8:30. All are pleased with Dr. I. B. Scott and recognize him as a warm, able and helpful friend among us. The collection was \$57. One hundred and one took communion. The Rev. W. H. Smith has built a magnificent arched ceiling church, with a tower kissing the clouds. Bro. Smith has a lovely people and he is proud of them and ought to be. They threw wide their doors, filled their tables with plenty, and bid us welcome. Elder Shumpert is an able presiding officer, has the welfare of all his brethren at heart, and they flock around him as a father. We adjourned Sunday night, July 19th, to meet again at Shubuta, Miss. One of the most progressive District Conferences ever held in the Shubuta District.

L. W. Price.

The first session of the Starkville District Conference convened in Dunas' Chapel, Bellfontaine, Miss., July 22d to 26th, with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., in the chair. Opening sermon by N. L. Lackey. The presiding elder opened the Conference Thursday morning by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and gave quite an interesting talk concerning every cause of the church, not forgetting the Southwestern. Saturday evening was Southwestern Christian Advocate crusade, conducted by the presiding elder and F. H. Bunton. Some subscribers were secured. Out of fourteen pastors, all answered roll call but two. Rev. A. G. Houston, our much-esteemed co-worker in the ministry, could not be with us on account of sickness, which has greatly hindered his success for nearly two years. B. T. Lewis was also on the sick list. J. M. Thompson was re-elected secretary, with G. Orange and B. J. Roberson assistants. A. L. Lackey, statistical secretary, with N. B. Blackman assistant. F. H. Bunton was elected Conference critic. This feature of the Conference was a blessing to all, as the mistakes were pointed out clearly and sympathetically. The literary topics were discussed with so much eloquence and force that they seemed the gist of the exercise. The Gospel was promulgated with so much power that we remembered Calvary and then Pe-

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ter on the day of Pentecost. One soul was happily converted and added to the church.

The presiding elder read a very encouraging report of the district. Churches were being erected, bells purchased, benevolent moneys raised, and many additions to the churches. Elder Ferguson is very highly venerated by the brethren. The welcome address delivered by Prof. H. L. Jordan, of Rust University, was more than a mere greeting of plain declamation. The response was by Rev. F. H. Bunton, A. M.

L. V. Eiland was licensed to preach. Reports showed the following: Sunday schools, 39; full members, 2,872; benevolent money raised, \$205.15; Advocates taken, 37; Epworth Leagues, 18; paid pastors, \$1,127.77; presiding elder, \$263.45, making a grand total of \$1,390.32.

Sunday's services were grand. The love feast was the prime cause that gave rise to a spiritual feast through all of the services. Revs. B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E., F. H. Bunton, A. M., and D. W. Calvert were the speakers of the day. The Conference adjourned to meet at McCool.

B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.

Dr. T. L. Cuyler: Keep your heart's window always open toward heaven. Let the blessed light of Jesus' countenance shine in. It will turn tears to rainbows. The last receipt is the best one. It is all very well to say: "Do right; and you'll be happy;" but something more than that is needed. We must let the spring of our lives be in Christ, letting his Spirit guide us in all we do.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 16, 1896.

## DAVID'S CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.

Psalm 32:1-11.

Golden Text—"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

This Psalm, though it speaks not of Christ, has a great deal of Gospel in it. The title is significant, "A Psalm of David, giving instruction," or an instructive Psalm. It is penitential, and belongs to the same occasion of Psalm 51. It was likely composed after David's transgression with Bathsheba, and before or about the time of his pardon. The correct meaning of the word *selah* is not known. The Psalm teaches sinning; repenting, pardon, and the blessings of forgiveness.

I.—Sin (1-2). The word blessed is plural and might be read as an exclamation. "O, the blessednesses." Only the forgiven man knows the nativeness of sin and the delight of pardon. In these verses four evils are mentioned. To transgress is to do what is prohibited; it is to pass over the boundary. To sin is to miss the mark, to leave undone what has been commanded. To commit iniquity is to turn out of its proper course, to distort or pervert; and to practice guile is to deal deceitfully with self before God in the matter of salvation. Sin is active; it enforces that which is wrong; passive, it prevents that which is right, and inbred, it bends the mind, heart, affections, emotions and desires into the way of death. The first stage of sin is a wicked nature; the second stage is a vicious life, and the third stage is a contagious, loathsome disease, which, if not checked, works an awful death. Christ is the only physician that can heal the malady of sin.

II.—Repentance (3-5). This implies (1) a knowledge of sin. Many are asleep or dead in transgressions and have no clear perception of their danger. No one will repent until he feels that he is a sinner, and that his sins will destroy him. The first mission of the gospel is to awaken and produce conviction. This may be accomplished by the preaching of the Gospel, the study of the written word, and the peculiar working of the Holy Spirit. The enlightened conscience may apply the truths of the Gospel to the heart and produce conviction. Reflection over the past and meditation upon the laws of God may show a knowledge of sin. The judgments of Jehovah will sometimes awaken to a sense of danger.

2. Sorrow for sin. God saw the tears and heard the prayer of Hezekiah, and added fifteen years to his life. The Psalmist said, "I will be sorry for my sin." The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. The one whose name is Holy, who dwells in the high and holy place, will suffer the "contrite and humble" to abide with Him. The Lord through Joel said, "Turn ye to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." St. Peter, after he had denied his Lord, "went out and wept bitterly." St. Paul rejoiced because the Corinthians "were made sorry after a godly manner." The length of time we grieve for sin has nothing to do with pardon. The earnestness of the soul is everything. The fallow ground must be broken up. This may be done in a moment of time, or it may require years. David seems to have roared twelve months or more because of his transgression. Saul sat in darkness, fasted and prayed three days before the scales fell from his eyes and he was filled with the Holy Ghost.

3. Confession of sin. Man is disposed to keep silent or to cover his transgressions. But evil cannot be hid. Murder, lying, stealing and all other vicious habits will work their way to the light. Be sure your sin will find you out. The Psalmist said, "I acknowledge my sin unto Thee. For I acknowledge my transgressions." He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. The people baptized by John in Jordan "confessed their sins." While St. Paul preached at Ephesus "many that believed came and confessed, and showed their deeds." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." There is no forgive-

ness for those who do not acknowledge their guilt. The confession of sin should be made to God. Against Him we have sinned and to Him we should acknowledge our transgression. Yet it is well to "confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another." This implies that all have faults, and that the confession should be made in the spirit of prayer. Our sins are too many and too grave to be itemized. Bind them in one great bundle and cast them from thee. Ask God for the sake of His Son to fling them behind His back.

4. Giving up sin. Job said, "If I have done iniquity, I will do no more." We read in Isaiah, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." God has said, "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this land." John told the Pharisees to "bring forth fruits meet for repentance." The Apostle Paul said, "Let him that stole, steal no more," and the same may be said of all other sinful habits. God does not save people in their sins, but from them. Satan must be disliked, hated and insulted before he will depart from any one. No man has a true desire for heaven who continues in sin. When any one "renounces the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world and all covetous desires of the flesh, so he will not follow or be led by them," he is very near the kingdom of God.

5. Making restitution. If any one, seeking the favor of God, has wronged another, and it is in his power to correct the injury, let him leave at the altar his gift, go and be reconciled to his brother, and then come and offer his sacrifice. Or, if he has not the ability now, he should have the desire; then, if God gives the opportunity in the future, he may set right the wrong. God saves on the condition that we comply with His requirements, and if we cease to do so, then the salvation fails. He told Moses to say to the children of Israel—"When a man or woman shall commit any sin against the Lord, then they shall confess their sin and shall recompense their trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof. Zaccheus said to our Saviour, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." That day salvation came to that house.

III.—Pardon. 1. Justification. God justifies when He accepts one who is guilty, who confesses himself to be guilty, who repents and believes in Christ. The moving cause of justification is the love of God, the meritorious cause is Jesus Christ, and the instrumental cause is faith in the Son of God. We are not saved on yesterday's faith recorded and remembered, for that would imply justification that is irreversible. Neither are we saved on to-morrow's faith foreseen, for that would imply justification from eternity. The acts of saving faith are three: The assent of the understanding to the truth of God in the Gospel; the consent of the will and the affections to this plan of salvation; and from the assent of the enlightened understanding, and consent of the rectified will, results actual trust in the Saviour.

2. Regeneration. We should distinguish between justification and regeneration, yet we may not separate them. The one takes place in the mind of Deity and the other in the heart of man. Cleansing directly follows pardon, and both enter into the experience of the same person. "Regeneration is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart. It is the recovery upon the soul of the moral image of God. It is variously expressed in Scripture: "Ye must be born again." "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." This is reasonable, for God is a holy Being, heaven is a sanctified place, and only the pure in heart can dwell with the Lord (Blinney).

IV.—Blessings (6-11). Many are the benefits of salvation. 1. Prayer. All who are godly, or have a desire to be so, should pray; and those who are bad may awaken a good emotion by prayer. We may ask for all things that are in keeping with the will of God to give, and best for us to receive. Prayer embraces adoration, confession, intercession, supplication and thanksgiving. It should be in secret, in the family, and in "the great congregation." Many are the benefits of prayer.

2. Protection. "The floods of great waters shall not come nigh him." In violent trials, afflictions and temptations, he will not be overcome. His hopes of heaven are built upon the Rock. God will also be his "hiding place." The Lord is to the saint what the city of refuge was to the avenger of blood—a place of safety.

3. Instruction. There is a way in which the saint should go. It is the path of love, justice, truth, peace, temperance and faith. God will teach him in this way. "He will counsel him with His eye upon him." He instructs through His Word, Gospel and Spirit. Man should not be as the horse, headstrong, or as the mule, headstrong. The bit and bridle imply bondage and labor. But where the Spirit of God is there is liberty.

4. Rejoicing. Sin and suffering are wedded. We may not separate them. "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked." But they that trust in the Lord shall sing, be glad, rejoice, and shout for joy. Righteousness and happiness are married. They walk side by side and hand in hand. The joys of heaven will be complete, full and everlasting.

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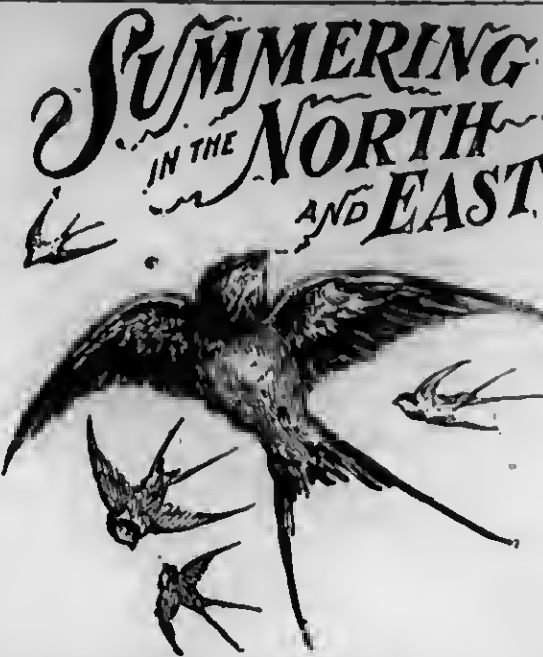
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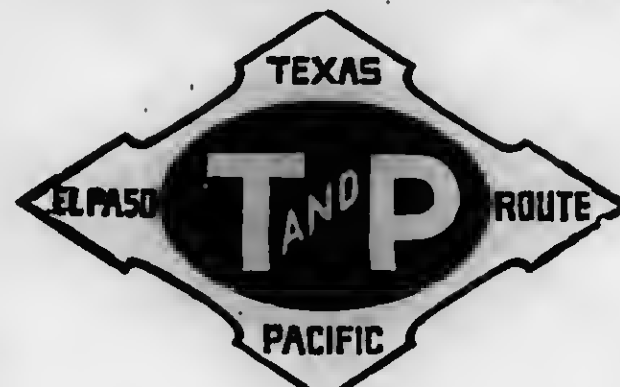
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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time	Bishop.
Montana, Dillon, Mont.	Aug. 13.	Warren
Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana, Miss., Sandcou		
lee, Mont.	Aug. 20.	Warren
Central Swedish, Juniata, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 16.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima.		
Washington, . . . . .	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills, Miss. Conference.		
Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Olinn, Minn.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2.	Cranston
Wyoming, Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9.	Foss
Kentucky, Vancuburg, Ky.	Sep. 9.	Hurst
Eric, New Castle, Pa.	Sep. 9.	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9.	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9.	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9.	Fitzgerald
Northwest Nebraska, Ainsworth, Neb.	Sep. 9.	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah.	Sep. 10.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 10.	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16.	Hurst
East Ohio, Unrichville, O.	Sep. 16.	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16.	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16.	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17.	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17.	Mallalieu
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17.	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danish, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18.	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23.	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23.	Foss
Pittsburgh, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24.	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.	Walden
Houston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conference, Portland, Oregon.	Oct. 1.	Cranston
Genesee, Tonawanda, N. Y.	Oct. 7.	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Tonawanda, Pa.	Oct. 7.	Newman
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E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.	Oct. 14.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15.	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 23.	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 10.	Ninde
Southern German, Okla. Ter.	Nov. 26.	Ninde
West Texas, Cuero, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, . . . . .	June 4.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf. Sofia.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Joyce
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 20.	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 20.	Goodsell
Denmark Mission, Viole.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea, Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Joyce
Norway, . . . . .	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Sweden, Jonkoping.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, . . . . .	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 22.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Hankow.	Oct. 18.	Joyce
Footchow, Footchow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference.	Hartzell	
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EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.  
Cleveland O., May, 1899.

## District Conferences and Conventions to be held.

Shreveport District Conference, Vancuburg, Ia.	Aug. 5.
San Antonio District Conference, Gonzales, Tex.	Aug. 12.
New Orleans North District Conference, Thompson Chapel, August 12.	
New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.	
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La.	August 19.
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, August 19.	
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn.	August 23.
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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Birmingham District.

Third Round.	August.
St. Paul's.	22 21 Enon.
Adamsville.	22 21 Woodawn.
Bessmer.	22 21 Irondale.
Mt. Pleasant.	22 21 Wartler.
Blount Springs.	22 21 Ousonta.
September.	
Springville.	3 4 Fort Payne.
Attala & Gadsden.	10 11 Cedar Bluff.
Howells & Roads.	13 Centre.
Anderton & Oxford.	17 18 Oana.
Hellin.	24 25 Talladega.
November.	
Horae Creek.	2 Wesley Prettymann, P. E.

## Pine Bluff District.

Third Round.	August.
New Orleans.	15 16 Dunas.
Pine Bluff and Clont.	22 23
September.	
Hereloy.	5 6 Sweet Home.
Albemarle.	19 20 De mot.
Gail's Landing.	21 Monticello.
Warren & Johnsonville.	24 25 Morrell.
October.	
Rison & Grape Vine.	3 4 Sherrill.
Hamburg.	6 Avery.
	10 11 E. D. Spencer, P. E.

## Natchitoches District.

Third Round.	August.
Colfax.	15 16 Pine Grove.
Chopin.	22 23
September.	
St. Matthew.	1 6 On a Chapel.
Lake End.	15 On a Chapel.
Naborton.	24 25 Bedford.
October.	
Camp.	3 4 Cane River.
Natchitoches.	19 21 Robeline.
Columbus.	24 25 Many.
November.	
St. Paul.	6 8 Fairmont.
	7 8 H. J. Wright, P. E.

## Hot Springs District.

Third Round.	August.
Camp.	12 13 Bearden.
Magnolia.	22 23 Confield.
September.	
Lewisville.	5 6 Ft. Lynn.
Locksburg.	12 13 Wilton.
Texarkana.	15 16 Texarkana.
Texarkana, (College or Chapel).	15 16
Fulton.	19 20 Clow.
October.	
Center Point.	3 4 Coats et.
Hot Springs.	17 18 Hot Springs.
Gaulin.	24 25
	19 20 J. E. Toombs, P. E.

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearlings. Others will be charged 50 cents. Factors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mother's name, Sarah Brecklove; father's, Abram Brecklove; were last at Buffalo Bayou, near Houston, Texas. In 1836 Brecklove sold his farm and his negroes to Hamlet F. Ferguson. In 1840 he went to Spring Creek by one Brecklove, who purchased and sold farm from Ferguson and his people were sold with that farm. We had brothers named Henry, Fred, Robert, Silas and Crawford. These might go by the name of Tenke, Joseph William Brecklove (or Tenke) was the youngest of the boys. His sister's name was Dofone. Isabella Sylve, Louisa, Martha, Juliana and Elizabeth. We were brought from Tolbert County, Ga., and afterwards moved from there to Macgregor County, near Columbia, Ga. Fred and Silas were sold to one Aha Cronha. Sylve Brecklove was sold to the widow McCormick, at Buffalo Bayou, Texas. Any information from any or all of the above named parties, or any of their children, will be thankfully received by your truly.

Mrs. Sylve Lovington,  
246 Centrat, San Antonio, Texas.

## MARRIAGES.

Give Name and Place Distinctly.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Elias Garrison to Miss Cora Johnson, and Mr. J. H. Wimby to Miss Mary Arnold, at St. James M. E. Church. A. H. Banks officiated.

New Orleans, La.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. S. W. Stanton to Mrs. Mary McCabe, Jan. 20th.  
At the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. George Morris to Miss Mary Miller, July 31st.  
At the residence of the bride's sister, Mr. C. Brooks to Miss Pinky Buchanan, June 8th.  
D. J. Price officiated.

Mr. C. Grant, of St. James M. E. Church, was married to Miss Ellen Johnson. He is the chairman of our building committee, and his wedding was attended by a large congregation.  
E. H. Scott officiated.

Mr. H. R. Cayton, of Seattle Wash., and Miss Su Le S. Reve, of Holly Springs, Miss., were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. T. Edwards, of Green Lake—Rev. W. A. Shanklin officiating. Miss Revels is the daughter of ex-Senator, our Dr. Revels, of the Upper Mississippi Conference. Mr. Cayton is editor of the Republican, of Seattle, Wash. [We regret that we have not the information so as to give date and place of this ceremony.—Editor.]

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Edward Phillip and Miss S. Stevenson, on July 30th. T. G. Mount, gemery officiated.

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## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

Give Name and Place Distinctly.

Dangerfield, Texas.—Sister Mary Flowers died July 20th, and her daughter and infant died July 21st and 26th respectively. The mother and daughter were faithful members of the Bethlehem M. E. Church.  
W. E. Hutcherson.

Bastrop, La.—Sister Luretha Chestnut, wife of William Chestnut, died June 16th. She was a consistent Christian, and was sick from March 31st till her death. Her death was glorious and triumphant.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Rev. Allen Wells, a local of the Ackermack Charge, fell asleep in Jesus, July 5. They both leave families and a host of friends.  
B. O. Wm. Ashford, an old and faithful member of the Rockport M. E. Church, died shortly. "I am a most home and soon will be there," June 7th. He was a trustee.  
J. M. Nevils, Pastor.

Clarendon, Ark.—Sister Mary McCray, wife of Shadrach McCray, departed this life June 29th. She leaves a babe four weeks old. She was 20 years old.  
L. Malloy, P. C.

On June 15th, Bro. Tom Robinson was killed by a tree. He always said he did not know how he was to go, so he wanted to be ready all the time. He was a faithful old Christian, and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.  
A. B. Venable, Pastor.

Starkville, Miss.—Died at his residence near this place, July 4th, Joseph Knash (known as "Pap" Knash), aged 70 years. He has been a member of the M. E. Church for 15 years, and leaves an invalid wife, five children and a large number of grandchildren to mourn his loss.  
"Happy soul, thy days are ended,  
At thy morning days below,  
Go! by angels guarded, attended,  
To the arms of Jesus, go!"  
Mrs. A. G. Houston.

Wilmot, Ark.—Ada Nimmer, daughter of R. H. Nimmer, departed this life June 6th, aged 14 months.  
D. L. Benford, Pastor.

Seneca, S. C.—Bro. Warren D. Jenkins, the subject of this sketch, was born at Old Plokes, S. C., May, 1846; converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church 25 years ago. He was married to Miss Mattie E. Miller in 1871. To the happy couple were born seven children, five of whom are living. His educational advantages were limited, but by studious habits and perseverance he became one of the most proficient and successful teachers in his section of the country. No threatening storm ever frightened or discouraged him in trying to educate his children. His calling was to each. He filled with remarkable success the following offices in the church during his life: Class Leader, Steward, Sunday School Superintendent, President of Epworth League, and Local Preacher. He also owned and edited the only newspaper run by a colored man in his county. His death on Wednesday, July 8, was in glorious triumph. During his five weeks illness he expressed faith in the promises of Christ and welcomed the approach of death. His family mourn their solemn loss, but are comforted by the assurance that their loss is his gain. The church loses, in his death, one of her most intelligent and loyal members, but "God hurls His workmen and carries on His work."  
Y. Goodlet, Pastor.

## An Undisputed Fact.

Perhaps the increasing travel to China and Japan is not wholly due to the increased intelligence with respect to the enjoyable features of such a trip, but is partially due to the fact that Americans appreciate the great opportunities afforded in a commercial way since the close of hostilities in the Orient. American enterprise is appreciated there, and American capital finds abundant and safe forms of profitable investment. Besides this, the traveler has opened to him a realm of unexampled richness, where art and culture are the hand-maiden of a civilization so old that it astounds us. The Southern Pacific System, via New Orleans, and connecting at San Francisco direct with the palatial steamers of the Occidental and Oriental and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies, makes direct routes and routes from any point in the United States to Honolulu or a score of ports in the far East. For a winter journey nothing could be more delightful than a trip over the Sunset Route, where snow never in force with travel, and where the whole way is one of perpetual delight and interest—through the bayon region of Louisiana the high plains of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and the paradise of California. Then the voyage over the placid summer seas in the magnificent ocean liners to Honolulu or Yokohama is a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The rates are surprisingly low and the pleasure of the trip unforgettable. Write to S. F. B. Morse, G. P. & T. A., New Orleans, La., for further particulars, or to any Southern Pacific representative.

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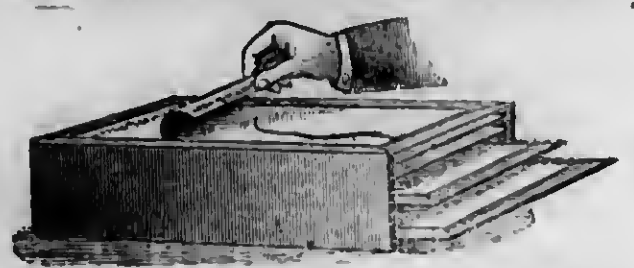
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## THE REASON WHY.

I know a little maiden who is always in a hurry,  
She races through her breakfast to be in time for  
school;  
She scribbles at her desk in a hasty sort of flurry,  
And comes home in a breathless whirl that fills  
the vestibule.

She hurries through her studying, she hurries  
through her sewing  
Like an engine at high pressure, as if leisure were  
a crime;  
She's always in a scramble, no matter where she's  
going,  
And yet—would you believe it?—she never is in  
time!

It seems a contradiction, until you know the reason,  
But I'm sure you'll think it simple, as I do, when I  
state  
That she never has been known to begin a thing in  
season,  
And she's always in a hurry, because she starts too  
late!

—Northwestern.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Pay your preacher.

Give till you feel it!

Keep sweet—it pays.

Are you a Christian; if not, why not?

You talk too much, did you know that?

Take your benevolent collection and send it on.

Show some interest in some one else besides  
yourself.

Giving is a very necessary element in the Chris-  
tian religion.

Religion is more than saying, you must do  
something for the Master.

Hard times, but each of the great political par-  
ties says its success will give the remedy.

A number of our subscribers who are not min-  
isters say they are going to work for the South-  
western.

Some of our correspondents are doing pretty  
well; others need to shorten up their articles and  
write plainly.

Are you reading anything? No, says one, I  
haven't time. You have all the time there is—  
use some of that.

And now the Populists say they nominated  
Bryan because they were promised that a "Pop"  
could take Sewall's place.

Unbelief among professing Christians is doing  
more to damn the world than unbelief among in-  
fidels. Dost thou believe?

We are listening every day to hear from the  
new discipline, but no tidings yet. However,  
you can send on your orders.

What have you said to reclaim the wayward  
or cheer the despondent; what have you done  
to help the needy or alleviate suffering?

Some people's religion consists of what they are  
going to do, not what they are doing for God.  
They are doing now, but not for the Lord.

## NOW IS YOUR TIME!

In a community where there are periodic pay  
days and where the whole community is affected  
by such days, the people get in the habit of post-  
poning every financial obligation till pay day.  
In a farming section where business interests are  
similarly affected by the sale of crops in fall, every  
one says: "I will settle with you in the fall."  
Thus everybody's obligations to be met on "pay  
day" and in the "fall" pile up to such an extent  
that, take such communities as a whole there is not  
much more really spare money in circulation  
than in some other seasons of the year or periods  
of the month. Hence the unwisdom of the pastor,  
who, whether it be one time or another, gets only  
the loose change, who postpones everything till  
"pay day." He doesn't try to raise any benevo-  
lent money, pay any church debts, improve the  
church property, or anything else till "fall." And  
when that time comes, he finds that he and all the  
interests he represents fall together. Money may  
be close right along through the year, but there is  
some in circulation all the time. Get the people  
interested and they will find it. Many who give  
only a "nickel" in the summer, will give no  
more in the fall. Man is a great excuse-maker.  
He started with Adam and has kept it up ever  
since. He will find an excuse to avoid doing  
duty at any time. Even good men fall into this  
habit. Hence we say now is your time. Push  
the benevolent collections; push your improve-  
ments, debt paying, etc. You may accomplish  
more some other time, but at least something now.  
Push all the year!

## WILEY UNIVERSITY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Just before going to press we learn that Rev.  
M. W. Dogan, A. B., A. M., a graduate of our  
Rust University, and for several years a teacher  
in Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.,  
has been appointed president of Wiley Univer-  
sity, Marshall, Tex. Prof. Dogan comes to us  
highly recommended and as having been con-  
nected with the work of the Freedman's Aid So-  
ciety for thirteen years. We learn that he is a  
specimen of the best work done by our schools  
at the South and have every reason to hope for  
him a brilliant and successful administration.

The fact that the new president is a total  
stranger to many of the friends of Wiley Univer-  
sity and wholly unknown to its patronizing ter-  
ritory, will not militate against him in the least,  
and we bespeak for him the most hearty recep-  
tion and cordial and brotherly support.

It affords us pleasure also to be able to state  
that Mrs. Dogan is highly spoken of as a refined  
Christian lady, peculiarly fitted for the work to  
which her husband is thus called. On behalf of  
the Texas Conference and other patronizing ter-  
ritory, we bid them welcome to their new work  
in the Lone Star State.

## SPITTING TOBACCO ON THE FLOOR.

Commenting upon the report that a Methodist  
church has sued a man and recovered \$800 dam-  
ages because the defendant injured the floor of  
the building with tobacco spit, the Standard, Chi-  
cago, says: "We are glad of it. If a man is such  
a slave to a filthy habit that he cannot rest his  
jaws for even a couple of hours, let him remain  
outside the house of God. The Jews of the Old  
Testament would not worship if even defiled by  
so much as a touch of anything unclean. Here is  
something which is both figuratively and actual-  
ly unclean. There has been improvement in this  
respect; but even now one will find, occasionally,  
spittoons in church buildings. Their presence is

an invitation to the tobacco-chewer, and they are  
as much out of place as a frying-pan or a curry-  
comb. By the way, what shall be said about gum  
chewing during church service?"—Northwest-  
ern.

We clip the above with the hope that it may do  
some of our tobacco chewers, and snuff dippers  
good. No man or woman ought to thus defile  
the house of God.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY MONEY IN ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

In another column we publish an article by  
Rev. M. Williams, of Tennessee Conference,  
which discusses the distribution of Missionary  
money. We think it well for our presiding elders,  
as well as those who are to be presiding elders,  
to give the matter careful thought. It is a fact  
that this feature is often criticised by members  
of the General Missionary Committee, who think  
the appropriations made by our Annual Confer-  
ences to the different mission points too small  
to do any real good. Whether this is true or not,  
consider as Bro. Williams suggests, whether it  
may not be used to better advantage at other  
more strategic points in our work.

Our brethren will remember that Bishop New-  
man, who is evidently greatly interested in us and  
our work, announced in the Missionary Com-  
mittee meeting in Baltimore, in 1892, that he  
thought the missionary money used in our con-  
ferences a positive injury to our preachers and  
people. And that the appropriations to our con-  
ferences should be gradually reduced each year  
for our good. There were a number of others  
present who thought as he did. As the represen-  
tative of our Southern work we opposed his view  
and was supported by some of the best men on  
the Committee. We believed then as we do now,  
that if the missionary money is good for white  
men it is good for colored men. Still there may  
be some fault in our manner of distributing it.  
It may be well for us to consider this whole ques-  
tion, and each annual conference might make  
such changes as the condition of its work would  
seem to require.

## RULE AND RUIN.

Some of our exchanges tell of the utterances of  
one T. L. Grant, of South Carolina, who boasts  
of the methods employed in his State to defraud  
Negroes of their right to vote. The legal test is  
that one shall be able to read at least a portion  
of the Constitution. This is simply for the pur-  
pose of ascertaining whether the voter can read  
or not; but this more or less honorable gentle-  
man, exults in the fact that their real purpose is  
to prevent the Negroes voting altogether. Hence  
they have the closing lines of the constitution  
printed in Latin, so that however well one may  
read the English, he will, without doubt, "stick"  
when he comes to the Latin. What shall the  
harvest be? What will be the result on the rising  
generations? The spirit of fraud and wrong will  
be abroad in the land. Might will be right. The  
young people coming up under such circum-  
stances will feel that their neighbors have no  
sacred rights, and the hand of every man will be  
against that of every other. It seems to us that  
if the whites feel they must control they might  
use some methods that has at least the semblance  
of right and does not so wantonly corrupt the bal-  
lot and demoralize the young people of every race.  
God save us from this greed for power and gain  
that asks neither whence nor the means by which  
they come!



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY MONEY IN OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

I desire space in the Southwestern to express a few thoughts concerning our work in the Tennessee Conference.

The first thing that I want to speak about is the use of the Missionary money which comes to the conference. It seems to me that it is made to spread over too much ground to do the good that it would do, if more were put in a place.

The question is, how can we keep from spreading it broadest as now? It can be done in this way—make good circuits of three or four appointments so that the preachers on them can get a support without missionary money, and put the missionary money on new points where it could be made to do more good.

There are three or four missionary points here in the city that need to be cut off from country churches, because the preachers are needed at them every Sunday, and put missionary money enough to do some good for two or three years, and the results would be, three or four stations which could support their pastors without missionary money. The people are here; all that is needed are good houses out of debt, and they will not need missionary money any longer. Some of us are so anxious to be in stations, is why the work is cut up so. There are several other points within the bounds of our conference where the people are asking for the M. E. Church, but under our present mode of missionary work, we can never reach them. Some efforts have been made in several places to plant our church, but blunders have been made in this way. The elders, because they could do no better, would appropriate ten or twelve dollars for these places, and send local preachers who did not have much education and a very little knowledge of missionary work, to these places where other denominations had good churches and strong preachers to lead them. What we need on these mission points are strong preachers, backed up with missionary money, and they would soon build up good stations, for nearly all such places are in towns or cities.

Sometimes the plea is made that the circuits have been cut up to make room for the preachers. This cannot be true, for the conference now has twenty supplies.

The most of these supplies have taken work because there was no chance for them to do much preaching on our small circuits.

They are following their daily occupations and preaching on Sunday. Make larger circuits and they can be made more useful to the preachers on them. Many of our preachers are not getting one-third of a support under our present arrangements. They cannot buy books to read, or pay for their church papers. They cannot educate their children either.

To have larger circuits would be helpful to our benevolent causes. As it is, the preacher says, I cannot preach on the cause of missions to-day, because I am behind, and must have some collection to help me through this week.

And there is our dividend fund; instead of its going to our worn-out preachers, widows and children of our dead preachers, our young men must have a part of it to help them out.

We should take a part of that money and build up a conference fund to help in needy cases in the interval of our conference sessions. I believe that if we can show to the church that we are doing real missionary work with the missionary money we get, that it will give us more, if we used it, instead of cutting it down. When we made out our application for money from the church extension society to help build our church, we said that they would become self-supporting in so many years, that is on record; the time has passed many years, yet these old circuits receive more missionary money than the missions.

Brethren, think over these things and let us ask that they be changed at our next Annual Conference, if you think that I am right.

M. Williams.

Nashville, Tenn.

## METHODISM PROSPERS HERE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE "HARD TIMES."

Lakeside M. E. Church, under the efficient pastorate of Rev. N. H. Speight, is going on to perfection. Every interest of the church is carefully looked after. The Epworth League is thoroughly organized and doing excellent work. Under its direction a very interesting memorial service was recently held in honor of the late Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The new steps at the M. E. Church have just been completed and the church repaired.

All the pastors in these parts have rallied their forces for debt paying day. Members of the League went from house to house and talked up the cause of missions.

Rev. C. O. Booth, D. D., of the Missionary Baptist Church, has just closed a most excellent and profitable session of the Preacher's Institute, of that denomination, in this city.

The doctor was ably assisted by Rev. Pollard, of Montgomery. The work of each institute embraces twelve lectures, each on some topic of Bible Theology.

The design of the plan is to carry the theological school to the preachers, as the Gospel is carried to the people. This is a new thing under the sun, but the united intelligence of the Missionary Baptists in Alabama is back of it; and this School of Theology on Wheels is to be pushed right along till light is carried into all dark places.

Since the close of school, I have spent most of my time in helping the brethren. On the 19th, in company with Bro. G. W. Winn, I spent the day in Big Cove, where we have a small church and a small membership. The pastor and I rode thirteen miles to preach to them, but some of the members walked ten miles to hear us. Two girls, not exceeding 15 years of age, walked eight miles to attend our meeting.

Bro. Winn is making things prosperous at Cedar Grove. His Children's Day collection was \$6. On another occasion his collection was \$17. Bro. Winn is planning to raise the full apportionment for all benevolent causes.

Bro. J. W. Landrum, pastor of Huntsville Circuit, has a revival in progress.

The State election is exciting quite an interest. The Populists and the Republicans have joined forces to oppose the "Organized Democracy." A free ballot and a fair count is the main issue.

The Democrats chide Mr. Goodwyn, the Populist candidate for Governor, with favoring "Negro Domination," because, forsooth, he voted to seat Mr. Murray, of South Carolina, in the National Congress instead of his white opponent, Mr. Elliot. Now, Elliot was a rebel soldier, battle-scarred; hence the great crime (?) of Mr. Goodwyn in voting against him.

To this charge, Mr. Goodwyn replies as follows:

"I did not vote for a Negro, but I did vote to restore to a Negro the rights of which he had been robbed by a white man." In his speech here in the courthouse he said, also: "After a long contest in the National Congress for my own seat it was restored to me. I then took the oath of office to do right. That oath was registered in my conscience, in the capitol of the nation and in heaven. And one of the first causes that I was called to act upon was the Murray case. I was convinced that Murray was elected and that the white man, Mr. Elliot, was not. Now, gentlemen," said he, "what was my duty under these circumstances?" These words tell upon his hearers with the weight of mill-stones and burned as live coals. So long as there is one man to utter such sentiments so true and just, we have no need to despair.

Others will prolong the strain of this trumpet blast. The pot will boil till right comes uppermost.

A. W. McKinney.

Central Alabama.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Uno.

In the last letter, "Uno" expressed the wish, that the two great conventions of women. The National League and the National Federation of Afro-American Women, would unite. That

wish has been realized and the two have become one under the new name of the National Association of Colored Women. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, of Washington, D. C., is the first president.

Single blessedness is a failure. Revs. Philmore Diggs and J. E. Gunby tried it, became disgusted and played quits. Sensible men, they have got married. They have the benediction of their Uncle Uno.

Sister Davis, wife of Rev. W. R. Davis, passed away July 22d in full hope of immortal life.

Sister Bell, widow of the late Rev. R. P. Bell, was laid to rest by the side of her husband, July 27th.

The infant daughter of the Rev. C. I. Withrow has been borne by the angels to the home "over there."

Uno believes that no Methodist preacher should take the stump to whoop up politics. Why should the work cease while he dabbles in things forbidden? But owing to the present tangle in political circles and the far-reaching results of the coming election, is he not justified in saying to the brethren, "Vote the right way?"

Many of the pastors are off on their well-earned vacations. Where is the man who begrudges them this little respite. Go, shepherds, go! The sheep in the wilderness are abundantly able to take care of themselves, the sick and dying can make themselves comfortable—for dying is easy, anyhow—and is it not well known that Satan always takes his vacation during the heated season? This is the time for pastors to go while Satan is rustiating and death off duty.

How much the Master lost by living in the age he did. We would have given him a long vacation.

Many of the charges responded nobly to the debt-paying cry of the Missionary Society.

Union camp meeting at Round Bay, under the supervision of the Baltimore preachers. Dr. Hays, president, and Rev. S. R. Hughes, general manager.

## SOME GREAT MEN'S SONS.

Rev. Jesse S. Gilbert, A. M.

In "Great Men's Sons" Elbridge S. Brooks has given us an intensely interesting and unique book. Mr. Brooks gives us a glimpse at the history of the sons of the world's mightiest men from Socrates to Napoleon, discussing "who they are, what they did, and how they turned out." Beginning with Lompoles, the son of Socrates, we find that he "never amounted to much;" in fact, in rather slang style, Mr. Brooks calls him a "chump," having neither wit nor pluck.

Poor Alexander the Little, son of Alexander the Great, was cruelly murdered at Amphipolis while still a very young man. "He inherited neither his father's push nor his grandfather's persistence; he was first the fool and then the victim of those who made his life so miserable, and when he died, he died."

Mark Cicero, son of the famous Roman orator, occupied several high official positions because he was the "son of his father," but in none of them displayed much ability.

Commodus, son of Marcus Aurelius, was "as great a tyrant as his father had been good; as small as his father had been great."

Louis, the son of Charlemagne, was a noble man in many ways, but lacked his father's strength of mind and firmness of will; was out of touch with his times, and "while history records him praise for honesty of purpose, gentleness of heart, good intentions, and lofty aims, it still writes him down as an unsuccessful ruler."

It is a relief to know that the son of Alfred the Great was one of the best and most successful of the kings of Saxon England.

Henry the Scholar, the best and brightest of the sons of William the Conqueror, has also a claim to greatness, even if overshadowed by his father's name. The wise Saladin was not so fortunate, for his son Afshal was both "lazy and dissipated," and died in exile and disgrace soon after the year 1200.

The son of Tamerlane was no leader of men, but a valiant soldier, a patron of learning, a better and more meretiful man than his father.

John Luther, the great reformer's son, the "dear Johnny" of his letters, simply made a fairly good lawyer, and died at the age of fifty.

The son of Oliver Cromwell was a lamentable failure, and Joseph Charles

Francis, son of the Emperor Napoleon, one gloomy day composed for his own epitaph the following lines:

"Here lies the son of the Great Napoleon;  
He was born king of Rome  
And died an Austrian colonel."

which were, truly enough, the summing up of a life that began in glory and went out in gloom.

Mr. Brooks thus sums up his review of the lives of great men:

"That their sons should also be geniuses was as unnecessary as it was impossible. Perhaps it was the sons' misfortune that their fathers were so great, for the world to expect too much of them, and he who expects too much is generally doomed to disappointment. To be just as good and just as great as we can, irrespective of what good our fathers were, is, after all, the main thing for boys and girls to attempt; and he who lives a clean, wholesome, honest, helpful, truthful and useful life has made his mark in the world, and been of benefit to his fellow-men—no matter whether his father was as great as the greatest, as humble as the humblest, or as poor as the poorest."

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;  
Aet well your part, there all the honor lies."

Spring Valley, N. Y.

## WELCOME ADDRESS BEFORE THE ABERDEEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE, AT WEST POINT.

MISS.

By Miss Amanda D. Hardy.

(Published by order of the Conference)

Mr. President, Members and Visitors of this August Body: It is profoundly gratifying to me to have this highly appreciated honor conferred upon me, by the distinguished Committee on Program, to welcome you in our midst. We have been looking forward to this very moment with eagerness and joy, anticipating a most instructive and pleasant session of the conference, feeling as we do, that your coming here is a God-sent blessing to us and our little city, with its many enterprises in successful operation. We hope you will be well pleased. We bid you a warm welcome to our homes in which we sincerely hope you will be satisfied and pleasantly situated.

In voicing the sentiments of our people here, I will say I have no doubt that some of them have been making extra preparations quite a long while for this occasion, and making ready to greet you on your arrival here. We feel safe to say no pains will be spared in making your stay pleasant and comfortable.

Mr. President, I am quite sure, that after you and the members of this grand body shall have spent a few days here in this conference session, you will be kindly remembered by the occupants of our homes, as I am sure you will make an indelible impression upon our members and people. We will listen to the business sessions of the conference with marked interest, and will be particularly interested in the sermons, while the topics, I am sure, will claim our attentions. As to the preparation we have made for your comfort and benefit while in our midst, you are to pass upon that yourselves. We hope the choicest of God's blessings will be upon you in the future, as you shall keep step with the progressive age. You are God's ministers scattered over the Master's vineyard, preaching the word of truth. Your stay in our midst shall furnish another chapter in the history of our Methodism in this city of West Point.

Mr. President, allow me to say, we look upon you with pleasure and joy, and feel that our conference is highly favored in having you as president. A glance backward, we see you as president of the Alcorn A. & M. College, and senator of these United States; now you are a minister in God's church. We are proud of you, and trust many days shall be added to your years, and that your presence may brighten many such occasions.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMS.

The Houston District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Institute will convene at Orange, Tex., Wednesday, September 10, at 9 a. m., and close Monday, September 21. Let every member be present at the beginning and remain to the close of the sessions.

Opening Sermon, J. Jones; Annual Sermon, G. M. Stewart; Missionary Sermon, J. P. Cozier; The Work of the M. E. Church in the South, Frank Gary; The Membership of the M. E. Church, How Constituted and by what Steps Removed, F. Parker; What is the Best Method for Raising Supplies for the Ministry? W. Hamilton; How to Revive Epworth League Chapters of the District to Greater Usefulness, J. L. Gilmore; Epworth League Officers, L. Felder; Growth in Grace, J. F. Cozier; How Shall We Revive Our Quarterly Conference Occasion? W. B. Pullum; The Relation of the Church to the Laboring Classes, C. M. Moore; Scope and Aims of the Sunday School, O. I. Jones; Does Intemperance of the Day Hinder the Progress of the Sunday School? Dr. G. S. Turner; Why Should a Pastor be Interested in Sunday School? C. G. Curtis; When, Where and How to Hold a Teachers Meeting? Prof. E. W. Pettaway; Class Leader, L. J. Hogan; Local Preachers, A. Britton; Our Relation to Church Extension Society, G. Todd; How to better Circulate Among Members the Literature of the M. E. Church, G. M. Stewart; What and How to Read, Prof. O. T. Wilson; Educational Opportunities, Dr. E. B. Ramsey and Mrs. Pauline Keelan; Department of Social Work, W. A. Parks and Miss Rachel Green; Lost in Our City, Van H. McKinney and Miss M. Brown; Why some Preachers Fail? E. D. Blacknell; Christian Education, Wm. Brooks; Model Teacher Described, F. Gary; How We May Lead Young People to Become Intelligent, Stable and Useful Church Members, Prof. W. C. Conway; To what Extent is the Superintendent Responsible for the Perpetuity of His School, Mr. R. H. Warren and Miss Arbell Morgan; How to Promote the Spirit of Benevolence in the Sunday School? J. H. Finley and S. Mason, Sunday, 9 to 10 a. m., Model Sunday School, F. Parker; 11 a. m., Sermon, Rev. F. Parker, after which the Lord's Supper, will be administered by the presiding elder; 3 p. m., Dedication Services by Wm. Bartley, P. E., and Dedication Sermon by W. Hamilton; 8 p. m., Sermon, Frank Gary. Reduced rates on the certificate plan over the Southern Pacific Railroad in the limits of my district. Tickets on sale September 15th and 16th, good for return September 21st.

Wm. Bartley, P. E.

The District Conference of the Washington District will be held at Shiloh, Md., September 8th-13th. Program: Look up and lift up, C. A. Leftwich; Mercy and Help, Miss Alice E. Carroll; The Importance of the Junior Epworth League Work, Miss Lettie Alexander; Address of Welcome, by L. E. S. Nash; Response, by Rev. Philmore Diggs; Review of the General Conference, I. L. Thomas; The True Spirit of Christian offering is Worship, M. W. Clair and A. B. Dorsey; District Unity, E. W. S. Peek, and T. H. Cooper; Christian Fellowship, W. R. Davis and G. H. Booze; Inadequate Ministerial Support, J. F. Chestnut and T. O. Carroll; The Benevolences of the Church, T. H. Brooks and Noble Watkins; The Advantages of Graded Schools, W. R. J. Williams, Mr. Ralph Parrott and Rev. A. W. Brooks; The Model Sunday School, J. J. Cecil, G. W. Stanley and Mrs. Rubie H. Dabney; Our Schools, John H. Griffin and Marshall Robinson. Sunday, 9 a. m., Lovefeast; 11 a. m., Sermon, W. H. Brooks, P. E.; 3 p. m., Sermon, Joshua Barnes; 7:30 p. m., Sermon, John H. Griffin. The president, secretary and treasurer of local Epworth League Chapters must send their reports to Mrs. Mamie L. Banks, 1012 D street, Southeast, Washington; D. C. Special arrangements will be made with steamboats and railroads.

The district Epworth League and Sunday School Conference for the Starkville District, Upper Mississippi Conference, to convene in Starkville, Miss., August 27th-30th.

Address of Welcome for citizens of Starkville, appointed by Starkville Chapter, For Starkville Methodism, B. J. Robinson; for Starkville Leaguers, E. C. Collier. Responses:

For District Methodism, F. H. Bunton, A. M.; for District League, B. H. S. Ferguson; Spiritual Good of the League, Delegate from Sturges, Starkville Circuit and Starkville, Lenora Ashford, president; Educational Sermon, J. M. Thompson; The Relation of the League to the Sunday School, Delegates from Rock Hill, McCool and Louisville; Consecration Sermon, W. M. Roberts; Benefits of the Department of Mercy and Help—Liberty Hill, Kilmichael and French Camp; Best Results of the Literary Department—Empora, Cedar Bluff and Chester; How to Manage the Department of Social Work—Mathiston, Bellfontaine and Ackerman; Missionary Sermon, D. W. Calvert; The Sunday School for the Times—Sturges, Ackerman, Starkville, and Bellfontaine; The League as a Benevolent Factor of the Church—Chester, Starkville Circuit, Cedar Bluff, and Rock Hill; Epworth League Officers as Church Members—McCool, Empora, Louisville and French Camp; Work of the League in Rural Districts—Kilmichael, Liberty Hill, Mathiston and Starkville; Opportunities of the League and Sunday School in Towns and Cities—Ackerman, French Camp, Sturges and Liberty Hill; Annual Sermon, B. H. S. Ferguson; Sun-Rise Prayer-Meeting, N. H. Bell, J. M. Collins, M. E. Hann; League Praise Meeting, J. A. Griffin and Wm. Bell; Consecration Meeting, by presiding elder and Mrs. A. G. Houston; Sermon, by F. H. Bunton, A. M.; Sermon, by N. L. Lackey; Sermon, by G. Orange. Each will be allowed five delegates, including the pastor. Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate, will be present, and other distinguished guests. League badges can be obtained by writing to Eaton & Mainis, 408 Carondelet street, New Orleans. League banquet Friday, 9:30 p. m., conducted by Starkville Chapter.

B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.

Program of religious and literary exercises of Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, which meets at Conway, Ark., August 26-30, 1896: Opening Sermon, by Rev. C. A. Taylor; Our Duty to the Missionary Society, M. N. Langston; The Necessity of Unity Among the Members of our Conference, John Qualls; Anniversary of Missionary Society, address by Revs. W. R. R. Duncan and W. H. Morris; Call and Qualifications of the Christian Ministry, Rev. Waters McIntosh; Rules for a Preacher's Conduct, J. J. Freeman; Where and How to Preach, B. H. Johnson; Disciplinary Plan for the Support of the Presiding Elder, J. M. Airlhart; Epworth League, C. A. Taylor; Church Extension Anniversary, addresses by Revs. G. W. Taylor and Senth Neal; Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Anniversary, addresses by Revs. H. C. Dunlap and B. J. Griffin; Stewards and the Support of Ministers, Rev. W. J. Cunningham; How to Study, Rev. J. W. Lewis; Pastoral Fidelity, Rev. J. B. Brown; How to Increase the Subscription list of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. W. O. Emory. All local preachers are expected to present papers to the District Conference on subjects of their own selection. Let every pastor be present with a report of his work, as the discipline requires. All of the District Stewards are expected to be present.

W. O. Emory, P. E.

The Louisville Post of the 4th says: Among the passengers to the city by the steamer City of Louisville this morning was W. M. C. Worsham, colored, a native of Henderson. He recognized the Evening Post's marine man as an old acquaintance, and presented his card, which showed him to be a pursuer in the London Cape Town Mercantile Transportation Company, where he says he has been enjoying a lucrative position for the past twenty-two years. He is now en route to see his mother, who lives near Henderson. In 1867, Worsham shipped as deck hand on a river steamer at Henderson, and finally landed at New Orleans, where he fell in with three Australian Negroes, who induced him to ship on a vessel with them. He made three round trips from America to the big island, then secured a place on a steamer plying from Melbourne to Cape Town, where he served eight months. In 1874, he fell in with the company he is now serving, and since then has prospered. He is on a six months' leave of absence, and sailed from London for home on July 23d, and thinks he will start back next

Saturday. He is traveling in fine style, and wears a magnificent set of diamond shirt studs that he purchased in the rough, but had polished and set by experts at Cape Town. Worsham says he is married and has as good a home at Cape Town as any man in it, and will take his mother to it. He and his mother were slaves belonging to the late Elisha Worsham, an extensive tobacco grower of Henderson county.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The third annual convention of the Epworth League, of the Greenwood District, met July 22d, in Epworth M. E. Church, Lexington, Miss. Prof. Levy, the president, was absent; Rev. W. E. Mask, P. E., presided. Prof. A. D. Byas was elected secretary, with S. R. Brown assistant. Mrs. F. P. Mask was elected critic. W. H. Hundley, reporter. From the first day to the last the host of Epworthians held the right-of-way, and showed to the people of Lexington what the army of Epworth Leaguers are doing and forecasts the possibility of the future. Quite an increase in members and a number of new chapters are the results of our last meeting. Elder Mask, with his inestimable wife, had on hand a large supply of Pentecostal Hymns, which were used during the convention. The District choir rendered excellent service, led by Rev. Mask with his cornet. The white people of Lexington say they never heard such singing before. The topics were ably discussed and quite a number of well prepared papers were read. An enjoyable time was realized on Friday night in the annual social. Mrs. Davis, Wright, Woolfolk, Gipsen and Elder Mask preached soul-stirring and edifying sermons. Sunday was a high day and will long be remembered. A lulluhlah time was witnessed in the annual love feast. Elder Mask had announced that he wanted some souls saved ere the convention closed. A service of prayer and song, after preaching, resulted in seven persons coming forward and having their names added to the church; also a large number of sinners came forward for prayer. Indeed the Epworth League is looking up and lifting up. God bless you.

W. H. Hundley, Reporter.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Sunday School and Epworth League of the Topeka District, Central Missouri Conference, was held at Clay Center, Kan., July 15th to 18th, and well attended. It proved a very helpful meeting. A rare program of excellent papers and addresses was presented. The Convention Sermon, Thursday, by Rev. D. Mitchell, of North Topeka, was grand. After which ice cream and cakes were served to the delegates. The addresses, papers, and discussions all breathed loyalty to the church in all departments of its work. Our worthy presiding elder favored us with an address, whose subject we think worthy of mentioning—The Socialism of Methodism. Prof. B. H. Lups, of Geo. R. Smith College, was also to have been with us, had his eyes not pained so he could not possibly come. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. A. Ray, Coffeyville; W. M. Murphy, vice-president, Topeka; recording secretary, Miss May Holmes, Clay Center, Mo.; corresponding secretary, E. A. Wilson, Topeka, Kan.; Miss Carrie Dunn, treasurer, Clay Center, Kan. The next conference will be held at Ashbury Chapel, North Topeka. The address of Welcome, by Miss Mary Holmes, was excellent, and the delegates were nicely cared for.

Wm. Murphy.

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It is nobler far to do the most commonplace duty, in the household, or behind the counter, with a single eye to duty, simply because it must be done—nobler far, I say, than to go out of your way to attempt a brilliant deed, with a double mind, and saying to yourself not only: "This will be a brilliant deed," but also, "And it will pay me, or raise me, or set me off, into the bargain." Heroism knows no "into the bargain."—Charles Kingsley.

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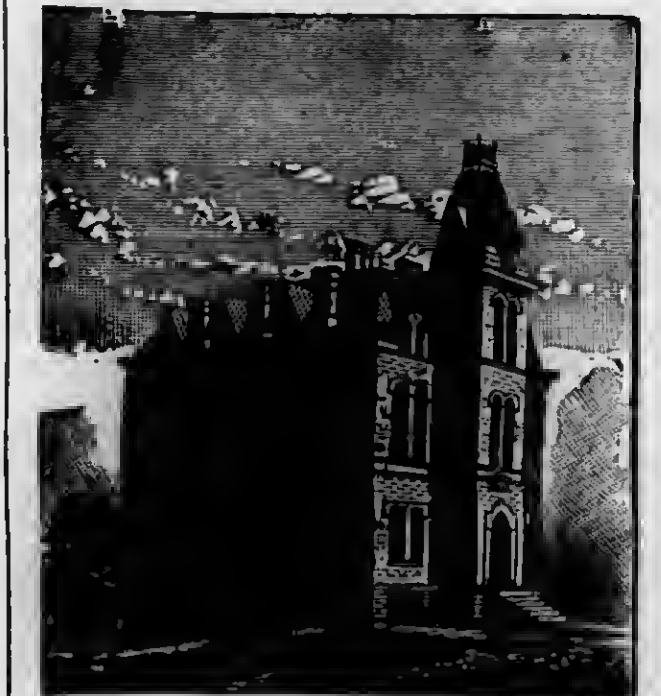
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**REV. J. T. GIBBONS MURDERED!**

We have just learned of the sad and tragic death of Rev. J. T. Gibbons, pastor of the Wesley Chapel, Austin, Tex. While we do not know the cause of his being so suddenly and unexpectedly shot down, we nevertheless greatly deplore his death. We extend to Sister Gibbons our heartfelt sympathy and trust she may find comfort in leaning on the Everlasting Arm.

**BRUSH COLLEGE.**

Applications continue to come in from those who desire to matriculate in our Brush College. We desire to announce that as soon as we get a few points arranged we shall be prepared to publish our plans, and thus answer the enquiring letters we have received. Meanwhile, we trust the presiding elders and pastors will secure the subscription of every local preacher and exhorter possible. Then all can start together.

**SOMETHING TO STAND ON.**

Every man needs something to stand on. His feet! Yes, his feet, too; but he needs something more. He needs a good foundation, morally, intellectually and financially. An individual who is not sound in either of these particulars must suffer exposure at some time. That is to say, the man who pretends to be more than he really is and succeeds in so impressing a community, may fool all the people sometimes; but he cannot fool all the people all the time. Murder will out.

Pretention must be exposed sooner or later. Nothing can stand real close investigation, except truth and right. The individual who is living a double life before a community may rest assured that the dark side of his life must, in time, come to the surface. It makes no difference how good a reputation he may enjoy. The only safe way is to have a well founded character to stand upon. Thus founded a man is not only brave but secure. He is prepared to do duty faithfully and face accusers bravely. He has something to stand upon.

There are persons who go before audiences or communities pretending to be learned—intellectual. Often they are secure as long as they keep their mouths shut. But this class cannot be quiet long. They must be advertising their pretensions. Some one will discover the trick they are playing and their case is settled, except with those who insist on being humbugged.

And so with those who pretend to have much of this world's goods when their true condition only needs to be known, in order to give them their proper rank.

The young man who starts out in life fully conscious of the fact he must have something to stand upon and who determines he will have this something, sustaining and strengthening him at every turn of the way, has nothing to fear. He may not go up in life like a rocket, but every inch he gains he will hold. Slowly, but surely onward, upward! He is conscious of his strength and so are the people. He does not pretend to be remarkable in any respect; in fact, he may not claim as much for himself as is really due him but the life he lives, the work he is accomplishing begins to tell. He is on a solid foundation and has only to watch the erection of his superstructure. Young friends, and old, have something to stand on!

Excursions at the North have this season been attended with a number of serious accidents. Many have met their death in the midst of pleasures.

**"THE NEW TEACHER."**

We had the pleasure of listening to the discussion of the above very interesting subject by Prof. B. T. Wilson, of Guadalupe College, of Seguin, Tex. Under this subject the Professor discussed three topics:

1. The reign of the Hickory.
2. The reign of the "Fessor."
3. The reign of the New Teacher.

He took us all the way from the days of absolute tyranny and cruelty in the school room to this, our time of new methods and the most modern appliances. He made a strong plea for the child in school and for the development of the profession, of which he is a worthy member. It was a remarkable production.

**TOO MANY SECRET SOCIETIES.**

Conceding that all secret societies are good, they are too numerous. Were they mutually exclusive, so that no man could be a member of more than one, the principal objection would disappear. But there is no such limitation. So long as he is successful in getting the votes necessary to admit him, the same man can belong to as many as he elects. This leads to several unfortunate results. First, the undue consumption of time, leaving little or none for the Church, for the family, or for other social and literary recreation. God's direct claim comes first. Our obligation to worship him is paramount. Hence churches with their means of grace. These are divinely instituted, and can never be slighted or neglected. But an infatuation for secret societies gives to them all our evenings, or so many that there is no disposition to use the remainder in churchly duty. If we belong to a society we should be faithful in attendance; and if to but one, this is possible without neglecting the other and weightier obligations. But if to three or six, time and disposition are soon wanting.

Thus, too, of our family circle. The home-life is of highest importance. The cultivation at table and fireside of family interest and affection is highest parental privilege and duty. But too often no evenings at home are provided. Wife and children are neglected. Thus excessive devotion to secret orders taps the fountain head of domestic joys and welfare.

Of course, therefore, no time is left for other social and literary recreation, however essential.

A second unfortunate result is the undue consumption of money. The dues of one society may be met, in most cases at least, without too great sacrifices, but on more, scarcely ever. There are persons who pay six, twelve, twenty-four, fifty and even more dollars per year for dues—to say nothing of jewels and regalia—who are forced thereby to deny other claims more important. The beneficiary relations of such societies justify an investment in one, no matter how poor the individual. It is when he is led into side-memberships and multiple memberships, that the draft upon his income becomes disproportionate and oppressive.

In the third place, the reflex influence of membership in more than one secret society is unfavorable to moral strength. If the foregoing reflections are true, this follows. Whatever leads to a neglect of duty toward God or man, to that extent is prejudicial to our moral character. Excessive membership—this term best expresses our meaning—does this as hereinbefore indicated. It also does this in another way. We assume a moral obligation to be "bright" in the ritual, symbolism and teaching of each order with which we unite. In many cases, though we should devote our entire time to it, this is impossible. Hence indirectly we accustom ourselves to slight promises and engagements. Having learned to do this with respect to one class of duties, insensibly we come to hold every class equally lightly. A lowering of the moral tone is inevitable.

What then? Pick your society, and limit yourself to it. The societies themselves would ultimately be benefited by this. Many would die out; such as have no call to live, at best. Those surviving would be the fittest, and would be instinct with vigor, for every member would be active.—Western.

Your life is valuable in proportion to the good you do for yourself and others.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Bishop Bowman is visiting Bishop Foster at Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Dr. S. A. Steel, editor of the Epworth Era, M. E. Church South, has been suspended by the Book Committee of his church for insubordination.

Bishop Turner of the A. M. E. Church says: "I have absolutely no interest in the issues of this bloody, lynching nation, with its brutal Supreme Court in Washington City issuing decisions against my race, which were never dreamed of in hell."

Prof. G. G. Logan, A. B., of Holly Springs, Miss., and Miss Magnolia Shumpert, of Columbus, Miss., were recently married at the bride's home, Rev. W. McDonald officiating. The professor is a teacher in Rust University. Miss Shumpert is the daughter of Rev. J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder of the Mississippi Conference. They have our best wishes.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Nast and Miss Alice G. Kendall were married in Cincinnati July 29th; Bishop Cranston officiating. The doctor is editor of the official paper published for the German members of our church. He is much beloved for his own sake and for the sake of his aged father, who is the father of German Methodism in this country. He has our best wishes for himself and wife.

Prof. J. W. Hoffman, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, was recently invited by the Royal Microscopical Society, of England, to address it at its annual meeting in London this month. Prof. Hoffman was elected a fellow of this Society about two years ago for doing some original research work in biology. He is a native of Charleston, S. C., and is well known among scientific men of America.

**SELF-ACTION.**

Organization is of great value. It may be overdone. Individual responsibility is as important. Is there not a disposition to make everything depend on church machinery? Personal duty is often made to wait upon organic effort.

Do something yourself. It is not necessary for you to array yourself against the machine. There are daily opportunities that will pass away unimproved unless some individual seizes them. Jesus said "to every man his work," not to every organization its work. The co-operation of others is of great value, but do not always wait for it; neither make your usefulness contingent upon it.

You have individualities that may be eccentricities, but they need not be; they may be your points of strength. Your efficiency may depend upon them. Do the work to which you are adapted. Make a distinct impression in the sphere of your activities. Be in league with others, for sometimes you will be unable to do much alone, but be sure to do something. To vote to do something, or for others to do something, is frequently all that is done. We shall not be judged by the deeds of the organization of which we are a part, but according to the deeds that are distinctly chargeable to us.—Philadelphia Methodist.

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### NOTICE.

Board of Church Extension will please meet at 408 Carondelet street, at the office of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, Aug. 15th, at 1 p. m. Members of the Board are requested to be present.

Stephen Priestley, President.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

The auxiliary Women's Home Missionary Society of Scott Chinn M. E. Church witnessed a grand love feast on July 19th. The district manager was present and presidents of Union and Wesley Chapels.

There is some confusion regarding the day and place for holding the South New Orleans District Conference, owing to errors in previous publications. It is to be held at Centreville, La., on August 18th, at 9 a. m. Let all the members be on hand with their work and reports.

### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

On account of the quarantine at Jackson, La., the District Conference announced to be held there Aug. 19th-23d, is hereby changed to Baton Rouge, La., on same date.

J. F. Marshall, P. E.

Aug. 11, 1896.

### NOTICE.

Central Alabama Conference, Dadeville District.—All delegates and visitors who visit District Conference, to be held at Sylacauga, Ala., August 26th-30th, are hereby notified to secure certificates from railroad agents when purchasing tickets. Those who can purchase through tickets should do so. Those who will have to purchase tickets more than once, secure a certificate each time. Remember, those who secure certificates will return for one-third fare; those who do not will pay full fare each way.

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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Tupelo District Conference convened in St. Paul M. E. Church, Tupelo, Miss., July 23d, Rev. P. O. Jamison, P. E., in the chair. W. C. Clay was elected secretary; N. R. Clay and W. H. Whitlock, assistants. W. E. Logan was elected statistical secretary, H. C. Norman assistant. Every pastor and quite a number of local preachers and exhorters answered to roll call. The presiding elder's report showed faithful work on his part and quite an improvement along all lines all over the district. The signs of the times show victory for God and Methodism this year on the Tupelo District. The Conference had the pleasure of looking on the face of Mrs. P. O. Jamison, who brought smiles and sunshine and words of cheer to the brethren. Mrs. Jamison is a woman of broad culture and high attainments. Her lectures were instructive and impressive.

As agent for the Southwestern on the district, Mrs. Jamison is a faithful worker. Some subscriptions were taken during the Conference. Quite an enthusiasm was created for the paper. A resolution was adopted that no one be licensed to preach and no local preacher nor exhorter have their license renewed who does not subscribe. Reports from pastors, local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, Sunday school superintendents, presidents of Epworth League Chapters and stewards showed that efficient work had been done in their different departments.

We were favored with the presence of Rev. S. H. Nevils, whose timely instruction we are always glad to have. Revs. C. L. Walls, A. J. Trice and S. R. Gipson, of the Aberdeen District, were present. Also Rev. Woodard, pastor of M. E. Church South, of Okolona, and Rev. H. M. Crane, pastor of C. M. E. Church, of Tupelo, gave us a call.

Rev. N. R. Clay preached the annual sermon. The following preached during the Conference: Revs. E. D. Cammaron, G. W. Baker, W. M. Campbell, W. E. Logan, J. M. Walton, W. H. Whitlock, T. L. Inghram and J. Burton.

The statistics of the district are as follows: Forty-nine local preachers, 31 exhorters, 2,883 full members, 99 probationers, \$184.73 benevolent collections, \$366.87 raised for presiding elder, and \$1,364.43 for pastors.

W. C. Clay, Secretary.

Waco (Tex.) District Conference convened at Bremond, Tuesday, July 21st. The sermon Tuesday night was preached by Rev. L. H. Richardson; subject, "The Great Leader." Wednesday morning the organization was perfected by electing J. W. H. Pinkney secretary, G. R. Bryant statistical secretary, Frank Kirkpatrick and C. D. Johnson assistants, with Elder Harry Swann in the chair. He gave a brief report of the work on the district. The usual committees were appointed and pastors reported their work.

Rev. E. Coggeswell preached a helpful and interesting sermon Wednesday night; subject, "The Great Fight."

Thursday the reports of local preachers were heard, their characters passed, and classified in their studies. Rev. O. I. Jones, of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was present, also Mrs. M. E. Spriggs, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The district stewards' reports showed a marked increase in the church finances since last year.

Thursday night Rev. T. S. Moore, of Dallas District, preached a sermon on "The Power of the Pulpit."

Friday morning was taken up in miscellaneous business. Friday afternoon the literary program was carried out. Among some of the noted efforts were the orations of Revs. Pinkney and Bryant, the former upon Educated Ministers, and the latter upon the "Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society." Music by Miss Spriggs. Friday night Prof. W. R. Paterson, of Calvert, spoke of the

Negro's treatment in America and their indolence and cowardice.

Saturday morning the regular disciplinary questions were taken up. In the afternoon the anniversary of the Sunday school work was held. W. R. Paterson, G. R. Bryant, Wm. Reed and O. I. Jones being speakers.

Rev. M. C. Cavenes preached upon the "Immutability of Christ" Saturday night.

On Sunday, at 8:30 a. m., love feast, led by Rev. Wm. Reed and Rev. E. L. Jackson. At 11 a. m., Elder Swann preached to a congregation of nearly 1,000 on "Christ's Love for His Church." At 3 p. m., Dr. G. R. Bryant preached on "The Good Shepherd." At 8:30 p. m., Rev. Pinkney preached on "Ezekiel's Vision of the Whirlwind." It was a high day for Methodism in Bremond.

The Meridian District Conference met at Haven, Chapel M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss., July 22d, Rev. A. M. Trotter, P. E., in the chair. Rev. N. Toole was elected secretary. Sixteen pastors answered at roll call on first day, with quite a number of local preachers and exhorters. Epworth League presidents, Sunday school superintendents and class leaders. The presiding elder's report showed the district to be in good condition. Improvements on all lines had been made. The pastors all seem to be encouraged over their success and prosperity. Listening to their reports as they read them, I was made to say God's cause is marching on. Reports from local preachers and others showed that all parts of the church work were in action. Rev. W. M. McDonald, P. E., of Holly Springs District, gave us a pleasant call and made a good speech. So did Rev. A. J. McNair, of Shubuta District. Prof. J. L. Wilson, principal of Meridian Academy, was with us. He has done very creditable work. Preachers who entertained us during the Conference with good sermons were R. Roberts, S. McDavid, L. W. Davis, R. Howze, A. M. Trotter, P. F. Robinson and N. Toole. Four men were made local preachers. Collections during the Conference, \$34. Rev. L. J. S. Bell and his good people, with other friends, entertained the Conference grandly. Bro. Bell and his people seemed to be very much encouraged after the Conference.

N. Toole, Secretary.

The Marion District Conference convened at Gainesville, Ala., July 22d. A goodly number of members were present. Both the District Conference and the Sunday school convention were very uplifting.

The presiding elder's report showed a very thorough knowledge of the entire district and that the district is spiritually alive. Pastor's reports showed \$180 benevolent money had been raised since the annual Conference. The Southwestern anniversary was held on Saturday and after the lectures the presiding elder called for subscriptions. Five cash subscribers came forward and nine promised to subscribe as soon as they could return home and get the money.

C. L. Johnson, Secretary.

The Nashville District, Tennessee Conference, convened in Seay's Chapel M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., at 2 p. m., July 28, 1896. The presiding elder, H. W. White, presided; over sixty answered to their names. W. R. Smith was elected secretary, with Revs. T. T. Murry and A. L. Nelson assistant. The reports from presiding elders, pastors, local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, Epworth League presidents and Sunday school superintendents showed progress along all lines, and that the district is in far better condition than ever before. All of the pastors were present, but one, and he was hindered on account of his wife being sick. The literary topics were discussed with power, which clearly demonstrated the fact that no little time nor care had been taken in the preparation thereof.

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able sermons during the sessions of the conference: Rev. T. T. Murry, P. R. Wootson and C. Pickett. Bro. T. W. Johnson was recommended for ordination. Revs. T. T. Murry and K. H. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church, J. R. Rice, of the C. P. Church, and S. M. Strayhorn, of the Missionary Baptist Church, were recommended to the Annual Conference, for the recognition of orders. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, the newly elected secretary for the Freedman's Aid Society, called in to see us, and gave a most interesting talk with reference to the great work that was committed to his care by the great church at the recent session of the General Conference. At the close of which a resolution was offered by W. R. Smith, appreciating the action of the General Conference in selecting Dr. Mason for such an important position in the church, and also obligating ourselves to evidence our appreciation by striving to raise our full apportionment for the Freedman's Aid cause. Much credit must be given to the pastor, members, and friends of Seay's Chapel for their kind hospitality. They spared no pains to make everything pleasant for all who were in attendance. It is worthy to mention the noble, loving, impartial and fatherly way in which our presiding elder conducted the conference. The next District Conference will convene at Smyrna, Tenn.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUG 23, 1896.

## ABSALOM'S REBELLION.

2. Sam. 15:1-12.

Golden Text.—"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exod. 20:12.)

Our lesson on the 9th inst. recorded some of the great victories of David. His enemies had been subdued. There were no divisions in his kingdom. He was highly honored by surrounding nations. The name of his power and glory had been reached, and the borders of his kingdom greatly enlarged. But sin entered, reproof came, and punishment followed. His first transgression was lust. Had he, like Job, made a covenant with his eyes, all might have been well. But adultery and murder followed. These sins are so great, compared with his other offences, that they may be considered his only crimes. The judgments of God followed swift and awful. First came the parable of Nathan showing the displeasure of Jehovah, and revealing the awful fact that the "sword should never depart from his house." Then followed the death of the child of Bath-sheba, the incest and murder of Amnon, the flight of Absalom, the parable of the wise woman of Tekoah, and the recall of the prince. In this lesson we have the rebellion of Absalom, and the proclamation of his friends.

1.—Stealing the hearts of the people (1-6). Absalom was the third son of David. His mother was the daughter of Talmai, King of Geshur, a district of Syria. "From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was not a blemish in him." Revenge and jealousy caused him to kill his brother Amnon. He then fled to the court of his grandfather for protection, and after three years was called home by David, his father. He seems now to have been the rightful heir to the throne, and his sin lay in not being willing to await God's time to receive it. He was a bold, haughty, violent, rich, ambitious, and revengeful prince; he was also vain of his accomplishments. No demagogue ever practised more cunning than to gain the favor of the people.

1. He made a royal display. He clad his person in princely robes, gathered a splendid retinue of chariots, horsemen and footmen about him, and accustomed the people to a state of royalty of his own. Many people judge by appearance. The one that can make the greatest display is most admired. They never count the cost. If he is well born, fine looking, eloquent, and graceful, that is enough, though he may not have a grain of solid worth in him.

2. He talked the king down. It is no hard task to condemn the conduct of our rulers. Their deeds are spread before the public. We see them do a great many things that are wrong. And yet after all they likely have two virtues to our one. Notice the conduct of Absalom. (1) He "rose up early." He was not slothful, but worked his plan. Public business is often transacted in the east, before the heat of the day. His intense zeal for himself prompted him to early action. As a rule the man who pushes his work succeeds, and the man who lets his work push him fails. (2) He "stood beside the way of the gate." The gates of ancient cities were places of news—there the people went to gossip; of amusement—there the children assembled to play; of traffic—there goods were bought and sold; and of justice—there courts were held, and judgments rendered. Our towns have many loafing corners. There the "so am I" men assembled. The "way of the gate," was the route that led to the king's court, where likely he sat at certain hours each day to hear complaints. Absalom became one of the people. He was, no doubt, a good mixer, and made himself at home in every crowd. (3) He had a word for everyone. When any person came by who had had a controversy with his neighbor and desired the king's judgment, he would ask from whence he came, hear his complaints, tell him his cause was just, and express great sorrow because there was no man appointed by the king to hear him. If the man did him obeisance he would

embrace and kiss him. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." But few "live peaceably with all men." Many have controversies with those about them. Laws are necessary to protect the innocent, and punish the guilty. Courts are essential to the happiness of the people. Possibly then, as now, laws were not well executed. Absalom was a poor judge for he would render decision before he heard both sides of the story. He told what the people wanted to hear, therefore, they were pleased with him. Kissing was a method of salutation. We have the kiss of greeting, of affection, and of deception. Absalom gave the kiss of deceit. The crowd of fault-finders is as great to-day as at any time in the past. They are in the State, church, and home. They see and hear many things at which to complain.

3. He talked himself up. He deplored the fact that he was not judge in the land. He did not desire this for his but for their good. Sometimes we meet men who claim that the majority has made a mistake; they have put the wrong man into office; that he is not suited for the place; has not the interest of the people at heart, and only cares for their money. Usually those who want the offices themselves are the ones who talk thus. Only those who fill the place they are in are qualified to go higher. Absalom was not suited to be a judge. He should have been judged to death for murder. Yet he had the impudence to desire to be judge for others. We read not of his wisdom, virtue or learning in the law. He was not a lover of justice, and mercy was a stranger to him. Still he aspired to fill his father's place. Often those most ambitious of preferment are least fitted for it. The best qualified are usually the most modest. The office should seek the man.

II.—Claiming the throne (7-12). Hebron is one of the oldest cities in the world. It is about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. It was the birthplace of Absalom, and no doubt many friends of his childhood dwelt there. For seven and a half years David had made it his headquarters. Likely many lived there who were grieved over the fact that the capital was removed to Jerusalem, and would welcome with delight any move that would bring the seat of government back to them. There was no better place in all Palestine for Absalom to begin his reign.

1. The Time.—"After forty years." This is, no doubt, a mistake. David only reigned forty and one-half years. Josephus and some old versions read "four years." This is likely correct. For about this length of time Absalom labored to ingratiate himself into the good graces of the people. I wonder that he held out so long, but some never grow weary in evil doing. He was laboring for an earthly throne and a crown that fades away; yet he had more energy than many who labor for the crown of life.

2. The Request.—"Let me go and pay my vow." It is likely he had made no such vow. He was cruel, unfeeling, and cared not to lie or murder. He had a desperately wicked plan he was laboring to execute. He felt that he could do this better by pretending to hold a religious feast than in any other way. This vow, if he made it, had been neglected for about six years. During that period he had been misrepresenting his father and deceiving the people. He was a wolf in sheep's clothing; a base hypocrite. There are to-day many young men who will deceive their fathers in every possible way. It is well to take upon ourselves good vows and keep the same; but a bad vow is better broken than kept. To "serve the Lord" here means to offer sacrifice unto Him.

3. The Answer.—"Go in Peace." David was, no doubt, well pleased to see a desire in his son to be religious. If he was beginning to think of God and heavenly things he was surely improving. He, by this request, completely deceived the king. David, like Aaron and Eli, was a kind, indulgent father. Godly parents often have more love than justice for their children.

4. The Number.—"And with Absalom went two thousand men." They were no doubt a chosen company, and went in their simplicity. Their hearts had been stolen. Through deceit, flattery, and cunning, they had been decoyed into Absalom's net, and were now being led into disloyalty and rebellion. Many innocent hearts have been stolen by fine looks, pretended affection, and flattering words; and afterwards

trampled under foot. The saint should be wise as the serpent, and harmless as the dove.

5. The Proclamation.—"Absalom reigneth in Hebron." The messengers were called "spies," because they were to ascertain the feelings of the people, and execute their commission where it was desired. The sound of the trumpet was the common signal to call the people together for war or self-defense. Ahithophel was David's trusted counselor. His name means, "brother of foolishness." He was wise, but as unstable as water. He became a traitor of the deepest dye, and finally perished by hanging himself.

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## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
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Idaho, Pocatello, Ida.	Aug. 19.	Cranston
North Montana Miss., Sandcoulee, Mont.	Aug. 20.	Warran
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20.	Walden
West German, Sedalia, Mo.	Aug. 26.	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26.	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima, Wash.	Aug. 26.	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference, Hot Springs, South Dakota.	Aug. 27.	McCahn
Nevada Mission, Carson, Den.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio.	Aug. 28.	McCall
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Aug. 28.	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Aug. 28.	Cranston
Wyoming Miss., Rawlins, Wyo.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
Central German, Newport Ky.	Aug. 28.	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Aug. 28.	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Kentucky, Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 28.	Hurst
Erie, New Castle, Pa.	Aug. 28.	Walton
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Aug. 28.	Fowler
St. Louis German, St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 28.	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Aug. 28.	Andrews
Northwest Nebraska, Alliance, Neb.	Aug. 28.	McCahn
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Aug. 28.	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Aug. 28.	Merrill
Illinois, Tinsboro, Ill.	Aug. 28.	Andrews
West Virginia, Monroeville, W. Va.	Aug. 28.	Hurst
East Ohio, Urichville, O.	Aug. 28.	Ninds
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Aug. 28.	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Aug. 28.	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Aug. 28.	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Aug. 28.	McCahn
North Swedish Mission, Minneapolis, Minn.	Aug. 28.	Warran
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, Cal.	Aug. 28.	Newman
Western Norwegian, Dallas, Texas, Wash.	Aug. 28.	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., U. S.	Aug. 28.	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Aug. 28.	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Aug. 28.	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Aug. 28.	Walton
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Aug. 28.	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Aug. 28.	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Aug. 28.	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Aug. 28.	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Aug. 28.	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
New Mexico Spanish Mission, Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Aug. 28.	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Aug. 28.	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Aug. 28.	Walton
Houston, Houston, Tex.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Aug. 28.	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Aug. 28.	McCahn
N. P. German Mission, Portland, Oregon.	Aug. 28.	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Aug. 28.	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Aug. 28.	Walton
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Aug. 28.	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Towanda, Pa.	Aug. 28.	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Aug. 28.	McCahn
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Aug. 28.	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Aug. 28.	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Aug. 28.	Mallison
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Aug. 28.	Ninds
Southern German, Cleburne, Tex.	Aug. 28.	Ninds
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Aug. 28.	Ninds
Antioch, Fort Worth, Tex.	Aug. 28.	Ninds
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Aug. 28.	Ninds

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Switzerland, Basle.	June 4.	Goodsell
Italy, Rome.	June 24.	Goodsell
Bulgaria, Miss. Conf. Iotcha.	July 8.	Goodsell
Japan, Tokyo.	July 15.	Goodsell
South Germany, Pirmasens.	July 22.	Goodsell
North Germany, Oldenburg.	July 29.	Goodsell
Denmark, Mission, Vele.	Aug. 12.	Goodsell
Korea, Mission, Seoul.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Norway, Aarsholm.	Aug. 19.	Goodsell
Sweden, Jonkoping.	Aug. 26.	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Abo.	Sept. 9.	Goodsell
North China, Peking.	Sept. 21.	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king.	Oct. 21.	Joyce
Foochow, Foochow.	Nov. 18.	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference.	Nov. 18.	Hartell
West China Mission.	Nov. 18.	Hartell

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.  
Cleveland O., May, 1896.

## District Conferences and Conventions to be held.

New Orleans South District Conference, Simpson Chapel, August 19.  
Baton Rouge District Conference, Jackson, La., August 19.  
Palestine District Conference, Palestine, August 19.  
Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 21.  
Charleston District Conference, Kingstree, S. C., August 27.

## MARRIAGES.

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Baldwin, La.—July 29th, Mr. John Marshall and Miss Stella Richardson F. D. Bowers officiated.

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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Marshall District.

Fourth Round.	August.
Longview and Edwards' Chapel.	29, 30 September.
Harleton.	5 6 Mallesien.
Hawkins.	19 20 Tyler.
Micoala.	26 27 October.
Marshall circuit.	3 4 Ebenezer.
Jefferson.	16 18 Langsater.
Lodi.	24 25 Coffeyville.
Queen City.	7 8 Dunganfield.
Pittsburg.	14 15 December.
Wiley Chapel.	21 22 December.

## Navasota District.

Fourth Round.	September.
Belville.	5 6 Anderson.
Caldwell circuit.	14 21 Yarrowbrough.
Bryan circuit.	26 27 October.
Caldwell & Lyon.	3 4 San Felipe.
Navasota.	14 18 Navasota.
Brenham.	23 25 Brenham.
Sealy.	31, Nov. 1 November.
Hempstead.	7 8 Hackley.
Milligan.	21 22 Bryan.
Courtney.	27 29 December.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly .....

Mayesville, S. C.—With sadness we chronicle the death of one of the best members of St. Mark's M. E. Church—Bro Henry Richards. He was a class leader, steward, exhorter and superintendent of one of our Sunday schools in a needy portion of our work. Bro. Richards was in his 31st year. He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. With his latest breath he was singing the songs of Zion. A. Middleton.

Will, Texas.—Sister Elizabeth Johnson, a faithful member of Thomas Chapel M. E. Church for twenty-one years, departed this life July 18th. She was 50 years old, and leaves a husband, five sons and four daughters, a goodly number of grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her death. She was sick about fifteen minutes only, and she said to her husband, "I must leave you," and went off without a struggle. M. Q. A. Fuller, Pastor.

Gordon Ark.—Please announce the death of my son-in-law, Mr. Isaac Ellis who was instantly killed by the train on the 17th of July at this place. He was employed by the Iron Mountain Railway, and had just been married two months to my daughter, Jamie Thompson. He was formerly a student of Wiley University. G. W. Thompson, Pastor.

## TO MY CARD CONTRIBUTORS.

I want many more picture cards and especially Berean Leaf Clusters. Papers and lesson leaves are no use to me. Be sure and put on sufficient postage, as any deficiency must be paid double on delivery. I have not yet ascertained the names or addresses of all who have sent cards. Sometimes the name of the person with the postoffice, without the name of the State, were given; so I could not tell where to write; and in other cases the name or address was so mutilated as to be illegible, hence I have not been able to fulfill my contract to write. Those who have sent me cards and have had no answer, please notify me, and I will be glad to send you some interesting facts about China. Any others desiring to do something for the Master may also send me cards and leaf clusters, and I will send each one a card and some facts about China and the Chinese. Please send your names and addresses. Yours faithfully, J. H. Worley.

Foochow, China.

## CONVERSION AND FEELING.

In an article on conversion in the New York Evangelist, occurs the following summary on feeling:  
"Perhaps too much has been said against 'feeling' in the process of conversion. Hatred is a feeling, and you must hate sin; love is a feeling, and you must love God; and I cannot conceive of a person's being thoroughly converted without feeling abandoned of his former wicked self and feeling love to his Redeemer and his fellow-creatures. The more squarely you face yourself, the more conviction of sin you feel; the more you face your suffering, dying, atoning Saviour, the more will your hard heart be melted into penitence. Come up close to the cross, my friend, and look at yourself there! Look onward to the day of judgment, and see how you feel there as a rejector of Jesus Christ who trampled on his redeeming love! Look at the good you may do as a faithful, earnest, useful, courageous Christian, and then fervently pray to the Holy Spirit to make you one. Work with him! As Spurgeon used to say: 'The way to do a thing is—to do it.'"

## THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, the committee appointed by our respective Annual Conferences to visit the Gammon Theological Seminary, take this method of making our report.

We find that the Gammon Theological Seminary is one of the best equipped schools in this country, and is the only distinctive theological school in the South where colored men can be trained for the ministry.

It is well located, having a campus of thirty acres of high land, which is covered by a beautiful grove overlooking the city. The grounds partake of the nature of a park and are connected with the city by electric cars.

## Gammon Hall

Is a large, beautiful, airy, and convenient four-story brick building, trimmed with stone, costing \$30,000. It contains a chapel, recitation rooms and is used as a dormitory for students. About a dozen nice cottages are owned by the school and occupied by married ministers free of cost.

## Library.

A splendid fire proof library forms a most important part of this institution. It contains about 10,000 volumes. In this well arranged building is a reading room containing some of the best magazines and reviews of our times, as well as the best religious and secular newspapers. Access to this library is an inspiration and a blessing that cannot be overestimated.

## Students.

The school enrolled more than ninety students this year, being the largest number in the history of the school—coming from more than fifteen States. The students enjoy many great social and religious privileges. And the school and lectures and sermons of the professors as well as special lectures by the distinguished scholars, afford a constant intellectual feast. Rooms and tuition are free and other expenses reduced as low as possible.

## Faculty.

The faculty consists of four able and consecrated professors, who devote their time and strength to the training of the students.

The institution is thorough and very practical. The three years of instruction in this school is just what the ministers need to eminently prepare them for the work of the ministry.

The committee listened with great profit and delight to the recitations of the class and were pleased with the ready and accurate answers given by the students to the professors' questions.

The large class in homiletics, under Dr. W. P. Thirkield, the two classes in Hebrew and Greek, under Dr. J. C. Murray, and the class in Evidences of Christianity, under Dr. E. L. Parks, deserve special mention for their proficiency in these branches. (Dr. Bowen had had his examinations and just left for the General Conference). The class of '96 was the largest and perhaps the ablest that has ever graduated from the school.

## Endorsement.

The verdict of your committee is, that the seminary has just closed the best year in its history and is supplying the church with a class of ministers which has long since been needed and for which the church has, and is, greatly suffering. We greatly appreciate and heartily endorse the work which is being done by this school, and recommend that every conference urge its young men who apply for admission to attend this seminary for thorough preparation for the ministry.—Respectfully submitted, E. M. Jones, chairman, Central Alabama Conference; G. W. Arnold, J. P. Wragg, J. C. Hunt, Atlanta Conference; R. F. Witherspoon, D. M. Mims, South Carolina Conference.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, ss.

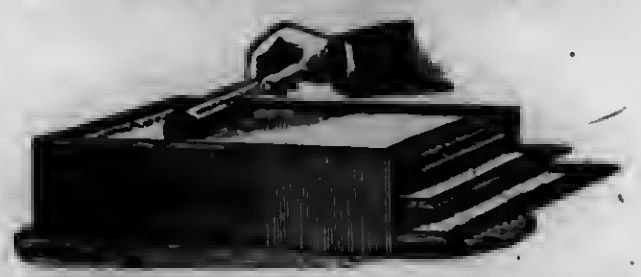
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I. B. SCOTT, D. D., Editor.

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## CONSCIENCE AND REMORSE.

"Goodbye," I said to my conscience—  
"Goodbye, for aye and aye,"  
And I put her hands off harshly,  
And turned my face away;  
And conscience, smitten sorely,  
Returned not from that day.

But a time came when my spirit  
Grew weary of its pace;  
And I cried "Come back, my conscience  
I long to see thy face."  
But conscience cried, "I cannot,  
Remorse sits in my place."  
—Dunbar.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Republicans of Tennessee have nominated Hon. G. N. Tilman for governor.

Bishop O'Sullivan, a distinguished Catholic prelate, died in Mobile, Ala., last week.

Chicago is to have a structure almost a fifth of a mile high, to accommodate 40,000 people.

But won't the Southwestern look well when it is enlarged! Push! It is nearer than you think for.

The Sugar Bounty money is being paid by the United States government. Louisiana planters are happy.

The Negro National Democratic League held its session in Chicago last week, and had a great time talking about free silver.

The South New Orleans District Conference meets at Centreville, La., instead of Simpson Chapel, this city, Rev. Pierre Landry, P. E.

Hundreds are dying in Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Brooklyn and other portions of the North from the excessive heat.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, the Democratic presidential nominee, had the attention of the whole country last week. He and Mr. Sewall formally accepted their nomination in Madison Square Garden, New York. A vast throng turned out to hear him.

Mound Bayou, a Mississippi town of 3,000 inhabitants, is said to be so much of a Negro town that there is not a white person within five miles of it. The only wonder to us is, how do they keep the white merchants away.

Simpson Chapel, this city, where Presiding Elder Duncan's District Conference met last week, has recently been renovated and greatly beautified inside. Rev. D. W. Boatner, the pastor, looks as happy as though he never expects to move. He has an energetic and devoted people.

We regret that because of our haste to get back to the office to see to reading proof, etc., we failed to attend the Shreveport District Conference last week. But we are glad Presiding Elder H. James retaliated by sending in a nice lot of cash subscribers. Never mind, Elder; we hope to get even with you next time. Many thanks!

The destruction by fire of the drugstore of H. G. Williams & Co., Pensacola, Fla., reminds us of the magnificent record the Negro boys are making in establishing drug stores. There is a drug store in Austin, Tex., run by a Negro, and Stephens that is doing a thriving business. Besides this we learn of a number of others in other parts.

## "LIVING EPISTLES, KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN."

Such we regard the minister. And in this connection, the thought comes to us, how careful the wise parent is to have his child read good books and papers. He wants that he shall read those things that will be elevating and helpful; those that will point out the right way in life; those that will help the child form proper ideals. But you may secure a book, take it home, and under some circumstances it may remain on the shelf for weeks, months and even years without being read. The child may pick it up, glance at the pictures, if there, and put it down without any care to see it again. Whatever the book may be under such circumstances, it has harmed no one, and will not as long as it remains unread. Thus, it is not as injurious as the bad picture that is exposed to view. Again, even the Bible may remain useless on the centre table or packed away in the bottom of a trunk, as we have known housewives to do them. No one reads it; there it stands, and it can influence those only who know what it contains—who know its mission. To them it is a silent sentinel, but you need not read it unless you wish. But not so the minister; not so the man. You can not place him where he will not be read. He is an epistle, a living epistle. If his life reflects that which is good, it will be read, or that which is bad, the same. He is not simply an epistle to his wife, his children, his next-door neighbor; he is an epistle to the world. Whoever sees him will read him; whoever hears of his words or his ways will read him. He is read by his words, his looks, his walk, the way he treats his family, the way he treats others. In this sense all men are printers; they are constantly preparing something for the public eye, something to be read. But the minister is the rich man's epistle, the poor man's epistle; little Johnny's, little Mary's, the drunkard's, the gambler's. Do you see your responsible position? If so, let us ask what are you furnishing them to read? Even your own darling little boy is reading you. Are you supplying good, wholesome literature, or will it destroy his young life?

We verily believe the Christian minister can, by a disjointed, careless life, destroy more good, more lives than any man living.

"How careful, then, ought we to live." The pulpit is a throne of power, and happy is he who realizes and lives up to the responsibility attached thereto; but many men, as ministers, are not good for anything outside the pulpit. They build up when in it; they tear down when out of it. They are epistles, but they are not the proper kind for either good or bad persons to read.

Brother, since so many are watching you, you had better watch yourself.

## THE NEGRO OF AMERICA MUST EVANGELIZE AFRICA.

We do not believe slavery was a divine institution, but we believe in a God who was able and did make the wrath of man to praise him. The African was ruthlessly, cruelly torn away from his home and native land and transported to an enslavement both cruel and degrading. We use degrading advisedly; for if what some travelers tell us about the virtue and honesty of the heathen be true, even they may be degraded. At any rate they were brought here and after centuries of bondage they emerged therefrom with no other compensation than a knowledge of the true God and a very superstitious idea of His religion. On this they have constantly built till now they begin to feel the darkness has indeed gone and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. We

must admit that under God much good has thus indirectly come to us, and, to that extent it is possible that God's purpose in permitting slavery has been at least in part fulfilled. But is this all? We do not believe it. It cannot be possible that the All Wise will wring no further good out of all the years of bondage, of bloodshed, of unrequited toil and the untold suffering of our enslaved people, than what has thus come to the few who live in this country! Many of them have endured the very hardships enumerated, and, of course, something was due them! But, is there not something due Africa? Africa, who furnished the hero, heathen though he was, who was stolen from his native land, came here in chains, suffered years of a affliction and then, by the mercy of God, secured light out of darkness, victory out of defeat and liberty out of slavery! Is nothing due Africa? We believe the divine purpose is that this same emancipated slave shall go back to his people and his country and there tell them of the light of the gospel, of the victory of the cross, and the freedom from ignorance and superstition.

This course, it seems to us, is clearly indicated in the fact that though our white brother has for years shown a commendable zeal to go and do this very work, he, it seems, has not been thus far permitted to do it. He has repeatedly landed on her shores only to go almost directly to his grave. Our own church has not even spared her bishops. It must be granted that colored men from this country have, in some cases, died there, too; but, not to the extent that white men have. Besides, it is a well known fact that even in America, the Negro can stand malarious sections better than his white neighbor. But, even though he go there and die, as white men do, our thought is that, to say the very least, it is now his turn to show what he can do in this great work. If it be God's purpose that he should, and we believe it is, then he cannot fail.

If his mission is not to his people here and in Africa, to whom is his mission? We are free to say we have no sympathy with what we understand to be Bishop Thoburn's view of the case, nor Bishop Taylor's either. While men are theorizing, Africa is perishing. Our church should, and we believe it will now, give the Afro-American who wants to go and live or die for Africa a chance to do so. We mean, of course, the man who is fitted for his work.

Bishop Walden has this matter on his heart and has for years been laboring in the interest of his "African Training School." We believe he is on the right line and will eventually triumph. Africa must be redeemed and we want the Negro of the Methodist Episcopal Church to take part in its redemption.

Arrangements have been completed for the Centennial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, to be held in New York City, October 1st-12th. Bishop A. Walters, of New York, is the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Among those of other denominations who are to take part are Bishop Foster who is to preach the opening sermon, Bishop Andrews, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop H. C. Potter, Dr. Alexander Crummell of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Bishops Arnett, Turner, Grant and Derrick, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Lane, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Cook, of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church; Booker T. Washington, and President W. P. Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta.

Surrendering to sin we escape Christ; surrendering to Christ we escape sin.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## NOTES FROM NASHVILLE.

The suspension of Dr. Steel from the editorship of the Epworth Era, was a surprise to most of the citizens of Nashville. It was known that there was friction between him and the Book Committee, but it was hoped that the matter might be arranged without extreme measures. So the announcement of his suspension was like thunder out of the clear sky. It is unfortunate that a man with so much talent should be crippled in usefulness by his own indiscretion.

Three district conferences have just held their sessions in the Tennessee Conference. The Cumberland River District Conference, Rev. L. M. Moores presiding elder; the Tennessee River District Conference, Rev. S. B. Danley, P. E., and the Nashville District Conference, Rev. H. W. White, P. E. The reports were favorable, indicating progress generally along all lines. The usual action, endorsing the Southwestern, was taken, and requiring all official members to subscribe for it. The conferences begin to think they must protect the people from ignorant and unprogressive local preachers by refusing to renew the license of those brethren who will not get the books and will not study, and ask to be continued in the same year's course, for several years.

Seay Chapel, where the Nashville District Conference was held, has been greatly improved by paper and paint, soap and water. A gallery has been put in one end of the church, which will increase its capacity to accommodate a part of the 600 members said to belong to the charge. Rev. J. A. Moore is pastor.

In view of the Centennial of Tennessee, next year, and in the expectation that a great number of people from all parts of the country will visit Nashville, and will be more or less interested in the educational institutions, the friends and students, seconded by the Board of Trustees, have determined to paint the building at an expense of four or five hundred dollars. Some of our students and friends have arranged to help in this matter.

We send this note of invitation to all our alumni and former students, to send a contribution for this purpose. We should be glad to have at least \$1 from each, if possible, or as much as each can afford. Our buildings are dingy, and greatly need to be brightened, to compare at all favorably with other school buildings of our city. Send us your money and you will be gratified when you visit the Centennial next year. J. Braden.

## ALLEGHENY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The year just closed has been a prosperous one for "Old Allegheny." A larger attendance than ever before in the history of the institution. Commencement week was a time of real enthusiasm. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by President Crawford from the words, "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." The sermon before the Christian Association was preached by Rev. Dr. S. D. Hutshinpillar, pastor of the First Church, Erie, Pa. It will long be remembered as a true Gospel message. Alumni day was marked by class reunions, annual business meeting, banquet, and an eloquent and scholarly address by Col. James Riley Weaver of the class of '63. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees provision was made for the chair of Biology, and Prof. Edward L. Rice, Ph. D., son of Prof. William North Rice, of Wesleyan, was elected to the chair. Prof. Edward C. Morey, of Harvard Latin School, Belmont, Cal., was elected Bradley Professor of Latin Language and Literature, to succeed Dr. Lease, resigned. Mr. Daniel J. Holmes, of Northwestern University, was elected instructor in Greek and Latin, and Miss Florence Mann, of Cincinnati University, was elected instructor in English History. Five thousand dollars was appropriated to the building of a new gymnasium on the college campus, and \$5,000 more has been subscribed. The trustees approved the action of the faculty in offering a new course of English and modern languages.

Commencement day was truly an eventful one. The address to the class was by Bishop Charles H. Fowler,

who captured everybody with his masterly address on the Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln. The graduating class, thirty-two in number, received their diplomas from the president. This is the first commencement since the formal adoption of the Oxford cap and gown by the college. The gown does lend dignity to such occasions; besides all this it is a great saving or expense to the graduating class. Allegheny College believes that the Methodist College presidents at their annual meeting did wisely in suggesting the use of the cap and gown in our institutions. In the afternoon of commencement day, ground was broken for a new gymnasium. The band was out, ringing speeches were made by the members of the Board of Trustees and by the Alumni Association. The new building is to be of gray sandstone, and it is expected that work will be begun on it at an early day. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by the college upon Rev. R. N. Stubbs, of Erie, Pa., and Rev. Edward S. McClesney, of Appleton, Miss. These men are both graduates of the college. Mr. Alexander Bradley, of Pittsburgh, was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees, and Judge Henderson, of Meadville, was elected vice-president.

The patrons of Allegheny College are all encouraged and believe that the coming year will be even better than the one that has gone. Nearly seven thousand dollars has already been subscribed for a new library building, and the alumni are pushing vigorously the endowment of a new professorship. The faculty of the college is being strengthened and everything indicates future growth for the institution.

## PRESIDING ELDERS, BE BROTHERLY.

By N. Y. Z.

We need good presiding elders on all our districts. We have some good ones and we have some otherwise. When we say good presiding elders, we do not mean big preachers, fine orators or dressy fellows, but one that has religion and common sense, as well as literary qualifications, and one that is in sympathy with his preachers. A presiding elder should not be a party man. This has given great disturbance in our churches. He should not talk behind a preacher's back to them who may oppose him. A preacher has enough burdens to bear without any help from his chief officer. It has been the case in some of our charges that where the preacher did not do to suit some of the members, they would work to get "even" through the presiding elder to the preacher. Many preachers have been taken from their charges through prejudice. Many have been retained by the same evil. Some presiding elders forget that they were once in the "brush" and that they could hardly get along. Of course, some of the preachers are not up to date, but deal fairly with your brother. If any of your preachers are not doing their duty, talk to them freely; but do not go around in their charge and censure against them and threaten evil against them, saying what "I am going to do." Who made you a lord over God's ministers? Be careful, my brother, how you abuse this power. Remember some men will break before they will how to every whim and fancy of yours. Among the pit-falls in our way the best of us walk blindly; so now be careful. Watch and pray and treat your preachers kindly. We know by what authority we speak. Do not think because you are his superior in office you are his superior in everything. All the people do not think that. Above all, be Christ-like. Be brotherly. Talk just a little to the people or the preachers concerning the appointments. You don't know everything any more than the angels.

## THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER IN POLITICS.

From reflection and observation the consideration of this subject was never more necessary than now, because of the upheaval of revolutionary thought in the political world. This political year shall go down the ages in American history as the memorable financial campaign in American politics. So many of our fellow ministers are stepping down from that high and dignified, yet humble position and

rank, to scramble in politics with the rabble and lobby in every conceivable trick, to defeat this or that political faction or party. Some have joined the cohorts of political tricksters or demagogues. They seem to think they are all, and must be in all, for the sake of the almighty dollar, rather than for the purity of the ballot or building up of a pure moral sentiment, and political citizenship which will glorify Almighty God.

If there is any fact that the minister should settle, it is that of the divine call, as an ambassador of God. With this fact ratified, he should discharge the duties imposed upon him. He is an ambassador sent out to represent the highest court and finest country ever unfolded to the gaze of human thought and spiritual eyes. It is true he has a place in politics. He should be careful to understand where that place is and what he is to do in it. The capture of the political machine of the Southern States soon after the period of reconstruction, has become a by-word upon the lips of the white brother. They claim that the angry waves of the political sea swept almost all of the Negro politicians out of the current and they drifted upon the calmer waves of the religious sea, thus making more Negro preachers than any other agency extant. And with a political tinge on their garments, they would seek to come back into politics the first opportunity; hence the groundless cry of Negro domination. It is an alarming fact, yet, nevertheless, true that some of the ministers only wait to see but an apparent probability of the success of this or that party before they will wrap their divine message in a napkin and lay it away in the back room of their business residence, while they seek to be a postmaster, customhouse boss, or the medium through which all of the public patronage of the State is to be dished out. The young ministry should see to it that the future conclusion of such a statement has a false premise; and that the halo from the cross of Christ rest upon men called, prepared, and sent out with a divine message, to save the souls of men and not their opponents for the spoils of the victors after a political contest.

One thing is now evident. You cannot finger in the plans of political demagogues of to-day and then call them to Christ who is the very embodiment of righteousness. Perhaps some preachers think they have the same rights as the minister of colonial days who held the political scepter in one hand and the spiritual guide in the other. But no, we live in a day of advance thought, and we must proceed along other lines. The Christian minister stands rather as the prophets of Israel—preachers of righteousness—to send into every artery and vein of the body politic, the healthy blood of righteousness; not by becoming an accessory to dirty crimes, but by sounding in no uncertain note the indignation of God's wrath upon evil-doers. He should not seek to take sake of money bid upon the altar of the reins of government out of the hands of the ministers of State, for the prestige; nor should he strike hands with the rude and shrewd political trickster in American politics who is soon to be looked upon as one of the wonders of the world; because of the money which is poured into the coffers of the different political parties for the purpose of carrying the country for a certain party, even if it costs millions of dollars. It may be these ministers look back through the pages of history and get the idea of the middle or dark ages in which contribution for the power and benefit of ministry and church was supreme. But if they will look again, they will also see Rationalism coming in as a signified and equally decided counter-movement in favor of the State and laity. This became visible in the monarchy of Phillip, the Fair, to re-hat the rights of the clergy to oversee the government. During the fifteenth century, this thought seems to have been dominant in all Europe. I am sure one cannot think that to be an ever increasing power of the church in State affairs. Even since the reformation this thought had gained a new and powerful grip in Catholic countries. But the reformer thought the freedom of the ministry in preaching the divine word and the administration of the sacraments, covered the domain of the church. The civil life and government of the church so far

as it included the application of external authority, such as filling vacancies and discipline belonged to the State, so she prepared to govern. This was not only so in Catholic lands, but equally so in Protestant. But events ripened rapidly and all of these old ideas have been exploded. So there is no need of a preacher of to-day becoming a political tinker. This is the light and electric age. We do not need these ministerial demagogues ruling the church of God. They seem to think there is a pope to distort things in church and State; so they must subscribe to both, and especially to the State which is to them, the highest supervisory of spiritual and financial things. After all, we don't believe our preaching brethren who thus indulge, are mean; it may be after these things have been pointed out to them, the powerful message, "Go preach the gospel," instead of a growing feeling and policy of a play between church and State, will burn in their hearts so fervently they will turn and read: "They who will wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run and not weary, and they shall walk and faint not."

Reason may induce a decisive turning-point here. The result of philosophic thinking concerning the duty and nature of our work, may take us out of the gutters of political factions; that we may be able to see that our duty is to take Christ to the world and the world for Christ; thus unfolding our full indwelling natural powers in favor of working more for the church. But some ministers seem to think all of these powers have been delegated to them for the State and to get a compensation for their labor, they must ally themselves with some political faction. With them, even the authority of the church is an efflux of the State. Fellow-ministers, if you have a spark of Christian manhood, mingle it with your reason, and you will be able to see that American politics of to-day are infested with too much corruption for you to lay aside your ministerial garb to traffic in them. Unless you believe the political parties have the power to legislate the hardships and imperfections of our natures away, and thereby give salvation to those you say you are called to help save.

I know you are too intelligent to think salvation is found outside of the domain of the church.

As was cited; if you were sent into the field of soul saving because of the political storms of the seventies and underneath you have on a political garment, it is much better for you, and those you seek to carry for this or that faction, that you would step down and out of the ministry first; then, as you know, you will be free to play any trick you wish to. You cannot serve two masters; no two pieces of mutton can fill the same space at the same time. You cannot be a successful preacher and politician at the same time. You must preach up reforms as God would have them and He will furnish laymen to carry them into effect.

Please leave something for them to do. This would be better for the cause you represent, as well as for the kingdoms of the world. For, Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works and thy labors and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art, fallen, and repent, and do thy first work; or else I shall come quickly, and will remove the candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.—Rev. 2:1-5.

Let us find our political sphere, which is send the blood of righteousness into every artery and vein of the body politic; we will be a blessing to humanity and an honor to God. N. R. Clay.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Austin District, West Texas Conference.—The Sunday School Institute of the Austin District, West Texas Conference, met at Burnet, Tex., August 4th-5th. Rev. Moses Smith, P. E., opened the meeting by song, Scripture lesson and prayer. W. R. Morrow, president, opened the session for business. Several committees were appointed. A neat code of by-laws were reported and adopted. Much credit must be given to the P. E. for the favor shown the institute. We know him to be a Sunday school worker for many years—this is his first year as P. E. on this district. We are pleased to note the interest of all concerned in the work, and feel that with proper leaders the work will be sure of success. The name of the organization was changed to the Sunday School Convention of the Austin District. It was granted the power to call its session separate from that of the District Conference, and will meet at Giddings first Thursday in May, 1897. The following officers were elected: W. R. Morrow, president; R. L. Parker, vice-president; Janie D. Organ, recording secretary; L. F. Bradley, corresponding secretary; M. E. Roberts, treasurer.

We take pleasure in saying that the delegates and visitors were very highly and delightfully entertained by the pastor, Rev. P. F. Crawford, and the generous people of Burnet. Very truly,  
W. R. Morrow.

Littig, Tex.

### ANOTHER PRESIDENT ELDER'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

On the eve of Aug. 5th, a large congregation assembled in St. Stephen's M. E. Church, in Yazoo City, to witness the marriage of Mr. Dave Ross and Miss M. E. Jamison, the daughter of Rev. P. O. Jamison, P. E., of the Tupelo district. The church was tastefully decorated, having a large bell suspended from an over-hanging arch. The groom's best man, Mr. R. Walton, after leading in the bridesmaid, returned and escorted the groom to the altar. The writer met the happy couple at the altar and joined them in holy wedlock, and gave them a hearty God-speed.

The reception given at the residence of the bride's parents was all that could be desired, and the guests did full justice to the viands placed before them. About one hundred presents were given them, and some were very valuable. That they may live long and be happy is the wish of their many friends.  
B. L. Crump.

### HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

We received this note a few days since and are proud to give it to our readers:

Dear Sir:—I feel it the duty of a white citizen here to give an account of the grand work being done for the Methodist Episcopal Church by one of its ministers, Rev. M. W. Reid, on this, the Carrollton Circuit. When he came here, about five months ago, he had no church building and few communicants, but by his energy he has succeeded in organizing his church on a firm foundation, erected a house of worship at this place, costing about

\$500, with a seating capacity of 400, well equipped with pews, chandeliers, bell, etc.; also, near Malmison, he has the nucleus of a building (\$50 having been collected last Sabbath), and we believe he will soon have the house under construction. The white people have been liberal with their donations to the church here, and we believe they have been influenced by Mr. Reid's Christian character and indomitable will and determination to do good for his people.

Mr. Reid has certainly labored diligently for his people and deserves the plaudits of his church on earth and the blessings of the head of the great church in Paradise. He knows no such word as "despond," and moves on in his duty, even under adverse and discouraging conditions, with a pleasant, amiable disposition, apparently believing "the heavier the cross the brighter the crown." Yours respectfully,

White Citizens,  
J. H. Kimborough,  
L. J. Henderson,  
T. J. Fox.

Carrollton, Miss., Aug. 7, 1896.

### CHILDREN'S DAY.

These close out the Children's Day reports. The following have, by some means, been overlooked till now:

R. Roberts, Blue Ridge M. E. Church, Vernon, Miss.: The program was carried out to the letter. We had a great many visitors. Among the distinguished ones was the Rev. Mrs. Jones, Heidelberg, Miss. The exercise was conducted by Prof. S. T. Gavin, who is principal of the High School at the above named place. He is a graduate from Alcorn A. & M. College, and a faithful member of our church. Collection, \$5. The outlook is promising, and progress may be seen on all lines.

E. L. Wilson, Ebenezer, Miss.: Our Children's Day program was grand. Everything went out in order. Our Young Crusaders, prepared by Dr. C. H. Payne, and issued by the Board of Education, marshalled the children and young people. \$14.65 was raised for all purposes.

B. F. Anderson, P. C., Martin Tenn.: Children's Day was a high day with us. The program was carried out under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Rogers, who is a graduate of Central Tennessee College. Miss Butler also did much to bring the young people together. Miss Girtie Bandurmt made the opening address, which was admired by all who heard her. Miss Josie Shepherd and Miss Eddie Thomas were the leaders of the tree of spiritual blessing. There was a large crowd present. After the exercise was over, Rev. Coleman, of the Baptist Church, spoke words of encouragement. Collection, \$5.08.

Clarendon, Ark.: Our Children's Day was a great day, and was nicely conducted by the pastor, L. Mullory. The programs were carried out fully by the young people. Our church was crowded to see and to hear what the old M. E. Church is doing for our people. The pastor spoke of the General Conference in Cleveland, O., and referred to Dr. M. C. B. Mason. Collection for Children's Day, \$2.30. Pray for us.

O. Nelson, P. C., Central Alabama

Conference, Newbern, Ala.: Our Children's Day was grand. The program was carried out to order. The church was packed to its utmost and all were well pleased. Both of my schools did well. Jackson Chapel, \$4.10, and Newbern \$1.10. Total, \$7.20. We are moving onward and upward.

T. W. Davis, Durant, Miss.: Children's day was a success. Prof. E. M. Porter, superintendent, spared no pains to have all things well. The program was carried out in full. Prof. Porter is the principal teacher in the city school here—holds 2-years first-grade license. Collection for the day was \$30.

### POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEGRO.

By Rev. J. Beatty Howell.

The sight of the annual catalogue of Lincoln University, with its long list of students in the preparatory and theological departments, its full curriculum and its able corps of instructors, mutually suggests the question of the advisability and promise of success of such efforts for the advancement of the Negro. A rather extended acquaintance with men of this race in another country, under conditions somewhat different from those which obtain in this land, leads me to take a very hopeful view of the matter, recognizing, nevertheless, the necessity of a change of attitude on the part of Christians in general towards these our brethren.

There is no color line in Brazil, for a very good reason. There is a very general admixture of Negro blood among the lower classes, as well as in many who have risen from this class to positions of wealth and influence. There are so many gradations of color and, through the operation of well known laws of atavism, so many variations even in the same family, that it is impossible to draw a line which would separate the whites from the Negroes.

Color is no bar to advancement there. There are Negro doctors, lawyers, merchants, priests, planters, etc. When we were putting up the building of the American School (Presbyterian) in Sao Paulo, the foreman was a mulatto and had several white masons and carpenters working under him. At the same time the foreman of the office where our weekly religious paper was printed was also a mulatto, while nearly all the compositors were white. In all of the trades some of the best workmen are Negroes. In the days of slavery on all the large coffee plantations, some of them with three or four hundred slaves, the owners planned to have all the work done by their own hands. Promising boys were accordingly trained as carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, machinists, etc. There were often extensive carpenter and machine shops on the plantation, with all the modern appliances, where not only the tools used on the place were made and repaired, but also the engines and complicated machinery used in preparing the coffee were repaired and new pieces made if necessary, under white superintendence of course. The abolition of slavery in this way set free a large number of skilled workmen in the different trades.

One of the most touching sights I ever saw in Brazil, was the funeral of a man who was born a slave, but when he died was one of the higher judges and a professor in the Law School of Sao Paulo. His master, who was also his father, gave him every educational advantage, but only gave him his freedom papers on the day that he graduated with high honors at the Law School. He rapidly won a name for himself not only as a jurist but also as a poet. He was received in the best society and married a white woman. Though he was known to say that "the three greatest enemies of society were slavery, monurehy and religion," he never made the Protestant missionaries any charge for legal service, and always gratuitously defended those of his own race who were unjustly in bondage, of whom there were many at that time.

He was carried to his grave, a distance of some two miles, by the professors of the law school, his companions, with bared heads, followed by a procession of some four hundred students of the law school, and others, also with bared heads. All the stores on the streets along which the procession passed were closed and the side walks were lined with people, many of whom were weeping the loss of the benefactor who had given them

their liberty. He was a man whom the whole city delighted to honor.

There is in Brazil an entire absence of that hostile or semi-hostile feeling towards the Negro which shows itself in various ways in this country. There is absolutely no discrimination against him on account of his color in railroad trains, in hotels, in religious, political or social gatherings, the general attitude towards him seems to be one of chivalrous tolerance and friendliness, the kind of feeling one should expect to see manifested towards countrymen less favored and fortunate, and whose misfortune, to a certain extent, is traceable to us or our ancestors and has injured to our benefit.

The existence of such a feeling on the part of American Christians towards their Negro brethren would solve many problems and remove many difficulties in the way of their advancement, and the cultivation of such a feeling, I think, might be well made the subject of special effort and prayer.—Presbyterian Journal.

Once when Bishop Taylor passed through Pungo Adongo, a king from the interior came to open up trade. The bishop arranged a cot in his own room for the purpose of his majesty. Next day the king said to Mr. Shields, the missionary: "I heard in my own country of the bishop with the long beard. He is not a man at all; he is a god come down to men. Last night when he came into the bed-room I saw him take off his head (wig) and lay it down by his bed, and yet he had a head same as before. I was scared nearly to death, and trembled all over. If he had touched me I would have died. He is the god that piled up these great Pungo Mountains. If I could have got out of the room I would have run for my life, but the god was between me and the door, and I couldn't get out. When I go home to my people I will tell them that I saw a god, and came near to the end of my life."

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**OUR PLAN FOR THE FALL CONFERENCES  
AND THE CANVASS.**

We propose to attend the North Carolina Conference, at Charlotte, and afterward, if it can be so arranged, spend eight or ten days visiting a few points in South Carolina, provided the brethren think it will pay. Then we expect to attend the East Tennessee Conference, at Cleveland, and spend some days working for the Southwestern before the meeting of the Tennessee Conference at Memphis. Next, we shall visit the West Texas, at Cuero, and then stop in a few of the cities in the interest of the paper before the Texas Conference meets at Paris. If the presiding elders think such a plan for canvassing can be worked and will help arrange it, we shall be glad to hear from them.

The degree nuisance is both virulent and irrepressible. It is a present epidemic outside of the schools and is conferred on the Rev. Tom-Dick-and-Harry by the usus loquendi faculty. One is liable to be dubbed a "Doctor" now-a-days at any stage of his ministerial life.—Christian Recorder.

You are right; as long as there are such schools as a certain one in North Carolina, who sent out circulars one time offering any degree, one might wish for at a limited figure, this will continue.

**THEN AND NOW.**

The Atlanta Constitution says: "Prof. W. H. Crogman, of Clark University, is one of the most progressive colored men in this age. He has a large and costly library, and every book in it shows that it has been used. Prof. Crogman has been presiding in the school-room for more than twenty years, and has occupied the chair of languages at Clark University for more than fifteen years. He has taken an active part in all movements that had for their object the betterment of the city, the State, the United States, and his people. We feel proud of him, and wish we had many more such men as he is."

Bless the Lord, that while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return. We recall vividly, and fear we shall never forget, when this same Constitution passed a compliment on four students of Clark University under the following circumstances: A missionary teacher from the North died in the city and the faculty of Clark had to take possession of her remains and bury her. There was no one else to do so, hence four of our boys acted as pall bearers. The next morning the Constitution said: Miss —, a teacher in the Summerhill Nigger School, died yesterday and was buried by the people at Clark University; her pall bearers were four Nigger bucks."

How it did wring the hearts of teachers and students at Clark to have that faithful, sweet-spirited woman, who died so uncomplainingly at her post of duty—died for the South and humanity—receive such a notice like that. It is a tearful thing to think of even now. But, perhaps, the fellow who wrote it has had "pall bearers" since then; at any rate we will forgive and try to forget. The pall bearers didn't mind the compliment, for as far as we are personally concerned this one is quite sure he was much better looking then than now. Prof. Crogman is without doubt deserving of all the Constitution says of him, and we are glad it is brave enough to say it.

While Cleveland, O., is celebrating her one hundredth birthday, John D. Rockefeller gives her a nice little birthday present of \$600,000 to fix up her parks.

**THE SEASON FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCES.**

Our patronizing territory is just now in the midst of the season for District Conferences, and judging from some of the reports that come to this office, some of them are accomplishing a great deal of good. Such a Conference properly attended and properly conducted is a great meeting. It is educating and inspiring, and no pastor, local preacher, exhorter or other delegate ought to miss a single one. Here is the place to learn something of the vast machinery of the church, get glimpses into its history and become familiar with the law. It was our pleasure to listen to discussions on the admission of women and other subjects in a Mississippi Conference a few days ago, and we are sure it would have done credit to an Annual Conference.

There was not a delegate or visitor present but that went away the wiser for having heard them. We are confident there are scores of these Conferences that have the material to furnish such a discussion, and we doubt not are doing so.

In conclusion, we take this occasion to suggest to the presiding elders that they have every pastor bring the benevolent money collected to the District Conference, collected by a competent treasurer, and forwarded at once to headquarters, unless it has been forwarded already. By so doing, they will greatly assist every benevolent society in the church. Their hardest pull is to go through the summer while no Annual Conferences are meeting, and since the money is collected, there is no need holding it. Send it on. The societies need every cent they can get.

**IS THIS TRUE?**

We clip the following from a letter to the Indianapolis Freeman, by W. J. Sewell. If this is true the Negro has a long way to come yet. He says:

A Negro does not get the patronage that a white man does; a white man may take an old invalid book or map of Noah's Ark and he will invariably sell one to every one he wishes, and a Negro may procure a valuable book such as the Life and Times of Fred Douglass or the History of the Negro in America, and he will walk until his feet are blistered and the result of his work is that he has gotten a few teachers to accept his book or paper. The first thing a Negro wants to know of his colored agent is, how much are you getting. If he refuses to tell his commission he will refuse to take his paper. Some claim that they are not able to take a paper, but they are able to ride two or three hundred miles on an excursion and buy his liquor. Colored men of America let us away, away, with such bosh and excuses.

**THE AFRO-AMERICAN FAIR.**

Some time ago we called attention to the Afro-American Fair, to open at Houston, Tex., 25th inst. The Freeman has been making a magnificent fight for this enterprise and we hope most earnestly it may prove a success.

The leading railway lines of the State and the best white citizens of Houston, have shown the management every courtesy they could desire; hence there is nothing now left to be done but to have our people rush in their exhibits at once and give the Fair the patronage the low rates and entertainment promised seem to warrant. Let the leading men arouse the people throughout the State. Make a success of this Negro enterprise.

We are repeatedly asked who is "Uno," our Washington correspondent. Why, Uno!

The Democrats carried Alabama in the August election. Wonder how that happened?

The "Chautauquan" for August, gives an excellent article on the United States Supreme Court and "cuts" of the justices.

Presiding Elder Houston told his District Conference that the people do not clamor for new pastors, but for new sermons. That is worth considering!

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Bishop Mallalieu is now settled in Brooklyne, a suburb of Boston.

Our bishops will hold their semi-annual meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., the latter part of October.

Bishop Arnett, of the A. M. E. Church, lost his residence recently by fire.

Bishop Newman will reside a part of the time in San Francisco and a part of the time in Los Angeles.

Rev. J. W. Hudson, pastor St. James Church, Shreveport, is quite ill and his case is considered serious.

The wife of Rev. A. S. Williams, Gainsville, Ala., is quite low. He has our sympathy and prayer for her ultimate recovery.

Mrs. Lilly Brackens, of Alexandria, La., and her interesting little girl, Cullie, are the guests of Mrs. J. F. Marshall, No. 1724 Constantinople street, this city.

Rev. J. J. Jackson, Pelehatchie, Miss., has been taking the Southwestern twenty-five years and paid for it. Good record!

We learn from the Texas Freeman that Rev. E. Lee intends to complete his great stone church in Navasota, Tex., by the coming October.

Rev. Dr. J. Braden, president of Central Tennessee College, is spending his vacation in the country near Nashville. He is not well, but hopes to be in shape for the beginning of his year's work. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Editor H. T. Kealing, of the A. M. E. Review, makes an excellent start in his first number. We consider him a clear and pointed thinker and believe his magazine will take rank among the best of its kind.

Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society, dropped in on us a few days ago, and looks well and happy. He is visiting the District Conferences in and about the city, collecting what the brethren subscribed in June toward the great work he represents.

Prof. I. Garland Penn, of Lynchburg, Va., a distinguished writer of the race and who has been twice a lay delegate to our General Conference, has recently been licensed to preach. He has our best wishes for success in his new calling.

Miss Mabel Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johnson, of San Francisco, won the first prize for the best essay at the closing of the Cosmopolitan grammar school. This is the second time that a colored girl has won the Denman prize at this school; Miss Aimee M. Ray, of San Francisco, being the first.

E. W. White, M. D., and Miss Fannie A. B. Key were married recently at Mason, Tenn. Both the doctor and his wife are graduates of Central. Mrs. White is the daughter of the old veteran, Rev. H. W. Key. We extend congratulations.

Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen is to deliver the opening address at the Afro-American Fair, to be held in Houston, Tex., August 25th-29th.

Rev. Dr. L. P. Cushman, who was at one time editor of this paper, suffers from a stroke of paralysis at his home in Dedham, Mass. The following note from his daughter, Miss Clara, to Zion's Herald, will indicate to his many friends in this section how serious his case is:

"I cannot say that father is improving. The doctor gives us little hope of his recovery. He knows us all, and he does not suffer. We are so thankful for this. He who has given us so many long years of sunshine is with us in the shadows. We love Him and trust Him. We know it is all right. To doubt would be a disloyalty. The people are very kind and generous. The board voted to continue his salary and supply the pulpit for the summer, so we have no anxiety about moving for the present, and we believe our Father will open up a way for us in the future."

Later under date of Monday, Miss Cushman writes: "I am so glad to tell you we think father seems a little better yesterday and this morning."

The 45th star was added to the United States Flag July 4th, by the admission of Utah to statehood.



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E H Clark, 1	H J Wright, 7
R Anderson	S H Jordan, 2
A O Oulbreath	F C Hamilton
Julius Benn	E H Lagelson
A H J Brown, 6	Minnie J Hardman
H Taylor	J F Marshall
M F Harrison	T W Davis, 1
Eli Brown	C I Hood & Co
F Harvey, 1	Wm Porter, 1
P D Kennedy	Simon Jones
Rev Pierce, 3	John McKee, 1
P Bibbs, 2	Joe Alexander
A C Kato	I Henderson
S Duncan	D H Pharis, 1
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T J English, 5	ED Cameron, 1
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### NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OUR PATRONIZING TERRITORY.

Brethren:—Please send us a copy of your Annual Conference Minutes for your last session, and annually hereafter. We cannot well get on in this office without your Conference Minutes. Respectfully,

I. B. Scott.

We are now fairly well settled in our new and commodious rooms, 408 Carondelet street, and shall be pleased to welcome our friends when they call. We have a nice stock of pastor's and church supplies, which, if sold direct from the office, will save postage or expressage. Come and see us, brethren.

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In moving the office we find some good books on hand that we need to dispose of to make room for others. They are valuable, and most of them fresh and standard. They will be sent postpaid at the price annexed:

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We find, also, several valuable books that are a little shop worn, which we ask our friends, when in the city, to call and examine. They will be sold very low.

### WHAT IS SAID ABOUT THE "SOUTHWESTERN."

Notice.—To the brethren of the Conference, and to all that are not acquainted with the Southwestern: I began taking this paper in April. I thought that \$1.25 was too much, but I want to say that I would not be without it if it cost \$3.25. I have seen the season come when it will cover the land and country, as the waters cover the mighty deep. And if it was in every home, I would say, Amen.

Marion, Ala.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Missionary Debt Paying Day was generally observed in the city last Sunday. St. Charles Avenue Church raised \$18.20; Wesley Chapel, \$30, and First Street Church, \$50.

Mr. Daniel Gibson, a member and officer of Mt. Zion Church, this city, fell from a house which he was slating and sustained fatal injuries. It is feared. He is being cared for at the hospital.

The North New Orleans District Conference assembled at Thompson Chapel, this city, last week. Rev. Stephen Duncan, P. E., presided. The Conference gave this editor a most hearty reception and took strong ground regarding the Southwestern. A goodly number of subscribers were taken on the ground and the brethren went away determined to push the canvass. Our reception was all we could wish, but we were specially delighted the next day to see the miselfish enthusiasm with which Dr. M. C. B. Mason was received. This is the doctor's old home; he grew up here among these brethren, and yet the way in which he was received evidenced no narrow, selfish, envious spirit because he had outstripped them. If they were not glad to see him, they made him think so.

An address delivered by Miss Rosa Allen, at an entertainment given complimentary to Rev. E. Baptiste, pastor Scott Chinn Chapel, New Orleans:

Dear Pastor:—Permit me, in behalf of Class No. 7, to extend to you our loving kindness and grateful remembrance. You have always encouraged the pilgrim on his journey, given him a word of cheer and a smile of confidence. You have stood in the sacred altar and pointed to the weary traveler the way to the Celestial City—the haven of rest. You have preached and advocated temperance, which is so greatly needed toward the promotion of the physical, intellectual, moral and financial welfare of the present and future generation; and, in a word, you have proven yourself a true messenger of God. Therefore, the members of Class No. 7, fully appreciate your good works and take great pride in being the participants of the "surprise" tendered you to-night and in expressing and showing our gratitude.

Little acts of kindness,  
Trifling though they are,  
How they serve to brighten  
This dark world of care."

Beloved Pastor, the members of Class No. 7, with our other participants consider this as only a little act of kindness; and, dear pastor, when it appears "dark and gloomy," may you appeal to Him of divine authority as you have taught us to do. And may your thoughts refer to this night and to our expressions of love and our little acts of kindness. And may it serve to brighten this dark world of care. Accept this as the sincere wish of Class No. 7. In conclusion, trusting that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, through his son, Jesus Christ, may forever keep you steadfast and immovable, and when life's journey is over that Class No. 7 may be among the host to "Crown Him Lord of All."

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Tennessee River District Conference met at Wesley Chapel, Springhill, Tenn., July 21st, Rev. S. B. Dingley in the chair. Most of the pastors were present with their charges well represented. The conference was well entertained by the good people of Springhill, for which the members tender their hearty thanks. The people of Springhill will long live in the hearts of the members of the Tennessee River District. Dr. C. B. Wilson offered a resolution touching the Southwestern and Debt Paying Day.

Mrs. Ellis, of Sidney, Me., who will be a hundred years old next January, is in the full possession of her faculties. Some one asked her the other day if she intended to celebrate her centenary with a jubilee. "Jubilee," she retorted. "Me have a jubilee? Why, bless you, I have a jubilee every day."

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### SHOW YOUR COLORS!

The Independent evidently believes this a time when every friend of the Negro should show his colors. It says:

A bit of warning needs to be given to the Congregationalists that they do not stain their good record. We have kept our readers informed of the difficulties of the Orange Park school, Florida, which has opened its doors for both white and colored students, and against which the State of Florida has entered upon a crusade by passing a law aimed especially at this broad act of Christian fellowship. The condition is very different in connection with another school under Congregational auspices, called St. Charles College, in Louisiana. Last autumn some colored students applied for admission to the college. President Henry L. Hubbell replied that, if his recollection was correct, the statute laws of Louisiana, like those of Florida, prohibited co-education; but he would refer the matter to his board of trustees. He was informed that there was no such law in Louisiana, and Prof. Knapp, in the absence of President Hubbell, replied again, January 21st, more than three months later:

"Our board of trustees does not meet but once per annum, and that is in May. No conclusion can be reached until next May. You are perfectly aware that we cannot have co-education in any part of Louisiana. Public sentiment is unanimously opposed to it. The question you raise is one of such moment that it will require most careful conference by all parties interested. Dr. Hubbell will be absent for some time, probably till May. It will, therefore, be useless for you to come here with students at present."

This refusal is absolute. Evidently they do not want to have any colored students apply. In the neighborhood of St. Charles College the colored people need its privileges quite as much as the white. They have not as good public schools. This college was the booming enterprise of a town and syndicate that sought immigration from the North, which has failed on account of the decay of the agricultural enterprises. The institution has a restricted white patronage, and, including its sub-preparatory department, has but thirty students, not one of them in the regular collegiate course. It would be a wrong to the givers of any Congregational society to continue to support such an institution.

### TEMPER AND TONGUE.

A London merchant had a dispute with a Quaker about a bill; the merchant said he would go to law about it; the Quaker tried all means to keep him from doing so. One morning the Quaker resolved to make a last attempt, and he called at the merchant's house and asked the servant if his master was at home.

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knowing his voice, called out from the stairs, "Tell that rascal I am not at home." The Quaker, looking up at him calmly, said, "Well, friend, God grant thee a better mind." The merchant was struck with the meekness of the reply, and he looked into the disputed bill and found that the Quaker was right and he was wrong. He called to see him, and, after confessing his error, he said:

"I have one question to ask you—How were you able so often to bear my abuse with patience?"

"Friend," said the Quaker, "I will tell thee. I had once as bad a temper as thou hast; I knew that to yield to this temper was sinful, and I found that it was unwise. I noticed that men in a passion spoke loud, and I thought if I could control my voice I could control my passion. I have therefore made it a rule never to let my voice raise above a certain key; and by carefully observing this rule I have by God's help mastered my temper."—Ex.

## The Bishops Speak.

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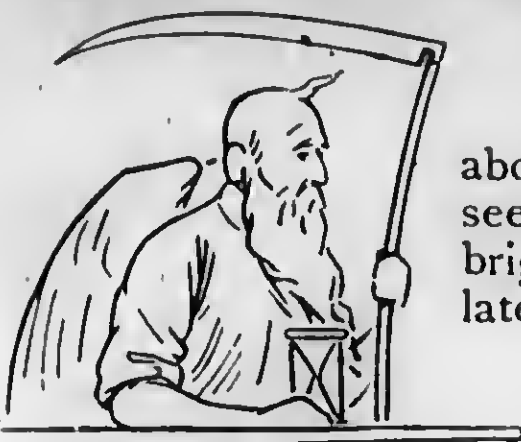
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That quotation is pungent. It contains a ringing argument against card-playing at home. Suppose our friend had been brought up in a home where the children had been taught to play cards "just to amuse themselves." Or suppose he had been encouraged to do so in order that he might not be "driven to worse places to enjoy a social game." Many can only he would have fallen a victim to the vices of his gambling associates. But the thing had been done for him. He had been taught how. We commend his certain Methodist parents see no possible harm in a cards among the children. Epworth Herald.





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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

The July Outlook offers its readers a character sketch of William McKinley, by Murat Halstead, the famous journalist and brilliant writer, whose close acquaintance with Mr. McKinley makes him eminently suited to write just such an article. As a companion sketch will be a similar personal study of the Democratic candidate for the presidency, William J. Bryan, by Richard Linthicum, a Chicago journalist. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Co., 13 Astor Place, New York.)

The Scientific American, of New York, has signaled its 50th anniversary by the publication of a very handsome 72-page special number, which consists of a review of the development of science and the industrial arts in the United States during the past fifty years. It is inclosed in a handsome cover, and is sold at 10 cents.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance has just issued six new leaflets, fresh and bright, especially for summer distribution. Vacation Sabbaths, by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster; The Christian Point of View, by Mrs. J. H. Knowles; The Palace Beautiful, by Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D. D.; A Summer Girl, by Helen Marshall North; The Sunday Newspaper, by Rev. D. J. Burrell, D. D.; Foreign Travel, by Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D. These leaflets and other Sabbath literature may be obtained by addressing the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, No. 203 Broadway, New York.

### AN UNNATURAL TONE IN PREACHING.

Not long ago the criticism was made on a certain young minister that notwithstanding his good points, he was a very disagreeable speaker because of the habit of preaching in an unnatural and unnecessarily loud tone of voice. How strange it is that some people when speaking on the subject of religion assume a peculiarly solemn and unnatural tone! When they pray, or read the Bible, or speak in the testimony meetings, and so it is with some preachers in the pulpit, they assume a tone so unnatural as to be positively repulsive to thoughtful people.

It was in regard to the minister above referred to that in preaching a funeral sermon his voice was natural and reasonably modulated, whereupon some one suggested that he should only preach on funeral occasions.

A recent writer in the Sunday School Times, relates the following incident, which is said to have a good effect:

"A preacher in one of our cities has been in the habit of delivering excellent sermons, Sunday after Sunday, by yelling at his audience, to their discomfort and vexation. He got married the other day, and the first thing this wise woman of Tekoa did was to take his manuscript and insert at short intervals, in red ink, 'Don't holler so loud!' The congregation were highly amused when they heard of this scheme for their benefit, but I understand it works well."

There are many preachers who would be much more effective in their pulpit work and much more highly appreciated if they did not "holler" so much. Who will tell them about it?—Religious Telescope.

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### THE WHOLE FIELD.

J. B. Ledbetter, Supt., Harlan, Miss.: My school children's day was held June 14th. The program was carried out and we raised \$12 for benevolence. The highest number of verses was 176, by Mr. Cesar Ledbetter. Those who paid 25 cents each were: J. B. Ledbetter, superintendent; C. E. Ledbetter, secretary; B. J. Ledbetter, teacher. The Epworth League Society at Bethel M. E. Church, J. B. Ledbetter, president. My Epworth, on 18th of July, had a celebration day and gave a barbecue. It has 51 members, and was organized on the 7th of April, 1896, and now we are 715 strong. Macon circuit pastor, Rev. L. H. Neveil.

A. H. Harrison, P. C., Pineapple Circuit, South Carolina Conference, Charleston District: Our Children's Day went on the 2d Sabbath in June at Oakley Centenary Church. Our church was well packed and our children spoke as well as I ever heard children speak in a country church. We are going on. Bro. C. Nelson, our superintendent, is the right man and in the right place. Miss Magreen Simmons, the daughter of Rev. S. Simmons, read the annual report. Also, owing to the hard times that are on us at present, we collected \$1.40.

David Kelly, Bnfords, Tenn.: Elder S. B. Danley gave a talk on the Needs of the District, and urged that all the members seek holiness. The people of Springhill will show that Methodism has been in Springhill teaching cleanliness as well as godliness. Wishing the Southwestern success.

E. H. Clark, St. Charles Charge, Hahnville, La.: On the 3th inst. Rev. S. Duncan, our beloved and energetic P. E., preached us a soul stirring sermon. There were about three hundred people present to enjoy it. On the 20th, the third quarterly conference was organized. The business moved off nicely. The P. E. remembered the Southwestern. At the close of the conference we entered into the lovefeast. It was conducted by the P. E., and was profitable to all that were present; over one hundred testified of the love of God. At the close of the lovefeast the elder extended the invitation to the sinners; there were nine asked the church to pray for them, and three children came to the altar seeking to know the love of God. Thank God, we sent our beloved P. E. away with all of his quarterage, \$10, and we are now ready for the District Conference.

J. Benn, P. C., Mandeville, La.: The church is in a growing condition. We have beautified the church and made an improvement on it. The Children's Day was observed and our apportionment was raised and forwarded to the proper place. On July 16th, Sister Annie Murphy departed this life in good faith, and was ready to go. She was 32 years old. Just before she died she sang, "Jesus is calling to-day." Dear Brother Scott, may the good Lord bless you in your work this year. I am trying to get some subscribers for the paper. You will hear from me soon.

[All right, we shall listen. Ed.]

C. A. Taylor, P. C., Loanoke, Ark.: Rev. W. O. Emory, D. D., our presiding elder, was with us and held our second quarter. The Lord is with us. The Sunday school and Epworth League are alive.

A. J. McNair, P. C., State Line, Miss.: Mt. Zion's M. E. Church is in the midst of great prosperity. Our second quarterly conference was held July 11th-12th; the quarter was a grand success. Reports from all the departments of the church were encouraging. Paid the pastor, during the quarter, \$110; paid presiding elder, \$12.50; paid on building the new church, \$10.50; total amount raised during the quarter, \$227.50. On the fourth Sunday two adults baptized, and one happily converted and joined the church. Our members at State Line are loyal to the cause of Methodism. We also raised and sent in our money to help settle the great debt of the missionary Society, and hope all of the charges upon the Shubuta District did likewise. We are also advocating the cause of the Southwestern, and we will soon send in the ten subscribers promised. We pray Dr. Scott much success at the head of the great church paper in the South.

M. C. McEwen, Macon, Miss.: Please allow me to speak of the financial plan that is being carried forward here by the following women: On the 17th inst. a band of ladies, to my surprise, had the church lighted and before I had caught on they had sold out a supper and realized \$14.45. This committee was headed by Sister Matilda Esters, Mattie Dunn, M. Thompson, Nancy Longstreet, and several others space will not allow me to mention. On the evening of the 24th inst. Sisters Charity Hall, Susie Drish, Josephine Hawkins, Katie Williams, Laura Nickerson and Della Griggsby led a large crowd to a new selected picnic ground out in front of St. Paul's M. E. Church out in moonshine, and in the cool air where they sold barbecued meats, cream and sherbet, etc. This crowd realized \$30. Too much cannot be said in praise of the aforesaid ladies, but this is only the beginning of the financial rally and pastor's salary. You may expect my pledge to be carried out as to subscribers for the Southwestern.

A. J. Pickett, Washington, La.: I write to let you know I have just closed a protracted meeting of four weeks. Eighteen souls were added to the church. Our camp meeting will open Aug. 24. You are respectfully invited to attend. You will have a chance to speak to thousands of our people in Louisiana.

C. R. Russell, P. C., Friendsville, Tenn.: We had a revival which lasted ten days. Eleven professed religion and eight joined the church. Five years ago we had two members; now we have twenty-three.

We wish to say through the paper, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The parsonage debt of seven years' standing was entirely liquidated through the efforts put forth in the grand rally of yesterday. Seventy-five dollars was raised. At the close of the collection the whole congregation joined in singing the beautiful melody, "Free at last." Again we say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—Yours for Zion, N. H. Williams.

### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### NOTICE.

Children's Day, on the Tennessee River District, led the conference last year. The report shows a great increase this year. Each pastor has been urged to send the money to Dr. Payne at once and get his vouchers. It is hoped that each pastor will do this, and let the name of his charge come out in the Educational Manual next year. S. B. Danley, P. E.

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Louisville and Cincinnati limited.....	7:30 pm	Louisville and Cincinnati limited.....	8:00 am
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McComb City Accommodation:			
No. 31.....	7:30 am	No. 32.....	5:15 pm
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Fast-express.....	10:30 am	Fast Train.....	4:00 pm
No. 31, Vicksburg ex-press.....	5:30 pm	Vicksburg ex-press.....	8:15 am
No. 33, Baton Rouge acc'n.....	10:00 am	No. 34, Baton Rouge acc'n.....	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 3, fast-ex.....	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail.....	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.....	8:50 am	No. 4, fast-ex.....	9:45 am
No. 1, lin. ex.....	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.....	8:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail.....	8:30 pm	No. 2, lin. ex.....	7:50 pm
Sunday ex.....	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.....	7:00 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex.....	6:55 pm	No. 53, Cal. ex.....	8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Spgs. ex-press.....	9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Spgs. ex-press.....	7:20 pm
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No. 1, Cincinnati and New York.....	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York.....	8:30 pm
No. 3, local.....	6:29 am	Local.....	7:10 am
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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUG 30 1896.

## ABSALOM'S DEATH.

2 Sam. 18:24-33.

Golden Text—"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." (Psa. 1:6)

When David knew Absalom had been proclaimed king of Hebron, and was on his way to Jerusalem, he fled from the holy city. His consciousness of sin, and desire that the Lord's will be done, likely caused him to depart. He, however, left kind friends there who looked after his interests, and labored to defeat the plans of his enemies. He and his friends ascended Mount Olivet with bare feet, clothes rent, and heads covered. They were weeping as they went. On the summit of the hill they worshiped God. There the double-faced Iziba met the king with bread, fruits and skins of wine. David then chose the way of the wilderness. At Bahurim Shimea, the Benjamite came out, cursed the king, and cast at him stones. In the meantime, Absalom entered Jerusalem and took charge of his father's kingdom. He called a counsel and advised about the best way to proceed against David. Ahithophel thought it best to proceed immediately against the king, but his counsel was over-turned by the wise and eloquent speech of Hushai. An army was assembled. Absalom became commander-in-chief, and set forward after about three months to defeat David. The king was notified, and divided his followers into three parts. They were commanded by Joab, Abishai and Ittai. Each command was divided into thousands, and into hundreds and captains put over every division. The battle was fought in the woods of Ephraim. The army of David was victorious. As Absalom fled his head and hair caught in the boughs of an oak and he was held fast. The mule, on which he rode, passed on and left him hanging between heaven and earth, as though neither would own him. In this condition Joab found him and thrust him through with three darts. His punishment was just. Four times did he commit crimes worthy of death. He murdered his brother, excited an insurrection in the state, took up arms against the king, and laid with his father's concubines. His body was taken down, thrown into a pit, and a great heap of stones cast upon it. Then every man fled to his tent. In the lesson we have the messengers, the message and its effect.

I.—The Messengers (24-27). 1. David was at this time in the city of Mahanaim, east of the Jordan, and in the tribe of Gad. The word means "camps, or a double camp." It derived its name from the fact that Jacob there wrestled with the angel. It was a strong, beautiful city and one of the most important east of the Jordan at this time. There Abner established Ish-bosheth on the throne of his father, Saul. And in it David dwelt from the time he fled from Jerusalem till the battle was fought with Absalom. David sat between the gates to await tidings from the battle. A watchman was in the tower over him looking out for messengers. Heaven is a much grander city than Mahanaim. And who knows but in its gates sits the King of kings, and on its walls stand angelic hosts watching and waiting for those who have gained the victory over the beast, and are on their way to the celestial city. There are harder battles fought every day, between good and evil in the heart of man, than was this one between Joab and Absalom. The watchman on the roof may illustrate the Omnipotent eye of Jehovah constantly passing through the earth and beholding from afar the movements of the heart of man.

2. The messengers were Ahimaaz and Cushi. The former was a young priest, and the son of Zadok, the high priest. He was, no doubt, a man of culture, a swift runner, and knew well the country. When the victory was gained he went to Joab and begged for permission to bear tidings of the battle to David. This pleasure was denied him. He had always borne good news. Joab knew his majesty would be greatly grieved over the death of his son, and would not suffer

him to carry this message. But after it had been given to another he obtained permission to run; yet he had no tidings to bear. Many run who have not been sent, and early tidings not given to them. Cushi was an Ethiopian, and likely Joab's slave. He was almost destitute of refinement, abrupt in expression, and had but little regard for the feelings of others. He was called by the general, given the message, and sent to the king. There are many running from this world to the celestial city. Some are fast, others slow; some are cultured, others ignorant; some have a message, and others have none—yet onward they go. The watchmen on the battlements of heaven may see them coming, as they draw near recognize them, and when they enter give them a joyful welcome.

II.—The Message (28-32). 1. The tidings of Ahimaaz. He set out last but reached the king first. As he drew near he shouted to the king: "All is well," or peace to thee. The battle had been fought, and to the army of David belonged the victory. He drew near and fell at his ruler's feet, and praised the Lord for "delivering up the men that lifted up their hand against the king." David should have rejoiced at this and thanked God with Ahimaaz that the kingdom was safe. But this thought was not first in his mind. To him a son, wicked though he be, was greater than a kingdom. Hence his question: "Is the young man, Absalom, safe?" Ahimaaz was destined to bear only good tidings. It was not for him to give the fate of Absalom. He did not tell the whole truth, and came near telling what was untrue. Joab had not sent him, and he must have known what the tumult meant. Yet he may be excused for his motive was good. He loved the king and desired not to wound his feelings. No one should tell an untruth or leave a wrong impression. But it is not always necessary to tell all we know. It sometimes becomes necessary to speak what others do not wish to hear. The unpleasant side must be presented though it cuts to the heart. The whole gospel should be preached. Any coward can tell what the people wish to hear, but only the man of courage can speak out that which stirs up anger.

2. The tidings of Cushi. Fools rush in where angels fear to go. As this slave drew near he blurted out: "Tidings, my Lord, the king." He then confirmed the story of Ahimaaz. God had, indeed, that day avenged David of those who rose up against him. This the king heard without an expression of joy or thankfulness, and then asked about Absalom. Cushi did not hesitate to tell what he knew, yet he expressed the fact in a mild way. He spoke not of the tree, the head catching among the boughs, the spear thrusts, the pit, and the heap of stones, but mildly said: "The enemies of my lord, the king, be as that young man is." This was enough. The king knew his son was dead. He had no hope on which to base another question. "He that pursueth evil, pursueth it to his own death."

III.—The effect of the message (33). 1. The king's feeling—he "was much moved." Soe troubled, or thrown into violent commotion. His whole inward nature was stirred to its most profound depth. Parental affection is right, for it is God given. But all children do not deserve the same amount of love. Our heavenly Father loves us tenderly though we be as wayward and wicked as was Absalom.

2. His seclusion.—"He went up to the chamber over the gate." This was likely an apartment in the tower above him. It was probably the nearest place of seclusion. Men are wretched comforters in deep grief. Then, if ever, "silence is golden." The mourner will find more consolation in the study of the sacred Scriptures, in prayer, and in holy meditation, than in the consoling words of friends. Job's comforters did him but little good. David was, no doubt, mourning over his own sins, as much as for the loss of his son. If he had been different Absalom might have been better.

3. His language.—"O, my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee. O Absalom, my son, my son." I know of no passage in the word of God that expresses deeper feeling than this. Comment weakens it. It is well he

spoke. Language and tears are avenues of escape for grief pent up in the soul. The heartbroken find relief in tears. We have here two extremes. Did ever another father love like David? And was there ever another son so unworthy as Absalom? Is not this king who would have died for his son a type of the Christ who did die for the world? And is not this unfeeling son a good illustration of the human family, who is ungrateful, wicked and perishing?

## THE HOPE OF AFRICA.

Bishop Walden, in a lecture on Africa which was given in Calcutta, expressed the opinion that the great future movement for the evangelization of the Dark Continent will be made by the Christianized Negroes of the United States. These, he thinks, will turn their attention more and more in coming years to the land whence their ancestors were stolen to perpetrate the great crime of American slavery. This is very probable, and when it happens, it will be one of the most thrilling chapters in the history of the Christian world.—Pittsburg Adv.

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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
North Montana Miss. Synodical	Aug. 20....	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20....	Walden
West German, Pottsville, Pa.	Aug. 20....	Walden
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26....	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima	Aug. 26....	Cranston
Washington, Seattle, Wash.	Aug. 26....	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference, Hot Springs, South Dakota	Aug. 27....	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28....	Foss
Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio	Sept. 2....	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sept. 2....	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sept. 2....	Cranston
Wyoming Miss., Rawlins, Wyo.	Sept. 3....	Vincent
Central German, Newport, Ky.	Sept. 3....	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sept. 9....	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sept. 9....	Foss
Kentucky, Vancleave, Ky.	Sept. 9....	Hurat
Eric, New York, Pa.	Sept. 9....	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sept. 9....	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sept. 9....	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sept. 9....	Fewman
Northwest Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.	Sept. 9....	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sept. 10....	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah	Sept. 10....	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sept. 10....	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sept. 10....	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sept. 16....	Hurat
East Ohio, Cleveland, O.	Sept. 16....	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sept. 16....	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefonte, Pa.	Sept. 16....	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sept. 16....	FitzGerald
Noblesville, Noblesville, Ind.	Sept. 16....	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sept. 17....	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sept. 17....	Mallieau
New Mexico English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sept. 17....	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sept. 17....	Newman
Western Norwegian Danish, Tacoma, Wash.	Sept. 17....	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sept. 18....	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sept. 23....	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sept. 23....	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sept. 23....	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sept. 23....	Hurat
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sept. 23....	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sept. 23....	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sept. 23....	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sept. 23....	Fewman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sept. 23....	Cranston
Northwest German, Clatskanie, Ore.	Sept. 23....	McCabe
Idaho, Boise, Idaho	Sept. 24....	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sept. 24....	Mallieau
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sept. 24....	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sept. 30....	Andrews
North Minnesota, Duluth, Minn.	Sept. 30....	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sept. 30....	Walden
Houston, Houston, Tex.	Sept. 31....	Mallieau
North Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sept. 31....	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sept. 31....	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1....	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7....	Hurat
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7....	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7....	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda, Pa.	Oct. 7....	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7....	Mallieau
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8....	Mallieau
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9....	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.	Oct. 14....	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15....	Mallieau
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22....	Mallieau
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Okla.	Nov. 19....	Ninde
Southern German, Chiles, Tex.	Nov. 26....	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 3....	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10....	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16....	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Sweden, Jonkopings	Aug. 26....	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Alton, N. Y.	Sept. 1....	Goodsell
North China, Peking	Sept. 22....	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king	Oct. 21....	Joyce
Foochow, Foochow	Nov. 18....	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference	Nov. 18....	Hartzell
West China Mission	Nov. 18....	Hartzell

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary  
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## District Conferences and Conventions to be held.

Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 24.  
Charleston District Conference, Kingstree, S. C., August 27.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Huntsville District.

Fourth Board, September	
Willis circuit	Sept. 11 13
Spring	Sept. 19 27
October	
Cold Springs	Oct. 14 Nov. 1
Lovely circuit	Oct. 14 Nov. 1
Livingston	Oct. 24 Nov. 1
November	
Bevilport and Town Hall	Nov. 7 8
Newton and Kinneyville	Nov. 14 15
Prairie Plain	Nov. 21 22
December	
Dodge circuit	Dec. 5 6
District Conference at Crockett	Dec. 12 13
	Dec. 23 27

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Lonoke, Ark.—Bro. George Torrence, a trustee and member of the M. E. Church, died August 9, 1896, aged 78 years. He leaves five sons and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. C. A. Taylor, P. C.

Natchitoches, La.—At the residence of Mr. Chas. A. Tucker, of Natchitoches, La., July 18, 1896, at 6:30 p. m., the angel of death claimed for his own sister Victoria Tucker, who after a long illness accompanied by much sufferings, peacefully passed away. She was in her 22nd year of age. Sister Tucker was a faithful member of Ashbury M. E. Church. Sister Tucker was fully prepared to meet her Maker, having left strong evidence of her hope. She entered on board the "Old Ship of Zion" homeward bound. At Ashbury M. E. Church the service was conducted by Elder Ambrose Wall, assisted by Rev. M. B. Moore, of Green Valley A. M. E. Church, after which the body was turned over to the sisters of Golden Rule Temple No. 3 and Jackson Lodge No. 4, U. B. of F. for interment.

"O'm on the bosom of thy God,  
Fair Spirit, rest thee now!  
E'en when with us, thy footstep tread,  
His soul was on thy brow."

Rev. Geo. W. Branner, pastor of Glade Springs church, Glade Springs, Va., one of the members of the East Tennessee Conference—fell asleep at his post June 30, 1896. Bro. Branner was born in Virginia, August 6, 1843. He was sold from his parents at the age of four years to a man in Tennessee. He professed religion when he was young and joined the Church and shortly began exhorting. It was soon found that with his gifts and graces he was competent to have local preachers' license. In a few years he entered the itinerant work, and was very successful in winning many precious souls to Christ. In the Summer of 1888 he joined the M. E. Church, at Morris town, Tenn., during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Marly. He had formerly been a member of the Baptist Church. In October of 1888, he joined the East Tennessee Conference, and received his first appointment to the Knoxville circuit. He was then sent to Tazewell circuit and then to Mossy Creek circuit. When his time was out on the last charge mentioned he was sent to Marion, Va. From Marion he was sent to Glade Springs, Va., in the Baptist District. It was here he finished his work on earth, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Two days before he passed into the great beyond he came to his right mind and those that were present and have heard him preach every Sabbath said he told them that he was going to preach his last sermon on earth, and that was, "I want you all to meet me in heaven, I'm going home," and no took for his text the 133 Psalm, and the verse: "Behold how good a word pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Soon after he finished his sermon, he became unconscious and remained so until he passed away. Bro. Branner was a logical preacher, an ardent pastor and a faithful worker for the cause of Christ. He leaves a wife and two children, and an aged mother and brother to mourn his loss, but his loss was heaven's gain. E. Province, P. E., Bristol District.

(A Committee of the Epworth League sent a sketch also, but we deem the above sufficient.—Editor.)

## WHEN GARFIELD WEPT.

Mrs. Garfield is living quietly at her old home at Mentor, in the suburbs of Cleveland, and the place has been much improved. It is now one of the most beautiful and comfortable farm residences in Ohio, and an ideal place for a quiet, retired life. It is only fifteen minutes on the cars from Cleveland, and less than half an hour's drive from Painesville, which is an educational center, and one of the most attractive, as well as one of the most cultured communities in the world.

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General Garfield had more money a few days after his nomination than he ever had at any time in his life. He reached Cleveland from the Chicago convention with just \$30 in his pocket. That represented all the wealth he had in the world, except his mortgaged home at Mentor. Knowing this circumstance, Mr. Sylvester T. Ever-

ett, the well known Cleveland banker, in whose house he was a guest, started out one morning with a little subscription paper, and came back with ten \$1,000 checks, one of which bore his own signature. He fixed up a bank-book, with a package of blank checks, put them in an envelope, and at the first opportunity handed the package to Garfield, with the remark that "there was a little pin-money for his personal expenses during the campaign," and an explanation that not a penny of it was to be spent for political purposes.

When the general realized the amount and the nature of the gift, he fell upon Everett's neck and wept like a child. He said that the greatest load he had to bear had been taken from him, for he had been lying awake at nights wondering how he was going to meet his personal expenses during the campaign. He said, too, that he never had so much money in his life.—Exchange.

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"Life! I know not what thou art,  
But know that thou and I must part;  
And when, or how, or where we met  
I own to me's a secret yet.

"Life! we've been long together  
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;  
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—  
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;  
Then steal away, give little warning,  
Choose thine own time;  
Say not good-night—but in some brighter clime,  
Bid me good-morning."  
—Barbauld.

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## JAMES W. HUDSON GONE!

When Bro. Hudson said good-bye to the brethren at the last session of the Louisiana Conference, no one thought he was never again to answer to the roll call here on earth, never again to greet his brethren in annual session; but as sad as it is to think it, J. W. Hudson's earthly career is closed. When Rev. B. James, presiding elder, wired the Southwestern that the pastor of St. James M. E. Church, Shreveport, died Thursday, Aug. 20th, at 1:30, it was difficult to believe we had been properly informed. To think that Bro. Hudson, so genial and good natured, the picture of health when we saw him last, is no more, is as sad as it is true. He was serving his second year at St. James, Shreveport, and his eighteenth year in the traveling connection. He was ordained a deacon in 1878, at Baton Rouge, by Bishop Harris, and an elder, by the same bishop, two years later, in New Orleans. His classmates were such men as A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry and T. G. Montgomery, each of whom, like himself, has done a magnificent work and attained enviable prominence in the Conference. He has been presiding elder and filled many of the most important charges. He was one of the founders of the Lafon Old Folks' Home, in New Orleans, and raised the first bonus of \$250 for its establishment. In the last session

of his Conference he received practically a unanimous vote for statistical secretary, and his work was so satisfactory that his re-election at the next session was almost a foregone conclusion. Bro. Hudson is gone, but will be remembered in the Louisiana Conference for himself and his work's sake.

## RETURN OF THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

June 24, 1893, Dr. Nansen sailed from Christiania, Norway, in search of the North Pole. He and his party shipped in the "Fram," a vessel built, as it was claimed, so as not to be crushed by the ice. Whether this claim can be fully sustained or not cannot now be stated. We only know that the "Fram" has returned. Dr. Nansen claims to have gone nearer the Pole than any other explorer has—not in his ship, for in January, 1895, he left the ship, and with a single companion, reached 86 degrees and 15 minutes. Members of Greeley's expedition reached 83 degrees and 24 minutes, in 1882. The plan was that the ship should drift with the ice as far as possible in a current toward the Pole, and then return in the same manner by means of a current to the south. Man delights in attempting to do that which seems most difficult, but which he persuades himself to believe he can accomplish.

## BATON ROUGE CONFERENCE.

Our visit to the Baton Rouge District Conference at Baton Rouge was both interesting and profitable. Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall did not expect to have a large attendance on account of the recent change from Jackson, but the attendance was very fine indeed. The Conference was well cared for through the efforts of Rev. A. Moore, pastor.

The Live Oak Academy, taught by Prof. F. C. Blundon and wife, is doing a magnificent work, both for our people and the church. With a little money they could greatly increase the efficiency of their work and they confidently believe that God will in his own way and time send aid from some source.

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

The various Presidential nominations are as follows:

Republican.—Wm. McKinley and G. A. Hobart.

Democratic.—Wm. J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall.

Populist.—Wm. J. Bryan and Tom Watson.

Prohibition.—Joshua Levering and Hale Johnson.

National (Prohibition).—Charles E. Bentley and J. H. Southgate.

Socialist Labor.—C. H. Matchett and Matthew McGuire.

Here is sufficient variety to suit the most fastidious. These nominations are the result of six party conventions, with one more to hear from, the Sound Money Democrats, in September. Of the candidates above given, two, Republican and Prohibition, are for the Gold Standard, all the others except the Socialist Labor, are for Free Silver.

You are constantly talking about crosses and trials being the way to heaven; suppose you try to bear a few without quarreling and offering to fight it out.

Economy is half the battle of life; it is no hard to earn money as to spend it well.—Spurgeon.



## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
North Montana Miss. Synodical	Aug. 20....	Warren
Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.	Aug. 20....	Walden
West German, Seattle, Wa.	Aug. 16....	Fowler
Colorado, Leadville, Col.	Aug. 26....	Vincent
Columbia River, North Yakima	Aug. 26....	Cranston
Washington, Seattle, Wash.	Aug. 26....	Cranston
Black Hills Miss. Conference, Hot Springs, South Dakota	Aug. 27....	McCabe
Nevada Mission, Carson, Nev.	Aug. 28....	Foss
Olinnall, Piqua, O.	Sep. 2....	Merrill
Chicago German, Chicago, Ill.	Sep. 2....	Fowler
Puget Sound, Vancouver, Wash.	Sep. 2....	Cranston
Wyoming Miss. Conference, Rawlins, Wyo.	Sep. 3....	Vincent
Central German, Newport, Ky.	Sep. 9....	Merrill
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute, Ind.	Sep. 9....	Andrews
California, Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9....	Foss
Kentucky, Louisville, Ky.	Sep. 9....	Hurst
Eric, New York, N. Y.	Sep. 9....	Valden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9....	Fowler
St. Louis German, Berlin, Ill.	Sep. 9....	Fitzgerald
Iowa, Knoxville, Ia.	Sep. 9....	Swan
Northwest Nebraska, Omaha, Neb.	Sep. 9....	McCabe
Norwegian and Danish, Hillsboro, N. Dak.	Sep. 10....	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah	Sep. 10....	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 10....	Merrill
Illinois, Tazewell, Ill.	Sep. 10....	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16....	Hurst
East Ohio, Uhrichsville, O.	Sep. 16....	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16....	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16....	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16....	Fitzgerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16....	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17....	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17....	Mallison
New Mexico English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17....	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17....	Newman
Western Norwegian Danish, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17....	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18....	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23....	Merrill
Minnesota, Anstin, Minn.	Sep. 23....	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23....	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23....	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23....	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23....	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23....	Fitzgerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23....	Swan
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23....	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24....	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24....	Mallison
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24....	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30....	Andrews
Port'n Minnesota, Anstin, Minn.	Sep. 30....	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30....	Walden
Houston, New York, Tenn.	Sep. 31....	Mallison
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 31....	Fitzgerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 31....	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1....	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7....	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7....	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7....	Fitzgerald
Central New York, Tawamla, Pa.	Oct. 7....	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7....	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8....	Mallison
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 8....	Foss
Dakota, Verdel, S. Dak.	Oct. 14....	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntington, Tenn.	Oct. 15....	Mallison
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22....	Mallison
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok.	Nov. 1....	Ninde
Southern German, Okla. Tex.	Nov. 26....	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2....	Ninde
Anstin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10....	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16....	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Sweden, Jonkoping	Aug. 26....	Goodsell
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, Abjo	Sept. 9....	Goodsell
North China, Peking	Sept. 22....	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king	Oct. 21....	Joyce
Poochow, Poochow, China	Nov. 18....	Joyce
Congo Mission Conference	Nov. 18....	Hartzell
West China Mission	Nov. 18....	Hartzell

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary  
Cleveland O., May, 1896.

## District Conferences and Conventions to be held.

Epworth League Convention, Smyrna, Tenn., August 21.  
Charleston District Conference, Klugstree, S. C., August 27.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Huntsville District.

Fourth Round	September
Willis circuit	Sept. 11-13
Spring	Sept. 26-27
Gold Springs	Sept. 28
Lovely circuit	Oct. 17-18
Livingston	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Bevilport and Town	Nov. 7-8
Newton and Kinsleyville	Nov. 14-15
Pringle Park	Nov. 28-29
Dodge circuit	Dec. 12-13
District Conference at Crockett	Sept 23 to 27

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## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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Boyce, La.—The infant child of Mrs. Rev. G. D. W. Childs, died at Alexandria, La., August 5, 1896, a few hours after arriving from Natchitoches, La., en route in her home, Memphis, Tenn. H. J. Wright

Lonoke, Ark.—Bro. George Torrence, a trustee and member of the M. E. Church, died August 2, 1896, aged 78 years. He leaves five sons and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. C. A. Taylor, P. C.

Natchitoches, La.—At the residence of Mr. Chas. A. Tucker, of Natchitoches, La., July 16, 1896, at 6:30 p. m. the angel of death claimed for his own sister Victoria Tucker, who after a long illness accompanied by much suffering, peacefully passed away. She was in her 32nd year of age. Sister Tucker was a faithful member of Ashbury M. E. church. Sister Tucker was fully prepared to meet her Maker, having left strong evidence of her hope. She entered on board the "Old Ship of Zion" homeward bound. At Ashbury M. E. church the service was conducted by Elder Ambrose Wall, assisted by Rev. M. B. Moore, of Green Valley A. M. E. church, after which the body was turned over to the sisters of Golden Rule Temple No. 3 and Jackson Lodge No. 4, U. B. of F. for interment.

"Call'm on the bosom of thy God,  
Fair Spirit, rest thee now!  
E'en when with us, thy footstep tread,  
His soul was on thy brow."

Rev. Geo. W. Branner, pastor of Glade Springs church, Glade Springs, Va., one of the members of the East Tennessee Conference—fell asleep at his home June 30, 1896. Bro. Branner was born in Virginia, August 6, 1843. He was sold from his parents at the age of four years to a man in Tennessee. He professed religion when he was very young and joined the Church and shortly began exhorting. It was soon found that with his gifts and graces he was competent to have local preachers' license. In a few years he entered the itinerant work, and was very successful in winning many precious souls to Christ. In the summer of 1888 he joined the M. E. Church, at Morris-town, Tenn., during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Early. He had formerly been a member of the Baptist Church. In October of 1888, he joined the East Tennessee Conference, and received his first appointment on the Knoxville circuit. He was then sent to Tazewell circuit and then to Mossey Creek circuit. When his time was out on the last charge mentioned he was sent to Marion, Va. From Marion he was sent to Glade Springs, Va., in the Bristol District. It was here he finished his work on earth, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Two days before he passed into the great beyond he came to his right mind and those that were present and have heard him preach every Sabbath said he told them that he was going to preach his last sermon on earth, and that was, "I want you all to meet me in heaven, I'm going home," and he took for his text the 133 Psalm, and the verse: "Behold how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Soon after he finished his sermon, he became unconscious and remained so until he passed away. Bro. Branner was a logical preacher, an earnest pastor, and a faithful worker for the cause of Christ. He leaves a wife and two children, and an aged mother and brother to mourn his loss, but his loss was heaven's gain. E. Provine, P. E., Bristol District.

[A Committee of the Epworth League sent a sketch also, but we deem the above sufficient.—Editor.]

## WHEN GARFIELD WEPT.

Mrs. Garfield is living quietly at her old home at Mentor, in the suburbs of Cleveland, and the place has been much improved. It is now one of the most beautiful and comfortable farm residences in Ohio, and an ideal place for a quiet, retired life. It is only fifteen minutes on the cars from Cleveland, and less than half an hour's drive from Painesville, which is an educational center, and one of the most attractive, as well as one of the most cultured communities in the world.

Mrs. Garfield is a rich woman now; but her wealth came with her sorrow. Her early days, and, in fact, all her life, even up to the death of her husband, were passed in the closest economy, and she was often deprived of the comforts and luxuries that usually pertain to people of her station. General Garfield never had anything but his salary. He was an open-handed man, generous and careless with his money, and was scarcely ever able to make both ends meet. But Mrs. Garfield now has an income of \$16,000 as interest from the fund that was raised for her by Cyrus W. Field after the assassination, and a pension from Congress of \$5,000, which gives her \$21,000 a year to use as she pleases, and she does not spend one-fifth of it. All of the children are well fixed. Mollie, the oldest child, is the wife of Mr. Stanley Brown, the representative of the Alaska Commercial Company at Washington. James and Harry are practicing law in partnership at Cleveland, and are rapidly making both money and reputation. James is a member of the Ohio State Senate, with an excellent record. They are both splendid fellows, and promise to be useful and famous men.

General Garfield had more money a few days after his nomination than he ever had at any time in his life. He reached Cleveland from the Chicago convention with just \$30 in his pocket. That represented all the wealth he had in the world, except his mortgaged home at Mentor. Knowing this circumstance, Mr. Sylvester T. Ever-

ett, the well known Cleveland banker, in whose house he was a guest, started out one morning with a little subscription paper, and came back with ten \$1,000 checks, one of which bore his own signature. He fixed up a bank-book, with a package of blank checks, put them in an envelope, and at the first opportunity handed the package to Garfield, with the remark that "there was a little pin-money for his personal expenses during the campaign," and an explanation that not a penny of it was to be spent for political purposes.

When the general realized the amount and the nature of the gift, he fell upon Everett's neck and wept like a child. He said that the greatest load he had to bear had been taken from him, for he had been lying awake at nights wondering how he was going to meet his personal expenses during the campaign. He said, too, that he never had so much money in his life.—Exchange.

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There is considerable interest being taken just now in the ivy discord, occasioned by the Yale graduating class of 1896 having planted on the campus, as a class memento, a sprig of ivy taken from Gen. Robert E. Lee's grave. Their custom is for each graduating class to plant an ivy secured from some place known the world over, hence the choice above mentioned. But, strange to say, after the ivy was planted and seemed to be growing nicely, some zealous patriot, or else some miscreant who wished to raise a stir, spirited it away, and the question now is, Who stole the ivy?

## WILL IT END WITH BLANK CARTRIDGES?

As we passed through Mississippi a few days ago, the State military encampment was just closing at Jackson, and the young soldiers were leaving for their homes on every out-going train. They were evidently well-supplied with blank cartridges, and the crowd on the train on which we rode certainly made it interesting for every individual, colored or white, who happened to be near the train at stations or as it passed along. Of course, it was amusing to see a poor, innocent fellow, who had no thought of being murdered, jump one or two feet high when fired upon and, placing his hands over the supposed wound, run for the woods with might and main. The military boys enjoyed it so much that we are sure they meant no harm, and were only doing as boys will do when there are no restraints thrown around their fun-loving propensities. But we were cynical enough to consider the whole matter in the following light: Will this not beget in these boys the spirit of murder? On this point, it is evident Mississippi is a little weak any way, and it is barely possible practice will make perfect. We think it out of place, not to say criminal, to point a gun absolutely empty at a man; but to take aim, pull the trigger and fire at one, in our judgment, not only does neither party any good, but does both actual harm. So far is it from elevating that it must be demoralizing, if not brutalizing in its effects upon the man who fires the gun. Such an act needs only the intention to murder to make it clearly criminal. We justify such an act by saying no harm is meant; but we can say the same for the boy who ties a tin can to a dog's tail, takes pleasure in slaughtering harmless insects and animals, or shuts a cat in a hot oven just to listen to its struggles for freedom and its cries of anguish and pain.

We think it wise and possibly necessary for our country to be prepared, from a military standpoint, for any emergency that may come upon it; but her young soldiers ought to be restrained from those practices that are injurious to public morality and lead to the cheapening of human life. Again we ask, will such practices end with blank cartridges?

## JAMES W. HUDSON GONE!

When Bro. Hudson said good-bye to the brethren at the last session of the Louisiana Conference, no one thought he was never again to answer to the roll call here on earth, never again to greet his brethren in annual session; but as sad as it is to think it, J. W. Hudson's earthly career is closed. When Rev. B. James, presiding elder, wired the Southwestern that the pastor of St. James M. E. Church, Shreveport, died Thursday, Aug. 20th, at 1:30, it was difficult to believe we had been properly informed. To think that Bro. Hudson, so genial and good natured, the picture of health when we saw him last, is no more, is as sad as it is true. He was serving his second year at St. James, Shreveport, and his eighteenth year in the traveling connection. He was ordained a deacon in 1878, at Baton Rouge, by Bishop Harris, and an elder, by the same bishop, two years later, in New Orleans. His classmates were such men as A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry and T. G. Montgomery, each of whom, like himself, has done a magnificent work and attained enviable prominence in the Conference. He has been presiding elder and filled many of the most important charges. He was one of the founders of the Lafon Old Folks' Home, in New Orleans, and raised the first bonus of \$250 for its establishment. In the last session

of his Conference he received practically a unanimous vote for statistical secretary, and his work was so satisfactory that his re-election at the next session was almost a foregone conclusion. Bro. Hudson is gone, but will be remembered in the Louisiana Conference for himself and his work's sake.

## RETURN OF THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

June 24, 1893, Dr. Nansen sailed from Christiania, Norway, in search of the North Pole. He and his party shipped in the "Fram," a vessel built, as it was claimed, so as not to be crushed by the ice. Whether this claim can be fully sustained or not cannot now be stated. We only know that the "Fram" has returned. Dr. Nansen claims to have gone nearer the Pole than any other explorer has—not in his ship, for in January, 1895, he left the ship, and with a single companion, reached 86 degrees and 15 minutes. Members of Greeley's expedition reached 83 degrees and 24 minutes, in 1882. The plan was that the ship should drift with the ice as far as possible in a current toward the Pole, and then return in the same manner by means of a current to the south. Man delights in attempting to do that which seems most difficult, but which he persuades himself to believe he can accomplish.

## BATON ROUGE CONFERENCE.

Our visit to the Baton Rouge District Conference at Baton Rouge was both interesting and profitable. Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall did not expect to have a large attendance on account of the recent change from Jackson, but the attendance was very fine indeed. The Conference was well cared for through the efforts of Rev. A. Moore, pastor.

The Live Oak Academy, taught by Prof. F. C. Blundon and wife, is doing a magnificent work, both for our people and the church. With a little money they could greatly increase the efficiency of their work and they confidently believe that God will in his own way and time send aid from some source.

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

The various Presidential nominations are as follows:

Republican.—Wm. McKinley and G. A. Hobart.  
Democratic.—Wm. J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall.  
Populist.—Wm. J. Bryan and Tom Watson.  
Prohibition.—Joshua Levering and Hale Johnson.  
National (Prohibition).—Charles E. Bentley and J. H. Southgate.  
Socialist Labor.—C. H. Matchett and Matthew McGuire.

Here is sufficient variety to suit the most fastidious. These nominations are the result of six party conventions, with one more to hear from, the Sound Money Democrats, in September. Of the candidates above given, two, Republican and Prohibition, are for the Gold Standard, all the others except the Socialist Labor, are for Free Silver.

You are constantly talking about crosses and trials being the way to heaven; suppose you try to bear a few without quarreling and offering to fight it out.

Economy is half the battle of life; it is not hard to earn money as to spend it well.—Spurgeon.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY AND OUR DUTY TO IT.

By J. L. Grice, A. R., B. D.

(Published by request of Florence District Conference, Bennettsville, S. C.)

Mr. President, Members and Friends of the Florence District Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South Carolina Conference:

Your committee on Literary Program saw fit to assign me the subject of this paper. We do not claim, nor would we be so indiscreet as to make the assertion here that this paper will exhaust the theme to be presented to this intelligent, Christian body of ministers and laymen. However, we shall endeavor to the best of our ability and knowledge to mention a few things that may be of interest and at the same time be additional information to the well-wishers of said institution that are before us to-day.

Harvard College, the oldest college in the United States; which is often termed a University, was founded at Cambridge, Mass., three miles from Boston, in 1636, largely through the man whose name it bears, namely, the Rev. John Harvard, who gave it £700.

Yale University, of New Haven, Conn., bears the name of a liberal donor, Elihu Yale, who in 1718 gave gifts to the institution amounting to about £700 in money and many books.

Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., was established in 1783. It was named for John Dickinson, one of its principal founders, and who gave to that institution when founded a liberal endowment.

So it can be said of Claflin University, located at Orangeburg, S. C., that it owes its existence chiefly to the liberality of the Hon. Lee Claflin and family, of Boston, Mass.

The institution could not have a better name than that of "Claflin University," when we consider that noble and generous heart and the spirit that prompted and moved that heart in the person of the Hon. Lee Claflin for making it possible for the higher education of the more than 604,332 Negroes of the State of South Carolina especially.

In 1869, the Orangeburg Female Seminary, which was then located on the now college campus was purchased and set apart as Claflin University. The tract of land then consisted of six acres; shortly after that, sixty-seven acres joining the original purchase were bought, making the total number of acres belonging to the institution seventy-three.

Claflin University does not only propose to educate the head, to teach her students in the studies of Greek, Latin, French, German, Philosophy, Chemistry, Astronomy, Biology, Mineralogy, Botany, Anatomy, Geology, Mathematics, pedagogics and the like, but educate the inmost heart of the individual as well as the head.

For this reason we earnestly claim that the institution is unquestionably Christian in every sense of that word. This institution is under the direct management of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We are pleased to make known the fact here, as we have been informed, that during the past thirteen years over 1,200 students have found the Saviour and have gone out as ministers, physicians, Christian teachers and skilled laborers, and have done much for the elevation of our people. The indication is that many more of our young men and women, after their graduation from this same institution, will undoubtedly go forth not only into the thirty-five counties of the State of South Carolina, but into places of the other States of our grand old republic, and even we venture the statement here that some will in no distant day, if they are not already, be found going into foreign lands to lift up educationally, morally, spiritually, socially and mentally many more of our people out of their many years of un-called-for abject oppression, misfortunes, mishaps and deprivations which to most all unbiased minds will take both time and eternity rightly to solve why a people anywhere under God's blue sky was ever allowed to be reduced to the existence of so unfavorable condition of things.

With joy of unmeasurable degree we hope to hail the day, and may the All-Wise grant that it may not be in the distant future, when Claflin University, the educational pride of the

Methodist Episcopal Church of the South Carolina Conference, will be handsomely endowed by some good friend or friends of the Negro race whom God has abundantly blessed with silver and gold.

The university or college that is liberated from its financial embarrassments is certainly beyond a doubt destined to do good work for the education of both sexes of any crime or creed that seek to enter her doors from time to time.

Doubtless, our people in every part of the State of South Carolina have some anxiety to know, especially at this time, the real facts as to what will be the future condition of things at the institution, as the State has withdrawn or separated her College of Agriculture and Mechanics' Institute from the Claflin University.

Again, we anxiously ask, what is the outlook for the institution for the future? We answer this question from a circular letter we received about the latter part of last month (1896) from the Rev. J. M. Dinton, D. D., the worthy President of Claflin University. Among other encouraging things he said this: "Say to the patrons and friends of Claflin University that the institution will go forward with all departments in the future as it has in the past."

The withdrawal of the State does not seriously affect the University, with the exception that the church will now have to sustain certain departments which have hitherto been supported by United States funds. In order to meet the emergency that is upon us, the South Carolina Conference will need to double the collection of last year. Now that the school is to be strictly denominational and entirely under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the brethren will vie with each other in their loyalty to all of its interests."

Our Duty to Claflin University.

Among the twenty-two excellent educational institutions for the Negroes of this Southland, "Claflin" is well known. She does not occupy an inferior place to any one of them. But, indeed, her work of the past, as well as the present, places her in the foremost rank of such institutions as Clark University, Rust University, Central Tennessee College, New Orleans University, Morgan College, Bennett College, Wiley University, Philander Smith College, Geo. R. Smith College and other institutions of learning founded and maintained by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Seeing that she is no small factor among these great schools already named, should he, ministers and laymen of the South Carolina Conference, cease now to be interested in her financial welfare and important educational interest because she is now departed from the State school? May we all say no, now and all the time. We shall be more interested in her work than ever before. We truly see more and more the need of having our young people all over the State educated and fitted for the different spheres and avenues of usefulness in life.

In this State we have 35,653 full members and 7,749 probationers reported in our church for last year, and we are constantly increasing. Our assessment for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in our respective churches for this year, comparatively speaking, is not too large when we consider the great membership Christ and our Methodism have already enrolled in this State for the blood-bought kingdom. May the holy love and zeal which live so often kindled in our hearts, raise proud aspirations for the achievement of the higher attainments and those noble desires that grasp and take hold on those things that lead to one's success for time and eternity, be still germinating in us to the exhibition of greater and more holy love and zeal for the excellences worthy to be coveted in this and that life to come.

Then let us see to it cheerfully that every dollar assessed our charges this year for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society be raised and turned over to it. For as we all doubtless know by this time, the Society has done and is still doing much to help Claflin University and her other great schools through their frequent financial struggles.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Cleveland, O., last May, the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society made an excellent re-

port of the work of the Society to said Conference. Among the many good things said in the report, we note especially the following:

"Let your thoughts rest for a few moments upon these States—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas—and we are at once impressed with the vastness of this field. In this entire territory in 1861 we did not have a school, church or member. To-day we have 254,211 members and a property worth \$3,541,090.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is needed in the South, and must advance in the spirit of the Master, without fear, until, through the agency of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, this vast multitude, both colored and white, shall have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The success of this society commends it to the unqualified support of the entire church, for by it and through it success must be secured. We are in the South to stay. Teachers are being multiplied, preachers are being educated, and a more intelligent piety prevails. Thus gradually multitudes are being elevated intellectually, morally, socially.

Retreat? Never; until the continent shall be filled with the glory of God, and instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Again, let every man and woman among us constantly encourage our uneducated boys and girls to attend Claflin University, the only institution of its kind that we can rightly claim as ours for the higher education of the colored youths of this State. We are not saying too much when we say with the strongest emphasis that much more can be done by having greater Christian courage and push for the success of Claflin University and our boys and girls that are being educated there than we have had in the past.

And may the words of the poet prove of no small helpfulness to us in the right discharge of our duty to Claflin University, namely:

"Workmen of God! O, lose not heart, but learn

What God is like; and in the darkest battle-field

Thou shalt know where to strike.

"Then learn to scorn the praise of men

And learn to lose with God;

For Jesus won the world through shame,

And beckons thee His road."

## THE AFTERMATH.

Debt Paying Day, July 26th, was a success in so far as it was observed. Up to Aug. 9th, 2,488 churches had reported an aggregate sum of \$28,000, which shows that less than one charge in five observed the day. Had the more than 10,000 churches that took no offering fallen into line and given in the same proportion (it is fair to presume that they have ability to so do), the aggregate amount would be more than \$150,000, and the debt of \$220,000 would have been reduced to about \$70,000.

No doubt, in not a few instances, there were apparently good reasons for not taking the offering on Debt Paying Day. In many instances the pastors were absent on their vacations; in many others church members were absent. Then, the day was in the midst of harvest, when country congregations are reduced to a minimum. And yet it is probable that the average embarrassment was not greater among the churches that failed than among those that observed the day. The pastors that took the offering did it in good faith, believing that all fellow-pastors would do likewise. Those that have failed to respond are responsible for their proportion of the debt that remains unpaid.

Every pastor is in duty bound by the relation he sustains to a great connection and to the cause of his divine Master to stand in his place and do his part. The case is the more urgent because of the financially perilous times through which we are passing. The leaders of all the political parties prophesy disaster if their respective financial policies are not adopted. That there is to be no immediate relief from present financial stringency by legislation seems evident, and that still greater distress may be experienced is possible. The

Missionary Society ought not to have a dollar of debt in times like these. If every pastor will brave all opposition, overcome all local difficulties and insist on taking a special debt-paying collection in his congregation, Epworth League and Sunday school, we will close the current year and be safe, no matter what may happen.

The debt is a denominational obligation, morally binding upon every church according to its ability. There is a sense in which the delinquent churches failed to keep faith (though unintentionally) with the churches that have responded. Certainly no pastor can feel that he has done his part by his fellow-pastors who does not as early as possible fix a date for his own church, give due notice, and take the offering; and no church member who has not given can feel that he has been true to his fellow church members and to the denomination to which he belongs who refuses to give according to his ability when the opportunity is afforded.

Brother pastor, can you allow the 31st day of October, which closes the fiscal year of the Missionary Society, to come around without having done your part toward liberating the treasury from its debt, and starting it into the new year free from embarrassment? Fully two months remain during which you can certainly find a day for this special collection. The pastors in the Conferences that meet in September can fix a date in October, and those that meet in October can fix a date in September, while the pastors who belong to the spring Conferences can easily set apart a day in either of the months named. That there may be uniformity of action, we suggest Sept. 20th be set apart as Debt Paying Day for the October Conferences and Oct. 18 for the September Conferences, while in the spring Conferences either of these days may be adopted. These, or any other dates that will better suit given churches, can be chosen. All pastors and church members who have hearts to help can and will find an opportunity for this special offering.

Do not take debt-paying collection in connection with your regular annual missionary offering. Take it separately and make it additional to the annual offering, or, as a rule, little or nothing will be gained.

We tender our hearty thanks to all pastors and to all our people who have responded to the appeal of the Missionary Society, and just as heartily do we tender thanks to those who will yet respond.

A. A. Leonard,

A. J. Palmer,

W. T. Smith,

Corresponding Secretaries.

## SOME CHRISTIAN DUTIES.

By Miss Mary Patterson.

There is often heard in private discourses, often seen in print and often used in public, this declarative truth, "It is a Christian duty." How many of us ever think of our Christian duties? There can be no doubt that many would achieve greater success in the great battle of right against wrong if a little more discretion was used in finding out their Christian duties; if they would be a bit more painstaking in ferreting out the good to humanity that may be accomplished through the various avenues that present themselves, fewer souls would be lost.

The world stands to-day in great need of men and women brave and fearless to plead the cause of right everywhere; men and women who dare to rebuke the Satanic march of immorality, vice and intemperance. I believe it the Christian duty of all Christians to speak to the fallen of the blessedness of the love of Jesus, and beg them to retrace their steps and be saved.

I verily believe it to be our Christian duty to labor arduously to bring the young people to Christ, that they may become men and women of God, men and women of intellect, men and women that we can honor, and whose souls may be saved from the eternal burning. It is our Christian duty to pray to God that our schools and churches may continue to prosper, and encourage our young folks to better fields where they can measure arms with any race of people, that the odium of disgrace perpetuated by enslavement may forever be removed.

It is an incumbent Christian duty to pray for the cause of temperance and help by our voices and prayers, and the men's votes, to remove from the land the greatest overshadowing



curse and plague ever visited upon humanity. I refer to strong drink, the curse that steals the wealth of nations; yes, the very brains from its victims, and degrades them lower than the beasts of the field. And to begin with, let us drive it out of the church pews, and I regret to have to add, out of many of the amen corners and pulpits.

We must not lose sight of the duty to attend church and contribute of our means for its benefit, and to help the pastor awaken all the latent energies in Christians who are spiritually dead, that the tide of Christianity may continue to roll.

A duty we owe to ourselves is to advance the educational interests of our people. Let us then pray for Central Tennessee College, that it may continue to prosper and maintain the position it now holds as the model school for our race in the Southland. Let us pray that its students may be mentally and morally fitted for any position in life. And when the great final day shall come, and our Christian duties have been completed, we can find a home in heaven "where all is love" and where no sorrow comes.

McMinnville, Tenn.

### THE WHOLE FIELD.

Sparta Station, W. Ellison, pastor: This is my first year on this charge. I entered this charge Oct. 4, 1895, and found the work in ordinary condition, being embarrassed with a debt of about \$30. This has been paid, except \$8.50. Easter Day we had a grand time. We raised \$7 for Missions. Children's Day, June 14th, was a high day with us, as we had our Sunday school organized into a Crusade army, and each soldier with his envelope in hand loaded with 10 cents. Prof. H. G. Hipp, of C. T. C., was with us, and preached a stirring sermon on "The Importance of early education." His sermon was very impressive and inspiring to the audience. After the sermon the Crusader's envelopes were collected. Their contents amounted to \$10. Prof. Hipp lectured on "Temperance" at 3:30 o'clock p. m., and preached at 7 p. m. He will be long remembered at Sparta. We hope he will come again. The old church is in higher esteem here than ever, not only among the colored people, but the white also. A prominent white minister of the M. E. Church South joined our church, at Doyle, Tenn., July 5th. The county Public School Institute met here June 15th. The work of the Institute was very enthusiastic throughout. The writer took an active part in the work of the Institute, and was called on by the county superintendent to lecture on "The Spirit of the Teacher," which was done in a spirited manner, after which an examination took place, and the writer's certificate led the way, and for the first time in the history of Sparta, the public school was given to an M. E. preacher.

Rev. Wm. Payne, Summit, Miss.: Rev. J. L. Pratt, P. E., held our fourth quarterly Conference July 12th, and preached a wonderful sermon to a host of people. Collections: Presiding elder, \$13; pastor, \$55. We think our work is doing very well. McComb City has 5,000 inhabitants. We have six or seven members, but no church, and hope our churches elsewhere will help us build. There are also thirty or forty white members there. A lot in a desirable place will cost us \$100. We are told by our white brethren if we get a lot properly located they will visit us in our meetings. Therefore we ask the M. E. Church to help us. McComb City is destined to become the largest city in the State. Factories have been started and others will be. Please help us in our struggle. Bishop Maitland told me at the last Conference to be sure to build a church at McComb City. Send us some help. Who will send us the first \$100? I am here at Summit, a poor charge, but I will do all I can to get an M. E. Church at McComb. We will publish every name in the Southwestern Christian Advocate that sends us as much as a dollar. The trustees are J. M. Wilson and J. R. Rest. Send moneys to J. M. Wilson, Summit, Missa.

E. D. Cameron, Tiptersville, Miss.: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8th and 9th, were high days with us on the Ripley Circuit. Rev. P. O. Jameson was present and held out third quarterly Conference. The meeting convened at Whiteoak. On Sunday the elder preached, to the great edifica-

tion and satisfaction of a full house. A goodly number partook of the sacrament. The good old Southwestern was not forgotten, for which the elder spoke many good things. The Rev. E. F. Searboth was also with us, and rendered splendid service. Collection, \$7.30.

Henry Sims, Montgomery, Ala.: In Montgomery we M. E. Church members are not dead. We are coming. We have a bold and fearless leader to lead us in the person of Rev. B. H. Ware, a most efficient pastor. He has preached in every colored church in the city of Montgomery and by so doing has won many people. Our church is in better condition now than it ever has been since Rev. E. M. Jones left. People are visiting the church now who never knew that there was such a church in the city. We have taken in ten members this year, some of the best people in the city. We have so much opposition here, but Rev. Ware is doing all he can to bring the church to the front. We have had two rallies for the church this year. The first one was in April. We raised \$10.50. The following named sisters and brothers gave one dollar: Amanda Carlisle, Harriet Bibbs, Ella Hill, Mrs. Stewart, Carrie Ross, Henry Sims, Sterling Hall, little Helen Jones, 35 cents. Public collection, \$3.15; total, \$10.50. July 26th we raised for Missions, \$7.71. We are going to raise every dollar of our benevolent money this year. We can't afford to fail under our present leader.

### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### WACO DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—This being the fourth and last round preparatory to meet the Annual Conference, I hope every pastor will be able to report all claims met fully. Let the trustees be sure and have their reports ready, and the pastors be sure and have their nominations carefully prepared. Yours for the Master, H. Swann, P. E.

#### NOTICE.

The Paris District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday school convention will convene in Greenville, Tex., on the second day of September, 1896, at 9 a. m. Members of the Conference will have to come in the evening before the session opens in order to be present at the opening. Don't forget the \$1 for Conference expenses. C. C. Minigan, P. E.

### STOP AND THINK, BRETHREN!

How strange, how weak for a minister belonging to one denomination and begging other denominations for help to make plans with a minister for the sake of a few dollars, and overlook a small charge or minister of his own denomination. The preacher that is guilty of this practice will need to learn that he is pulling his own churches to pieces and scattering the young members, and he is also planting a seed that is bringing forth its fruit in church tramps, excuses and disappointment. By not keeping promises, some ministers are destroying the several small churches in the Conference. The big fish are living on the small fish. A house that is divided cannot stand. Ye that are strong and pastors of large congregations, help the weak and small churches. Remember when you reach the top you must come down, like the birds that eat dead animals. There are preachers who work all the year with pastors of associations and different Conferences from their own. Can a preacher expect help and brotherly love from his Conference brothers when he has been giving the benefit of his church to those who have no voice in the body from which he receives his appointment and his support? That man must go to the mourners' bench, for light to see.

Stephen Priestley.

Men who live within reach of the batteries of heaven never lack power to win souls for Jesus. While they hold their hands on the batteries of heaven they feel the electric currents flow. They can preach and exhort in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and can save men from the horrible pit and the miry clay. When God gives the power to accomplish, there is no lack; victory in his name is certain. All who weep and bear the precious seed, come again rejoicing, bringing in their sheaves.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

"Sport in an Untouched American Wilderness," by Frederic Ireland, in September Scribner's, is an account of a month spent in the wilderness of New Brunswick, one of the few remaining game reserves on this continent; and an amusing short story by John A. Beckert describes the method selected by a young girl to find out which of three equally eligible lovers she should marry. It is entitled "Love's Handicap."

The enterprising publishers, S. W. Straub & Co., Auditorium Building, Chicago, have put into one volume two of their most popular Sunday school singing books, "Beautiful Songs" and "Living Fountain," making a work twice the usual size. The price is the same as that of ordinary books, 35c. (The publishers will mail one sample copy for examination upon receipt of only 20c.)

Ian MacIaren's new short story has been secured by the Ladies' Home Journal, for publication in the October and November issues. It is called "The Minister of St. Bede's." Besides its charm as a delightful romance, the story is said to be notable for the admirable character that the author has created for the chief personage—the minister of St. Bede's, as the loyal lover of an humble Scotch lassie.

In October a remarkable collection of giant fossil remains of prehistoric animals, found in the Rockies during the past few years, will be exhibited for the first time to the public at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. These include animals of a kind not popularly supposed to be indigenous to this country, such as aquatic and running rhinoceroses, the little four-toed horse, no bigger than a dog, etc. Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, curator of the Museum, has written a popular account of these strange beasts, and the article will appear in the September Century.

### TEACHING POINTS.

Absalom's life was triply forfeited. He was a murderer of his brother, an inciter of treason, a rebel in arms. Such careers must be cut short. Let him go, and let every man loyal to filial piety and good government fling a stone at his grave.

But sin does not destroy love. Love has more concern to ask, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" than to seek to know the issue of the battle that decides the fate of his kingdom. "Would God I had died for thee, my son, my son!" has broken out of thousands of parents' hearts. But yesterday a gray-haired father said to me, "I will give my life and my property to recover my son." Love is perennial. It puts its all of possibility to help and save. But it fails if there be no co-operation of the sinner. Even love sees that one must not ruin a province in vainly trying to save a traitor who will remain recreant.

This son had great beauty, personal magnetism, royal position, greatest opportunities. He rode about Jerusalem in a chariot with all the pomp and magnificence of royalty. He was flung into a pit and covered with a great pile of stones.

Why did he fail? Because of (1) parental indulgence; (2) his own fierce passions; (3) inordinate vanity; (4) lust of power; (5) lack of moral fiber.

Position and circumstances are nothing without an inner strength to control them. The things that swayed Absalom were but light winds. Moral principles are strong as gravitation and permanent as the government of God.

Fail not to make the point that sin brings sorrow—to self, to the father.

"Fools make a mock at sin, will not believe."

It carries such a dagger in its sleeve; 'How can it be,' they say, 'that such a thing.'

So full of sweetness, e'er should have a sting?"

They know not that it is the very spell Of sin to make men laugh themselves to hell."

—Bishop H. W. Warren, in Sunday School Times.

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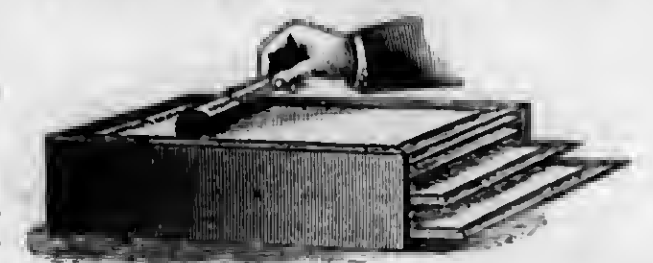
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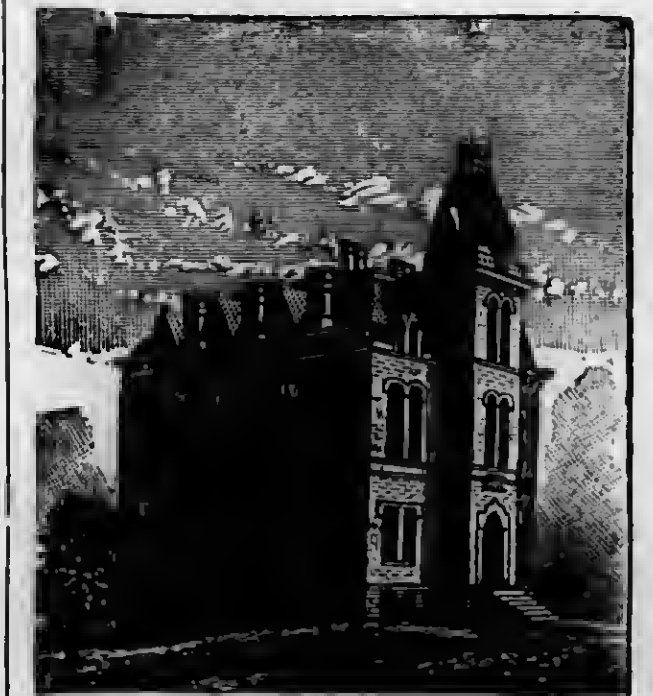
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**OUR NEW OFFICE.**

Our readers have, of course, noticed the change in our address, and we are pleased to be able to announce that we really have a new office. It is not such a one as we wanted, but it is quite an improvement on the old one. The Southwestern really has two front rooms on a prominent business street, where we shall be pleased to welcome our friends at any time. Just come to 408 Carondelet street, near Perdido, and walk right up the front stairway and turn to the left—here we are, business manager's office and our sanctum.

**THE CHARGES AGAINST EDITOR STEEL.**

Judging from the charges made by the Book Committee of the Church, South, against Editor Steel, he has been going around for some time with a chip on his shoulder, daring the Committee or anyone else to knock it off. One specification is "misrepresentation of the facts of the interview with the Book Committee." We know of a class of citizens, more numerous than the members of the Book Committee, who, were they permitted to testify, could give positive and unqualified testimony to the fact that the brother is rather given to misrepresenting facts. It is barely possible, however, he was born so, and can't help it; if this be the case, we trust the Committee will be as lenient as possible.

Later.

We learn from the New Orleans Christian Advocate, M. E. Church South, that by action of the committee who had the case in charge, Dr. Steel, of the Epworth Era, "is continued in office with a promise on his part to avoid in future the matters complained of by the Book Committee."

This office expects to have the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Homer Eaton, our senior publishing agent in New York, latter part of October. Such a visit may mean much for the Southwestern, hence we desire the brethren to crowd in the subscribers right along. Commendations of the paper come from all parts, which we greatly appreciate, but the thought uppermost in our mind is to have the paper enlarged. To this end let everybody help.

Gov. Bushnell, in introducing Senator Sherman at the great Republican meeting in Columbus, O., said: Every Republican President thus far furnished this nation was a native of Ohio, except Abraham Lincoln, who was the greatest of them all, and that no candidate from Ohio had ever been defeated. Of course, then, no exception will be made in McKinley's case.

Brethren, we greatly appreciate the improvement some of you are making and the pains some of you are taking in the articles you write for this paper. We do not have more than two or three letters per week that we can not read.

Senator John Sherman's great speech, at Columbus, O., on the 15th inst., was an exhaustive and lucid appeal to the records on the money question. It was the formal opening of the presidential campaign. Senator-elect Foraker delivered a brilliant and much applauded address also. There were people gathered from all parts of the State.

Hon. W. Bourke Cockran delivered a masterly address in Madison Square Garden last week in answer to Mr. Bryan's speech there the week before, when accepting the nomination. Mr. Cockran is a sound money Democrat.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Dr. M. C. B. Mason and family are now settled in Cincinnati.

Rev. Dr. Thirkield, president of Gammon, is lecturing at the North.

The address of Rev. G. N. Johnson is Texarkana, Ark., 906 Ash street.

Prof. and Mrs. T. A. Fortson rejoice in the advent of a son, on Sunday, 16th inst.

Rev. J. T. Conyers, who is at present assisting in the Bienville Street Mission work, called at our office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Jefferson, of Marshall, Tex., are happy over the advent of a fine boy, Aug. 3d.

Bishop Thoburn sails for India after the meeting of the General Missionary Committee in November.

Prof. M. W. Dogan, A. M., president of Wiley University, expects to be on the ground first week in September.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorn, pastor at Donaldsonville, passed through the city, en route to the District Conference at Centerville.

Dr. Goucher, of our church, gives \$5,000 a year for three years to enable the M. E. Church, South, to inaugurate its West China Mission.

Rev. M. H. Hunter desires his correspondents to address him at Pineville, La. He has been assigned there as pastor.

Rev. W. H. Brooks, P. E., of the Washington Conference, desires his correspondents to address him at Washington, D. C., No. 808 Thirteenth street, N. E.

Dr. H. B. Parks, missionary secretary of the A. M. E. Church, calls on his church for \$114,900 for this quadrennium for Home and Foreign Missions—\$28,725 per annum. He should have it.

Rev. L. M. Vernon, who was once superintendent of Missions in Italy, and who, since 1893, has been dean of the College of Fine Arts of Syracuse University, died at his home in Syracuse on the 10th inst.

Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen spent last Sabbath in the city. He was en route to Houston, Tex., where he was to deliver the opening address at the Afro-American Fair. While in the city, he was the guest of the editor.

Bishop Taylor has made over 100 extended sea voyages in his evangelistic travels, besides extensive travel by rail. He has never been in a "smash-up" nor been detained an hour by accident.

K. B. Jameson and others write us from Yazoo City, Miss., that Rev. A. D. Payne, pastor there, is quite sick with fever, but since he has the best of attention, it is expected that he will soon recover. We trust it may be so.

Rev. L. H. Reynolds, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, this city, and Secretary of the last General Conference of his church, gave our office a call while we were absent from the city. We regret we did not meet him.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, one of the secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society, and family, are now located in Cincinnati, O. The doctor is a great favorite in these parts and we are looking forward hopefully for the society he represents. He is now beginning his second quadrennium as secretary.

Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, who has made this city headquarters while attending District Conferences in and about the city, left for the North Monday morning. The doctor is remarkably popular in Louisiana, his old home, and the people crowd to hear him as though he were a new star. He has succeeded well in his collections here for the Freedman's Aid Society. He was elegantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bates, 1720 Constantinople street.

Rev. Dr. Lawton, of the Ninth Presbyterian Church, of this city, has made an innovation in his sermons. He spoke on labor last Sunday, accompanying his discourse with the actual implements used in that capacity. He desires to impress home the fact that whatever be the employment, it should be carried out faithfully and con-

scientiously. He is striving hard to bring the church up to the appreciation it so well merits. Dr. Lawton is of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is ably seconded by an energetic board of elders.—Indianapolis Freeman.

We learn from the Baptist Star that Prof. J. R. E. Lee, of Marshall, Tex., has been elected principal of Hearne Academy, Hearne, Tex. He succeeds the scholarly and unassuming Broyles, who goes as professor of mathematics to Prairie View State Normal. We congratulate both Prof. Lee and the Academy. He is an aggressive and untiring worker and we have no doubt that if the friends of the school will stand by him he will make it go. He is the only "regular" Negro teacher in Bishop College, and we are confident he will be missed there. We wish him success.

Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., of New York, well known in these parts, has been appointed a member of Mr. Hanna's Advisory Board in New York City. The "Age" gives his cut and an extended sketch of his life. Regarding his influence among the ministers there, we clip the following:

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If Christ lives in your heart, the people who live in the same house with you will not be long in finding it out.—Ram's Horn.

Duties never conflict. God has put one duty at a time for any child of his to perform. If we are doing the one duty God has for us to do at the present moment, we are doing just right. If we are not doing that one duty we are at fault, no matter how good or how important the work we are doing.—Sunday School Times.

It is not generally known that we have in Texas a church, the majority of whose members claim to enjoy perfect love and they have a preacher of the same mind. They are not bigoted but humble, gentle, faithful, and intelligent. It is a benediction to be among them. And why should it not be so. It is in accordance with Methodism—of old, if not in these latter days. For years we have claimed to enjoy that feeling, shouting happy religion; let us combine with it the higher life in all our works and ways.

But on Sabbath I watch the earliest sunshine and fancy that a holier brightness marks the day where there shall be no buzz of voices on the exchange, nor traffic in the shops, nor crowd nor business anywhere but at church. Many have fancied so. For my own part, whether I see it scattered down among tangled woods or beaming broad across the fields, or hemmed in between brick buildings, or tracing out the figure of the casement on my chamber floor, still I recognize it. Some illusions—and this among them—are the shadows of great truths. Doubts may flit around me, or seem to close their evil wings and settle down, but so long as I imagine that the earth is hallowed and the light of heaven retains its sanctity on the Sabbath—while that blessed sunshine lives within me—never can my soul have lost the instinct of its faith. If it has gone astray, it will return again.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

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### NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OUR PATRONIZING TERRITORY.

Brethren:—Please send us a copy of your Annual Conference Minutes for your last session, and annually hereafter. We cannot well get on in this office without your Conference Minutes. Respectfully,

I. B. Scott.

### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Sunday was a great day at Scott China Chapel. The funeral service of Mr. Joseph Pobb was preached by Revs. Edward Field and Eugene Baptiste. The Veterans' Benevolent Association was out in full uniform. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee." Prof. Jos. A. Reddix, of Darrowville, was with us and addressed the Sunday school. Eugene Baptiste, Pastor.

The King's Daughters of Scott China Chapel had a grand love feast last Thursday night, Aug. 13th, from which we received a shower of the Holy Ghost. The meeting was conducted by M. Benaim and Sister N. White, president lady. P. Gray assisted.

We had the pleasure of worshipping at Union Chapel, this city, Rev. H. Taylor, pastor, Sunday, the 16th inst., and was much pleased to find the congregation using hymn books so as to join heartily and intelligently in the singing. We were impressed, as we have been at some of our other city churches, with the very excellent singing, both by the choir and congregation. There is a pleasant rivalry between Union Chapel and St. Paul, Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor. Each is trying to outstrip the other in raising finances and in other good works. Both pastors are great organizers and leaders, so it remains to be seen which will triumph.

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The Huntsville District Conference will convene at Crackett, Tex., on Wednesday, Sept. 23d, at 9 a. m. Let every pastor, local preacher, exhorter, Sunday school superintendent, president of Epworth League Chapter, class leader, representative, district steward and other members of the District Conference be present. The first day will be given to reports of local preachers and exhorters, passage of their character and renewal of their licenses.

Program.—"Faith in the Holy Trinity," G. S. Helm; "The Word or Son of God, Who Was Made Very Man," S. M. Bolden; "The Resurrection of Christ," M. O. A. Fuller; "The Holy Ghost," H. Dixon; "Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation," H. M. Taylor; "The Old Testament," T. Edwards; "Original or Birth Sin," J. H. Anderson; "Free Will," E. Holliday; "The Justification of Man," S. H. Grant; "Good Works," E. Michaux; "Works of Supererogation," T. Scott; "Sin After Justification," Wm. McKenzie; "The Church," W. Fletcher; "The Sacraments," S. S. Landy; "Baptism," A. C. Clark; "The Lord's Supper," L. N. Bolden; "Repentance," A. Silas; "Regeneration," B. T. Williams.

Those assigned subjects will please prepare papers. After the papers, time will be allowed for discussion. We cordially invite Dr. L. B. Scott, A. M., editor of the Southwestern, and Rev. O. I. Jones, Sunday school agent, and all presiding elders and members of the Texas Conference.

The Woman's Home Mission District anniversary will convene on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Mrs. A. C. Culbreath, district president, will preside, and asks a representative from each charge to be present with their reports and money, or send the same. Pastors will please see that a representative be appointed from each charge. Pastors will please bring all benevolence raised, to be forwarded to the proper place. Welcome address, Rev. Turner, of Crackett. To preach the opening sermon, S. M. Bolden. To preach the missionary sermon, Tenola Edwards. There will be preaching each night and a collection taken on the indebtedness of the church at Crackett. Reduced rates will be given on all railroads. Brethren, come prepared to prove yourselves workmen on all lines who needeth not be ashamed.

Notice to local preachers and exhorters: You need not expect your licenses renewed unless you are a subscriber to the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

### THE OLD TIME MAMMY.

We find in a late number of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian an interesting and touching account of the dedication of monuments to the women and faithful slaves of the Confederacy at Fort Mill, S. C. From Mr. Park Miller's address, which would touch and send vibrating thousands of Southern hearts to the music of precious memories, we excerpt his account of his two Negro mammys, which all of us will recognize us, with small variations, the portrait of thousands of such:

"It was my good fortune to have had two old mammys, my black mammy and a yellow mammy, and whenever I showed a partiality for one over the other, the other (the one slighted) would redouble her energies so as to win me to her side. One died and all my affections were centered on the one that was left. Oh, how well do I recall that dear old Negro woman, who would take me so tenderly in her loving arms and kiss away the pain of a bumped head or a stumped toe. And if she had told me as much about the goodness of the Lord as she did about the capers I was 'gwine to cut up when the devil got me,' it might have been better for me. Whenever she saw me engaged in an act of which she disapproved, she would say: 'De devil get you if you do dat, sho!' When I left home to go to the army she wept for two days preceding my departure. When I had told them all good-bye she followed me to the front gate to take a second farewell, and as I went down the roadway leading to the railroad station, I left her standing like a piece of statuary with the tears streaming down her face, and the last words I caught were these: 'My son, if de Yankees come for you, run jes' as hard as you can stan' it, and don't let one kitch you.' These were genuine tears, shed for one whom she idolized. When I came back home from Appo-

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next to my own mammy was not there to greet me. To use her husband's expression, she had 'departed.' She had gone to that home to which she had always looked with an unwavering faith and to which she had often pointed me and prayed that I might meet her there. And I trust that I may be permitted at last to walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, where I am sure that among the first to greet me there will be my old Negro mammy."—Southwestern Presbyterian.

### THE FOE HE FEARED.

#### An Episode in Stonewall Jackson's Career.

"About daylight of the day before the second battle of Manassas," said a Confederate officer at a recent reunion of the blue and the gray, "I was ordered to report to General T. J. Jackson, with a detail of 100 men, for special orders. I went at once to headquarters and presented the orders I had received. General Jackson came out, and, beckoning me to follow him, rode some fifty yards from his staff and then turned to me and halted.

"Captain, do you ever use liquor?" he asked.

"No, sir," I replied.

"A smile lit up his rugged face as he said, 'I sent for a special detail of 100 men under command of an officer who never used spirituous liquors. Are you that man?'"

"Yes, sir," I said. "I was detailed on that account."

"Well, then," he continued, "I have an order to give, upon the execution of which depends the success of the present movement and the result of the battle soon to be fought."

"If to keep sober is all that is needed, general, you may depend upon me," I said.

"No," he answered, "that is not all; but unless you can resist the temptation to drink, you cannot carry out my orders. Do you see that warehouse over there?" pointing to a large building a little way off. "Take your command up to that depot, have the barrels of bread rolled out and sent down to the railroad track, so that my men can get it as they pass, and then take your picked men into the building and spill all the liquor there; don't spare a drop, nor let any man taste it under any circumstances. This order I expect you to execute at any cost."

"He turned and was about to ride back to his staff, when I called hastily:

"One moment, general! Suppose an officer of superior rank should order me under arrest, and then gain possession of the warehouse?"

"Coming up close to me, and looking me through and through, as it seemed to me, he said, with a look of solemnity that I shall never forget:

"Until I relieve you in person you are exempt from arrest except upon my written order. I fear that liquor more than Pope's army," he added as he rode rapidly away.

"I took my men down to the warehouse which had become so important, and threw a guard around it, placing five men at each entrance, with orders neither to allow any one to enter nor to enter themselves.

"The next thing was to roll out the bread, which we did. Just as we were finishing that task I was called to one of the entrances to find a general officer with his staff demanding that the guards should either allow him to enter or bribe him out some liquor. Of course I refused to comply with the command, upon which he ordered his adjutant to place me under arrest.

"I told him I was there by General Jackson's personal order, and was especially exempt from arrest. He ordered his staff to dismount and enter the warehouse, and I gave my men the order to level their guns and make ready.

"This made the general halt, in spite of his thirst, and hold a consultation with his officers. They concluded

to try persuasion since they could not get what they wanted by force. But they found that method of no more avail than the other. Then they demanded to know my name and what command I belonged to, and threatened to report me for disobedience.

"I should never have yielded, and whether they would have pushed things to an extremity, in their raging desire for the liquor, I do not know; but just at that moment General A. P. Hill came galloping up with his staff and naturally wanted to know what was the trouble. I explained the situation, which the quick-witted general took in at once and ordered the thirsty squad off.

"Have you orders to leave the building?" he asked.

"No," I answered. "I have not."

"Without a word he rode away, and within an hour there came an order from General Jackson to fire the warehouse, and when it was well destroyed to report to him.

"I carried out the order to the letter. Not a man got a drink that day, and for that time the foe that Stonewall Jackson most dreaded was vanquished."—Youth's Companion.

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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Iowa District, Iowa Conference met in Fort Madison, Ia., July 9-14. Rev. Wm. E. Wilson, P. E., in the chair. Geo. W. Beamon was elected secretary. Rev. J. W. Zellander preached the opening sermon, which was full of good things. Rev. J. Will King, pastor at Fort Madison, in a well-rounded speech, made the welcome address, and the presiding elder responded in well chosen words. The sermon preached by Rev. John A. Lee Friday evening at 8 o'clock was wonderful. It bestowed the people to a more lively hope in Christ Jesus. Reports from the presiding elder and the pastors showed increase along all lines of church interest, notwithstanding the financial stringency and hard times. While several pastors had left their charges on account of not getting a support, yet a few had dared to stay, like the heroes of early Methodism. Souls had been converted, new houses of worship built and some benevolent money collected. Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a grand concert was given by the ladies of our church, resulting in a neat sum to help pay indebtedness on the church. The work of Rev. J. Will King appeared as a miracle to the Conference. He had only been sent here four months previous to begin this mission, after so many others had failed and the helpers discouraged. In a short time he had the attention of the people, bought a lot for \$450, bought a house of worship for \$90, rolled it a mile and a half to the lot, organized a Sunday school and church, and had the District Conference held in the town where Methodism among the colored is only four months old. Wonderful! Sunday all day the Lord wonderfully blessed us. Sermon at 11 a. m. by Geo. W. Beamon, subject, "God's Hand in the Church and Government;" at 3 p. m., Rev. A. W. White, subject, "The Church;" at 8 p. m., Rev. Wm. E. Wilson, P. E., spoke of the doings of the General Conference. Miss Jennie Doudridge read a very interesting paper on "Sympathy and Love." Indebtedness on the district, \$1,000; number of churches, 8; number of full members, 200; probationers, 50; collection during Conference session, \$90. The Lord has wonderfully blessed this work. After the Lord's Supper was administered, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, to a goodly number of communicants, the Conference adjourned, and the people, both white and colored, retired to their places of rest, feeling that the Lord had blessed them.

Geo. W. Beamon, Secretary.

The Jackson District Conference convened in the M. E. Church, Brandon, Miss., July 22d. The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. C. Houston, presiding elder of the district. T. J. Anderson conducted the religious service. P. W. Baldwin was elected secretary, with J. E. Coleman, N. E. Goodloe and A. R. Martin, assistants. H. R. S. Erby was elected statistical secretary. The reports from presiding elder and pastors showed the district to be in good condition, both spiritually and financially. Bros. N. N. Sidney and W. L. Lamb were absent on account of sickness. William Mottet and William Triggs were licensed to preach. J. E. Coleman, N. E. Goodloe and A. R. Martin were recommended for orders. J. E. Coleman and R. M. Phillips were recommended for reception on trial in the Annual Conference. Dr. I. B. Scott,

editor of the Southwestern, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He at once captured his audience. The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That each member of the District Conference should take and read the same.

Resolved, further, That each pastor is requested to urge each family in his charge to subscribe for it.

Dr. Scott preached at 11 o'clock a. m. on Sunday; Rev. A. D. Payne, at 3 o'clock p. m., and Rev. J. C. Hibbler at night. It was said the General Conference made no mistake in electing Dr. Scott editor of the Southwestern. He is not only a Christian, but is a great man—one that has the paper at heart. Elder Houston makes a good presiding officer. Rev. Brooks and his people entertained the Conference grandly. This was the best session ever held on the district. The Conference adjourned Sunday night after passing a resolution of thanks to the people of Brandon, to the railroad companies for reduced rates, to the presiding elder and secretaries for faithful discharge of duties, etc. Yazoo City was selected as seat of next District Conference.

P. W. Baldwin, Secretary.

District Conference of the Chattanooga District, East Tennessee Conference, convened in the M. E. Church, Ooltewah, Tenn., July 9-12. Rev. G. W. Staples presiding. Rev. J. T. Henery was elected secretary, with power to appoint his assistants. W. T. Anderson and A. W. Randolph were appointed. R. T. Smith was appointed reporter to the Southwestern. J. T. Henery called the roll and the following members answered to their names: E. Knott, G. W. Ziegler, W. T. Anderson, Peter Martin, E. J. Cox, G. H. Pettis, A. W. Randolph, R. T. Smith and J. T. Henery. All the preachers and presiding elder's reports showed an increase over last year. The opening sermon was preached by A. W. Randolph, and all hearts were made glad. Each evening of the Conference we had literary topics for discussion, in which all the brethren took part. Most of the local preachers and exhorters made their reports. We can say that the Chattanooga District is gaining over last year. Our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. G. W. Staples, is the right man and in the right place. On Sunday many hearts were made glad over the grand sermon that was preached by the presiding elder. Rev. G. H. Pettis preached at 3 o'clock, and Rev. R. T. Smith at 8. We were also glad to be in our new church, which the preacher in charge had worked so hard to get ready for the Conference. Bro. Cox has done good work this year. Fifty took the Lord's Supper. Collection, \$15. Conference adjourned. Benediction by J. T. Henery.

R. T. Smith.

The Louisville District Conference convened in Shelbyville, Ky., July 8, 1896, at 8:30 a. m. The Conference devoted thirty minutes to song and prayer, after which the Rev. G. A. Sissle, P. E., took the chair. Conference roll was called and twenty-five an-

swered to their names. Rev. J. W. White was re-elected secretary, with W. H. Renfro, assistant. Miss. S. L. Parker was elected reporter to the Southwestern. The various committees were appointed. Bro. A. F. Felps, of Shelbyville, was introduced, and he delivered the welcome address, which was inspiring to the Conference. Dr. P. P. Tevis, of Shelbyville, was introduced also, and several ministers from other districts. The presiding elder made his report, with much credit to himself and the district. This is his sixth and last year. The years he has been presiding elder have been years of marked prosperity throughout the Louisville District. He has shown himself a wise and efficient administrator. A committee on memoirs was appointed. At 8:30 p. m., Rev. W. H. Pope, an evangelist, preached the Conference sermon. Revs. M. S. Johnson, the presiding elder of the Ohio District, and E. L. Gilliam, presiding elder of the Indiana District, were introduced. All pastors reported. Rev. W. A. Hinton was elected to keep a record of the benevolent moneys from the different charges. Mrs. Rev. D. Lewis, the missionary, was introduced. Visiting Presiding Elders Gilliam and Johnson addressed the Conference. The local preachers reported, and several were advanced in their classes and licenses renewed. At 8:30 p. m., Rev. T. L. Wilson preached a fine missionary sermon. Reports of Sunday school superintendent, presidents of the League Chapters, district stewards and class leaders were taken up. The memorial services of Rev. Wm. Johnson, of Hartford, took place at 11:30 a. m., with Rev. W. H. Lawrence, one of the original members of the Conference, in the chair. Rev. T. L. Wilson read the memorial. Rev. Sissle made some remarks touching the life and character of the deceased. Rev. Dr. Allen, of Lexington, was introduced and addressed the Conference. District stewards held their meeting at 3:30 p. m. At 8:30 a program was rendered by the delegates of the Conference. The singing, orations were of a high order. After which all present went around to the reception room to partake of the good things which the members and pastor of Shelbyville had prepared for them. Revs. A. A. Russell and R. T. Bailey were introduced and addressed the Conference. Rev. Bailey, quite a young man, gave an address full of thought, doing credit to the head and heart of the young brother. Mrs. E. A. White and Mrs. B. J. Ward were introduced, both giving interesting talks to the Conference. Two hours of each afternoon were devoted to the Sunday School Institute and Epworth League. Rev. J. W. Robertson, of the Indiana District, was organist. Several interesting papers were read. We are glad to note the harmony existing between the League and church. This is as it should be, as their aims are one. May God continue to bless that part of the work. The pastor, Rev. E. D. Miller, with his faithful few, has erected a beautiful temple for God's service, which is almost completed. Praise the blessed Lord Jesus. Our kind presiding elder being sick, seemed to be getting worse, and was advised by the Conference to start for his home in Indianapolis. Before leaving, he appointed Rev. F. P. Fielding, of Anchorage, to fill his place for the remainder of the session, which he did with much credit. Preaching on Sunday by Revs. F. B. Hinton and L. W. Miles. The Lord's Supper was administered to 62 and many were blessed.

Sallie L. Parker, Reporter.

A doctor who was visiting a Christian patient had himself long been anxious to feel that he was at peace with God. The Spirit had convinced him of his sins and need, and he longed to possess that peace which the world cannot give. On this occasion, addressing himself to the sick one, he said:

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 1896.

DAVID'S LOVE FOR GOD'S HOUSE.  
1 Chron. 22:6-16.

Golden Text—"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee" (Psa. 84:4).

Six or eight years have passed since the events of our last lesson transpired. "David is now old and full of days." The days pass quickly by, the seasons chase each other along, and the years come and go. Soon we, like the old king, realize that we must "go the way of all the earth." Death is a way, a gate, an outlet into eternity. All people are traveling in this way. They are marching onward to the door of death. There are no backward steps, no turning to the right hand or the left. But forward all go and through that way pass. David knew this, hence he "made Solomon, his son, king over Israel." He associated him with himself on the throne. This relieved him of a part of the duties of state. Then when he should fall, Solomon would be prepared to carry on the work of the government without trouble.

I.—David's Desire. "It was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God." The moral quality of an act lies in the design. The king was always at heart a true man. He loved God and was ever resigned to His will. But his whole life was not sunshine. Clouds would sometimes gather, lightnings flash and thunders roar. Violent tempests would sweep through his soul and drive his frail bark far out of its course, but his anchor reached to that within the veil, and would soon bring him back into the right way. He did not feel comfortable dwelling in a house of cedar while the ark of God rested "within curtains." He desired nothing better for himself than he had for the Lord. The name of God is the same as God Himself. Jehovah has revealed Himself to us through His name. The house he desired to build for the Lord was to be "exceeding magnified, of fame and of glory throughout all countries." Stately and sumptuous, strong and beautiful. Everything in it must be the best of its kind. It was to be the honor and glory of the great God, the Lord of the whole earth, and a type of the blessed Christ in whom all fullness dwelt. God's people need and must have houses of worship. There should be nothing little in building a church. Let us dedicate the best we have unto the Lord.

II.—The Desire Checked. "Thou shalt not build an house unto my name." It is not certainly known when this message from God was given to the king. At some time not recorded, God likely sent Nathan to David with His reasons for not allowing him to erect the temple. The cause here given was: "Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars." The wars of David were not carried on against God's will, but in many places they were ordered by Him and called the "wars of the Lord." Wars and bloodshed were necessary in order to establish Israel in Canaan. Yet the bloodshed and barbarity of war were not in harmony with the profound symbolism of peace, Sabbath quiet and thoughtful repose which were to be embodied in the house of Jehovah (whedon). There is in this world a constant warfare between good and evil. Every follower of Christ is a soldier. He has put on the armor of God, and received weapons. He has a captain, and the foe is before him. By the help of the Lord he may cause the powers of darkness to give way. There is not necessarily the shedding of blood in this war. All emitting of blood is in God's sight. The eye of Jehovah is upon every soldier, whether enlisted in a literal or spiritual conflict. This should give to him courage, justice and mercy.

III.—The king was told "who would erect the temple: 'He (Solomon) shall build an house unto My name.'" Solomon was at the time of this lesson about twenty years of age, but it is not known when God revealed this fact to him. He was to be a man of rest. He should be a stranger to the labor and hardships that entered into the early life of David. But I do not

know that he was a better man for that reason. Labor is honorable and profitable. He was also to be a man of peace. David's life was one of conflict. From early manhood to old age he was engaged in wars. His history is written in blood. But God raised him up for the work he did. Solomon, whose name means "peaceful," was to be a man of peace. The kingdom of Israel had been made strong and powerful. The nations about it had been overcome, and made tributary to it. It was not necessary for him to fight as his father had done. He was to be a man of devotion. God would receive him as His son, and be to him as a Father. These were no doubt very consoling words to David, for Solomon was young and without experience. All people may be God's adopted children, and have Him for their father. He will be light in darkness, strength in weakness, wisdom in ignorance, and love in hatred. He would also establish the "throne of his kingdom."

IV.—Preparing to Build the House. When David learned that Solomon, and not himself, was to erect the temple, he did not become angry and say, "If I cannot be first, I will not be second." If the Lord will not allow me to do what I desire, I will do nothing. He was too wise and good for that. But he began to arrange for his son to build the house. (1) He secured a location. He bought of Ornan, the Jebusite, the threshing floor on which he had erected the altar and offered the sacrifices that stayed the plague. He likely secured with it the whole of Mount Moriah. This spot of ground belonged to a Jebusite, and may point to the happy setting up of the Gospel temple among the Gentiles. It was a threshing floor, and may indicate the trials through which the church would pass. There was in that place the winnowing fan. Christ's fan is His hand. This was the spot where Abraham offered Isaac, and where God had answered David with fire from heaven. Much is gained by the right location of churches. (2) He secured men and put them to work opening quarries and dressing stones for the new building. He also sent workmen into the forests of the surrounding governments to prepare timber for the house of God. The Zidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar wood in abundance to David. Building a magnificent temple is not the work of a day; neither can a firm Christian character be erected in a short period. (3) In his trouble, or labor, or self-denial, he had secured iron, brass, silver and gold in great quantities for the house of God. It was not God's plan for David to erect the temple, yet he got the work greatly under way before he died. Solomon was at this time young. He was at that age when men are least disposed to serve God. Possibly if David had not begun the work, the house would never have been built. Fathers should encourage their sons in every effort to serve God. Often when a father in Israel falls he has no son to take his place. The hope of the future church is in the young, but the stay of the church of to-day is in the middle aged and old.

V.—Advising Solomon About Building the House.

1. Calling. "He called for his son." God calls every day to His children to draw near to Him. He also invites the wicked to come to Him and receive life. He calls through His word, Gospel and Spirit. All have the ability to receive Him.

2. Commanding. "Build the house of the Lord thy God." The Lord has something for every one to do that He calls to Himself. He may not wish to send all into the vineyard. But every one may prepare his soul as a living stone for that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

3. Blessing.—Intellectual. "The Lord give thee wisdom and understanding." Wisdom is that faculty of the mind by which we discern the best result of life, the most suitable thing to be done and the most appropriate way of doing it. The ability to attain wisdom is a gift from God, but securing it is a work of ours.

Spiritual.—"That thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God." The law here likely refers to the moral and civil laws that governed Israel. Solomon did not keep either the letter or spirit of them.

Influence.—The Lord "give thee charge concerning Israel." Knowledge and piety always bring honor and renown. The king desired his son to so live that he would gain the confidence and esteem of the people. The

church and the young are two facts about which every one should be concerned.

Blessing.—"Then shall thou prosper." The wicked are sometimes successful, but their methods may always be called in question. Usually they rest on a sandy foundation. Success and not uprightness is their aim. But the godly are not so. They proceed in an honest, straightforward way. The man who is prudent, industrious and saving will rise. God will build him up. He also exhorted Solomon to be "of good courage." They are much like the words of Moses to Joshua. Jehovah has no use for a moral coward.

Exhortation.—"Arise and be doing." There was no time for delay. The king was old, and death was sure. The Lord's work requires haste. Temples must be erected and the people instructed. May all work while it is day.

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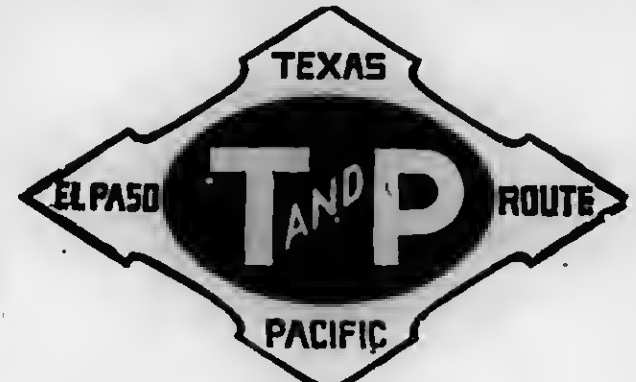
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## GET THERE!

Are you, brother, sometimes weary  
Of the labors of the day?  
Do your feet, sometimes, most falter  
Long some stony, thorny way?  
Stand up, brother! Don't you fall!  
Break a trace before you stall!

Are your hands, sometimes, most ready  
To lay down a heavy task?  
Do you, sometimes, have a longin'  
For your life to end at last?  
Stand up, brother! Never fall!  
Break a trace before you stall!

Pull your best, whate'er the burden,  
Use your strength with might and main  
Better roads are just before you,  
When you get beyond the lane.  
Stand up, brother! Make the haul!  
Break a trace before you stall!  
Ram's Horn.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The little doers are great talkers.

The world belongs to the patient man.

Make your business a matter of prayer.

Church loyalty pre-supposes a knowledge of your church.

If every man attended to his own business how happy the other fellow would be.

We think his death warrants a more extended notice and shall take occasion to publish something of the kind next week if possible.

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Study the advertisements of the colleges and schools we carry and select one to which to send your child or attend yourself. If you wish to know more of either write for catalogue.

The cotton crop is greatly injured, some think it is cut off one-third and others one-half. It is said that in North Louisiana the birds, squirrels and even deer are going to the farmers' wells for water.

In the last General Conference the matter of re-baptizing those who have been baptized in infancy was fully discussed and it was finally decided to remove the foot note following paragraph 47, which states that re-baptism under such circumstances is inconsistent with the nature and design of baptism. This change will leave our pastors free to baptize such persons if they insist on having it done. Conscientious pastors have lost many members by not feeling free to re-baptize some who demanded it.

Shall the Southwestern continue in New Orleans? is the question that the General Conference authorized the Book Committee to decide during this quadrennium. Their first meeting will be held in February; you have from now till then to work to retain it. Let every pastor and friend interested send in a list of subscribers at once.

Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, has tendered his resignation. He is for the election of Bryan and Sewell, who are running on a platform different from that in which Mr. Cleveland believes; possibly he feels he cannot be loyal to the president and support the Democratic nominees.

## A KNIGHTLY WATCHMAN GOES TO HIS REST.

When a man does not possess elements of greatness you cannot make a great man of him; but when he does, circumstances cannot prevent his being great. If a man born under such circumstances as was Rev. Emperor Williams, forces to the front in spite of opposition and hardships, there can be no doubt that he was born to be great. We are called to record his death and notify our readers that Emperor Williams is no more. He passed to his reward Tuesday in last week at 2 o'clock. His funeral was conducted at the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, this city, of which Rev. T. J. Johnson is pastor and was participated in by all our ministers of this city and vicinity who knew of his death and could arrange to be present. He has not been well for some time but a change for the worse took place quite unexpectedly a day or two before his demise.

Bro. Williams has been a remarkable man in his time and was so regarded by all his brethren. He began preaching in the dark days of slavery and fought his way through to freedom in rather a peculiar manner. His master allowed him to go and preach where he pleased because, after finding that Williams was writing his own passes for this purpose, he said: "Go preach until you die; I am tired of you and your God, bottering me so much."

He was a born mechanic and when on a certain occasion his master had a difficult piece of cornice work on the corner of Perdido and Carondelet streets, New Orleans, not fifty yards from where we write this, he told Williams, after all the other mechanics, white and colored, had failed, that he should have his freedom if he would do this work; he did it, and secured his freedom.

He was among the original twelve men who helped organize the Mississippi Mission Conference in 1865 and has, during all these years, been greatly honored by the church. He was a delegate to the General Conference in '76; served for years as pastor and nearly twenty years a presiding elder. He continued effective up to about three years ago.

He said to Rev. T. G. Montgomery a few hours before his death: "Tell all good bye, I am going home, meet me there." This message should be an encouragement to the aged and an inspiration to the young. The Louisiana Conference and the church have lost a man who really outdid lowly and unfavorable circumstances and became great.

## BAD ENOUGH, BUT NOT SO BAD AS OUR BROTHER SEEMS TO THINK.

When in the city of New Orleans last winter, the writer hereof had occasion to hunt up the editorial office of a weekly Christian paper. Following the directions, he found it on one of the worst streets, in a business point of view, in the city. It was located immediately over a saloon of the vilest character. The office entrance was through a long, narrow passage, and then up a dark stairway, rickety and foul. Once on the inside of the office, the surroundings were decidedly brighter, but the windows had been painted over in order to shut out the sights that otherwise would disgust the editor and his assistants, from without. Some time later the publisher was asked why he did not rent an office in a different street and with better surroundings. His reply was this: "I have been struggling for two years to secure decent quarters for this publication. Two or three times, through agents, I have almost secured an excellent suite of rooms in a good building on a first-class street, but the moment it was known that the editor of this paper was a Negro the negotiations were cut short."

No respectable office building in the city of New Orleans is open for lease to a colored man.—California Christian Advocate.

But for the fact that we learn from our business manager that the editor of the paper from which we take the above did pay this office a visit last winter, and the further fact that some of the ear marks described lead us to think that the animal we have just left is evidently the one to which he refers, we would keep perfectly quiet and try to persuade ourselves that another office is meant. But under the circumstances we shall come near enough to an acknowledgement to ask: Do you mean the Southwestern office? If so, to keep any one from supposing there was anything "wrong" with Editor Matthews when he reached this point, we acknowledge that Poydras, as a business street, is not as good as some others; the passage is long and narrow; the stairway was not well lighted and did groan a little when a person weighty and shaky passed over them; but the saloon, O horrors, what could have been the matter with our brother that he did not know a press-room from a saloon! That was previous to the meeting of the General Conference and we were not connected with this paper, but it is a fact that the building in which the Southwestern had its office up to the first of August, '96, was used, from ground floor to attic for pressrooms, type setting and offices. The question with us then, is where did our guest find that "saloon" of the vilest character? There is not one within a square of our old office. We have heard of persons who could see ghosts, and of others being in such condition as to see snakes, but we have never yet heard of any one, not even an editor from the West, who could not tell a besmeared, noisy, uninviting pressroom from what is commonly called a saloon. Since it cannot possibly be anything else, it must be innocence; he wouldn't know a saloon were he to see one.

As to renting another office, we do not know how it was then; but we started out a few days since to secure an office and while several did refuse us for reasons best known to themselves, we too refused to rent a number for reasons best known to us. Some did think we ought both be white or both be colored; but when we assured them we are both just as we were born and that it is now too late to make any change, they made no further objections. Suffice it to say we were offered rooms in the Globe Insurance buildings one of the best offices in the city. We have nothing to say to justify Southern prejudice but do not desire things to be colored worse than they are.

## ENCOURAGING.

The income from Debt-paying Day is gradually and constantly growing, and promises to continue through September and October. It has now almost reached \$40,000, and less than one in four of the pastoral charges have been heard from.

If every pastor will present the case to his people and take a special offering, Oct. 31 will see our treasury free from debt. Let the good work go on until every charge in Methodism shall have been heard from.

A. B. Leonard.

The above note from Dr. Leonard explains itself. We are sure there are a number of our pastors who have not taken a collection yet to help pay the debt of our Missionary Society. Then, too, there are many no doubt who took the collection and have not sent it in; in either case do so at once.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HOW "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" AFFECTING SLAVERY.

Prof. A. W. McKinney.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" affected slavery as fire affects fusk. It burned the life out of it. It was a scorching heat applied to the green tree. It parched its branches, withered its leaves, drove its sap downward and it never budged again.

To fully appreciate the work of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe we must read her book with certain facts concerning slavery in mind. A few such facts I enumerate as follows:

1. That the system rested upon a false foundation; that the African race was naturally inferior to other races; that it was intended by the creator for a servant of servants, and the system further taught that because God had created the African inferior, he had adapted him to the order for which he was intended by depriving him of the sensibilities and affections, such as the superior races possessed. The system taught, that if the negro loved, he did not love as the white man.

Hence his children could be sold, his wife could be sold and families separated and all the ties of kindred sundered forever and without sin on the part of his master.

Secondly, this false foundation was protected by authority.

Science, law and religion were all made to say amen to the preaching of the false prophets.

Surgeons found that under their knives the negro did not spasm when operated upon as did the white man. Hence the cowardly, to him, was to be regarded more as the spur to the horse or the lash to the ox than as punishment to human beings such as white men.

The politician regarded it as an institution fixed as the lasting hills, immovable as the mountains, and as essential to the material interests of the country as the running streams.

The statesman, judge, governor or ruler of whatever rank or name found it no part of his duty to interfere with slavery but only to legislate in the master's favor.

In the sense of the constitution the negro was no more one of the people than was the ox or the mule.

Hence the declaration of Judge Taney: "The negro has no rights that a white man is bound to respect."

The minister in his pulpit on the Lord's day preached long sermons to prove that God was a slave holder, that slavery was a divine institution; and then bowed upon his knees and employed the benediction of heaven upon his false doctrine.

Doctors of Divinity wrote book after book to convince themselves and the rest of mankind that slavery was a divine institution.

To speak, to write or to think against slavery was regarded an evidence of insanity.

Abolitionist was only another name for lunatic.

It was at such a time as this that Mrs. Stowe appeared upon the scene and called up Uncle Tom and made him walk before the gaze of all countries. She made him speak, and cry and pray in twenty different languages, and then asks all who heard and saw if this be not the walk, the speech, the cry and the prayer of a human being?

She brought forth George, the husband of Eliza, a manly fellow, and shows his affection for his wife, and his love of liberty and then calls upon the world to decide if such be not the affection of a brother kind.

Mr. Haley, the negro trader, is pictured in his true light. He is not a gentleman as his work, like that of the professional robber, has destroyed all the finer qualities of the man and left in him only the brute. One cannot help drawing a contrast between Haley and Mr. Shelby. We must see also that though many good Christian women like Mrs. Shelby were found among the slave holders, what was it worth when the negro trader came along?

Again we must see that Uncle Tom's Cabin gave a new interpretation to the scripture and a new thread leading from the pulpit to the throne. It is easy to see that Mrs. Stowe stood between the pulpit and the throne. In her child-like simplicity she stood

nearer the throne of God than any false priest or doctor of divinity dared approach and turned on a light which exposed all their error.

When Mrs. Shelby found that Uncle Tom and Eliza's boy were sold she was enraged.

Her husband, Mr. Shelby, undertook to pacify her and referred her to the learned sermon of Dr.

on the Sunday previous; but Mrs. Shelby denounced the sermon and said she did not want to hear that preacher any more. This and other passages of similar import have made many a pro-slavery clergyman gape and sneeze.

Never to Archer direct his arrows with more precision. Her shafts were sent high deep into the human heart, her book was the smooth stone of the shepherd boy that smote the giant between the eyes and felled him prostrate.

Her book made the world angry with slavery and thus nerved the arm that was to cut off the giant's head.

Before the armies of the union met and defeated those of the rebellion on the fields of Vicksburg, Gettysburg and Richmond, Mrs. Stowe called up all the slumbering affections of the human heart, armed them with eternal right and sent them forth against greed, gain and lust. In the plans of the human soul they fought as Wolf and Montcalm fought on the plains of Abraham, till right overcame and error fled.

Much more might be said as to how men were, by this book prepared for the emancipation of the slaves. But if those who have read the book will read it again and those who have not read it be induced to do so, then this paper will have served its purpose.

Some of the noblest sentiments found in speeches of our statesmen, including Abraham Lincoln, have their origin in Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The years roll round and steal away; and in their laps they carry those who loved us and those we love.

Philips, Garrison, Haven, Lincoln and Douglass are gone. Mrs. Stowe now joins the sweating number of those who rest from their labors. But there is something about them which we cannot surrender. Their good works are their memorial.

If there were no other immortality even this is sufficient to teach us that our labor is not in vain, the prayer with which she begins her work is a fitting close to this paper. She says:

"It is a comfort to hope that as so many of the world's sorrows have been lived down \* \* \* So a time will come when sketches like these shall be valuable only as memorials of what has long ceased to be."

How well is this fulfilled in our day.

What an encouragement to work and wait!

Huntsville, Ala.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Una.

Presiding Elder Brooks has visited eight camp meetings on his district and reports a healthy reform in the management of most of them.

The irrepressible singing and praying band is the rage. Officially no connection with the church, responsible to no authority, they monopolize all the singing and praying or none at all. Some of them carry a few professional mourners along as decoy ducks; when the meeting warms to a certain heat, these mourners rise, scream and rush to the altar. They act their part well. More work for wide-awake pastors—train, train, and not kill them.

Rev. S. H. Brown, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, has remodeled his church, new entrance, gothic windows, modern pulpit with choir in rear, new spire, painted without, frescoed within, a thing of beauty.

The Rev. John H. Brice of Richmond, Virginia, is a decided success in the capital of the old Dominion.

The superior qualities of a great commander are shown to best advantage when he is under fire. Rev. S. R. Hughes has brought his bark safely through the tempest, not a man lost, no material injury to that blessed old ship. The storm is over and he is a wiser and better man for standing at the helm.

Mr. Thomas Naylor, the bachelor brother of Rev. M. J. Naylor, died recently. He was worth considerable money and did not forget his only brother.



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Sister Laurence, wife of the Rev. George S. Laurence, passed to her reward since my last letter.

The Revs. C. A. Leftwich, and T. O. Carroll are on the sick list.

## LEXINGTON CONFERENCE NOTES.

By Lux.

We have now four Presiding Elder Districts: Presiding Elder Courtney, admitted in 1873, served as presiding elder 9 years; Presiding Elder Johnson, admitted in 1876, served as presiding elder 5 years; Presiding Elder Sissle, admitted in 1880, served as presiding elder 6 years; Presiding Elder Gilliam, admitted in 1888, served as presiding elder 3 years.

Question of division of conference is agitating the brethren.

The new church at Shelbyville, Ky., nears completion.

New church, unfinished, at Terre Haute is \$800 in debt.

Connersville church looks nice since remodeled and painted.

Simpson Chapel is being nicely painted.

Rev. A. Posey, at Richville, is sick with paralysis.

Camp meeting at Shelbyville, Ind., conducted by Revs. Gilliam, Dupree and Leggett.

Rev. E. A. White at Ninth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, is moving things.

Rev. L. M. Hagood, D. D., was offered presidency of Wiley University by E. A. S.

Epworth League district paper at Connersville, Ind.

Camp meeting at Louisville run by Revs. Ferguson, Wilson and Luckett. Rev. Sissle is a big man. Its a girl!

Indiana District Conference at Evansville a success.

Who owns that gray mare? More anon.

## NOTICE.

The Board of Church Extension of the Atlanta Annual Conference will meet in Loyd Street Church Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

G. W. Arnold, President.

## IN A NUTSHELL.

Potting aside all altruistic considerations and all concern for the country, and looking at the single issue of this year's election in no other light than how it will affect one's own self, that question may be summed up very tersely thus:

If you are working for a salary, the success of the "Free Silver" crusade will cut that down.

If you are working for daily or weekly wages, it will reduce them.

If your income comes, wholly or in part, from interest on investments, it will reduce that income.

If you have any savings, in savings banks or elsewhere, they will be cut in two.

If you are in receipt of a pension, it will be cut.

If you have anything in life insurance, it will share the general reduction in value.

If you have regular employment, there will be some additional hazard of not retaining it; if you want to find employment, it will be additionally difficult to do so.

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ment or amplification. The results stated are not predictions merely—they are certainties, if any faith can be put in the teachings of history and the known laws of exchanges.

Of course, men will not knowingly vote to half destroy their own property, and so this statement of results may perhaps seem too sweeping; it may seem that "Free Silver" cannot be a dangerous thing or so many people (apparently) would not be in favor of it. But observe that we just said "knowingly." Many a dire result is produced unknowingly. People do not understand the subject—not a few of them do not even pretend to. For instance, it is probable that not more than two out of five "silver" men—outside of the producers of the metal, who are chiefly interested in it—even have a correct idea of what "15 to 1" means.—Independent.

## FAMOUS BOYS.

A Swedish boy fell out of a window and was severely hurt, but, with clenched lips he kept back the cry of pain. The king, Gustavus Adolphus, who saw the fall, prophesied that that boy would make a man for an emergency; and so he did, for he became the famous Gen. Baner.

A woman fell off the dock in Italy. She was fat and frightened. No one of the crowd dared to jump in after her; but a boy struck the water almost as soon as she, and managed to keep her up until stronger arms got hold of her. Everybody said the boy was very daring, very kind, very quick, but also very reckless, for he might have been drowned. The boy was Garibaldi, and if you will read his life you will find these were just his traits all through—that he was so alert that nobody could tell when he would make an attack with his red-shirted soldiers; so indiscreet sometimes as to make his fellow-patriots wish he was in Guinea, but also so brave and magnanimous that all the world, except tyrants, loved to hear and talk about him.

A boy used to crush flowers to get their color, and painted the white side of his father's cottage in Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineers gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pot and brushes, easel and stool, and said: "That boy will beat me some day." And so he did, for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the middle he said to himself: "Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it. So here goes!" and he flung the book out into the river. He was Fichte, one great German philosopher.—Herald.

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Shreveport District Conference convened in Mount Zion M. E. Church, Vanceville, La., August 6th, 1896, Rev. H. James, presiding elder, in the chair.

J. A. Tirault was unanimously elected secretary; G. F. Huntly and A. G. Miller, assistants. J. O. Brown was elected statistical secretary, and S. R. Hasam, S. A. Mason, Jno. D. Brightop and W. J. Walker, assistants.

All the members of the conference answered to their names with a few exceptions.

The presiding elder made a few brief remarks touching the duty of each member of the district conference which set everybody to thinking as to the best means to be used in reaching the desired ends.

The report of the presiding elder was a general summary of the condition and work of the district. The report was well received. At this juncture resolutions complimentary to the presiding elder were read and approved.

Prof. A. G. Miller delivered the welcome address. He made quite an impression on those whose privilege it was to hear him. He was ably responded to by Rev. W. Scott Chinn on the part of the conference. Then the conference settled down to business. The usual questions were asked and answers given. The work of the conference was dispatched with all the regularity and precision desirable.

Some very interesting and instructive papers were read by the brethren.

The paper on the Southwestern Christian Advocate was carefully prepared and well written. After its reading the conference took up the residue of the evening in discussing the value of the paper to us. Nearly all the brethren spoke on it with much force and feeling and promised renewed efforts in the circulation of the paper among their people. Some subscriptions were taken and sent down.

The religious services at night were well attended and highly appreciated by the people, and much good was done.

The Rev. Scott Chinn rendered much valued services at different times, when opportunity permitted, in the discharge of the duties placed upon him by the conference. His "Ministerial Institute" among the brethren was highly gratifying and instructive, and was pronounced by all who attended it as a rare treat of a very high order. God bless him. He will make his mark in life.

Too much praise cannot be lavished upon the good and generous people of Vanceville for the marked hospitality shown the conference and the much appreciated entertainment given them.

The conference was one of interest and profit.

The usual resolutions were read and approved and then the Shreveport District Conference adjourned sine die.

The Secretary.

The Huntsville District Conference of the Central Alabama Conference convened in Decatur August 6th. The conference was largely attended. Rev. Ham and his people entertained the conference royally.

The reports of the presiding elder and pastors showed progress all over the district.

Reports showed that \$124.14 had been raised for benevolent causes.

The next conference will be held at Athens. N. H. Speight, Secy.

## Natchitoches District Conference.

The fourth session of this conference was held at Boyce, La., from Aug. 5th to Aug. 10th. It was presided over by Rev. H. Joshua Wright, P. E.

I am pleased to say without fear of contradiction that this conference is second to none in the state. Her position is in the foremost ranks for God and Methodism.

The sessions were interesting and full of life. The members were well disciplined and everything moved along nicely and smoothly.

Rev. W. Scott Chinn, our own little Chinn, who has just graduated with honors from Gammon Theological Seminary was with us and rendered valuable service in conducting the preacher's institute. His lectures were rich and spicy. His words were eloquent and powerful in the advocacy of Christ and his church.

We had the pleasure of welcoming

into our district another son of Gammon, who has come to join hand and heart with us as one of the co-laborers in this district. He is now stationed at Natchitoches as pastor of Asbury M. E. Church. May he be led by that omnipotent hand and do the work of him who sent him.

Dr. Chinn delivered an able discourse on Africa, and on Sunday he eulogized our once co-laborer and beloved Bro. Geo. W. Wells, who has gone to that city where the spirits of just men are made perfect.

On Saturday and Sunday the crowd was immense. People gathered from all the surrounding vicinity. They came from all railroad towns.

Among those present from Alexandria were Mrs. Rev. H. J. Wright and her estimable daughter, Miss Janie Wright, a graduate of New Orleans University and now a teacher in Delhi Academy.

We were pleased also to meet Sister Virginia Mitchell, a sister of the P. E.; she is a warrior for God. Sister Feta Pipes was present, also Sisters McGlocklin, Galston, Mellarrison and many others whose names the writer failed to get.

Prof. Cornelius of the Alexandria Academy was present and took a conspicuous part in the memorial exercises.

The love-feast which took place on Sunday morning is one long to be remembered. Every person present was presented with a beautiful napkin and a card with verses from the Bible which they arose and read in turn.

It was quite pleasing to see the little eight-year-old son of Rev. H. G. Goldston arise and read his card loud, clear and distinct. Brethren pray that the child may grow up and be a stalwart in the cause of Christ and Methodism.

Rev. J. J. Obee, our genial secretary, rendered valuable service in lecturing on our schools, churches, medical institutes, etc.

On the last day of the conference the brethren, in token of the high esteem and love they have for the presiding elder for the faithful discharge of his duties, presented him with a beautiful basket.

Too much praise can't be given to Elder Wright for his untiring zeal and indefatigable work he has done to place this district in the first and foremost rank. He is the right man in the right place. May God bless the man and crown his efforts with success.

The good people of Boyce received and entertained us nicely. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Weston, of Boyce, and was responded to by Rev. J. J. Obee.

The committee on reception is to be highly complimented for the faithful discharge of their duties, as well as Revs. D. Shelby and J. W. Lewis, pastors. Yours in Christ,

An Humble Soldier of the Cross.

The tenth session of the South New Orleans District Conference convened in Asbury Chapel, Centerville, La., Aug. 19, 1896, at 2 p. m. Rev. Pierre Landry presiding. He called the meeting to order. After appropriate remarks C. H. Penilton was elected secretary pro tem, and called the roll; 50 members answered.

Rev. D. J. Price was elected secretary; assistants, C. H. Penilton, S. E. Little and Rev. F. D. Bowers.

Rev. W. R. Butler was elected statistical secretary; assistants, Revs. C. Monroe, F. Walker, D. M. Seals, Bro. A. W. B. Bailey, D. S. Shan and Miss L. E. Alton.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne was elected treasurer; S. Priestly and Thos. McCary assistants.

Rev. B. M. Hubbard, reporter. Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor.

Hon. G. G. Walker delivered the welcome address; responded to by Revs. C. D. Shallowhorne, Pierre Landry and Dr. A. E. P. Albert.

The usual committees were appointed.

The presiding elder and eighteen pastors made their reports, which showed a collection of \$22.65 raised for Freedman's Aid Society.

Drs. M. C. B. Munson and A. E. 12 Albert held the C. A. anniversary at the Camp Grounds and the people were electrified by their speeches. Dr. Albert called special attention to Gilbert Academy and Industrial College. Dr. I. B. Scott spoke concerning the Southwestern Christian Advocate; subject, "True Leadership."

The following resolutions were offered:

Whereas, the late General conference in session assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1896, saw fit in its wisdom to elevate the Rev. L. B. Scott, D. D., late president of Wiley University, to the editorial staff of the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That we stand by Dr. Scott and give him our substantial support.

Resolved, further, That we see to it that the Southwestern is put in every home on the South New Orleans District.

Resolved, further, That this District Conference give him at least fifteen cash subscribers at this session.

Signed, Thos. McCary, R. M. Hubbard, D. J. Price.

The local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, president of Epworth League chapters, representative class leaders reported. Also the Woman's Home Mission Society held its District Convention, all which showed interest, improvement and advancement on all lines.

Greetings were received from North New Orleans, Monroe, Natchitoches and Baton Rouge district Conferences and were reciprocated.

A telegram containing the sad news of the death of Rev. J. W. Hudson, late pastor of St. James Church, Shreveport, was read to the conference, after which conference suspended business for fifteen minutes to hold appropriate services on his life and death, led by Rev. S. Priestly.

Resolutions touching Drs. Mason, Albert, Hammond, Adkinson and Godman, and Revs. Pierre Landry and L. P. Cushman were offered.

Thanks were tendered the pastor, members and Rev. Leonard and Valsin Hernandez of the Baptist church and friends.

The following visitors were introduced: Revs. M. Thompson, A. B. Leonard, Valsin Hernandez, A. Mitchell, F. L. Logan of the A. M. E. church; Mrs. Laura Ghee and George Lange.

One person baptised, Honora, La., selected as the place for the seat of the next conference.

Six persons joined the church. Amounts raised all told, \$145.25.

D. J. Price, Secretary. R. M. Hubbard, Reporter.

## TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUE OF THE GREENWOOD DISTRICT.

Fellow Leaguers:—You will please remember that there was an assessment of six dollars and fifty cents put upon each chapter, for the purpose of completing our District Epworth League church at Lexington; but for some unknown reason many of you have failed to comply with the demand. The church is well constructed and beautifully situated; but it needs completing. It is one of which all should be proud. It is not only for its members, but for you and me.

Let us all rally to its support, considering that our league, as well as our line, is what we make it; thus lessening the burden of our esteemed presiding elder, W. E. Mask, who has so ardently labored that we may stand parallel to any other district.

Please forward the money to Rev. W. H. Humbley, pastor of the church, Lexington, Miss. I remain yours for God and humanity.

P. W. Howard, Jr., Pres.

Major J. C. Andrews, the genial agent of the Southern Railway, received yesterday a notification from the adjutant general of the state that he had been appointed to the governor's staff as aid-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Major, now Colonel, Andrews is one of the most popular members of the staff, and his promotion will be gratifying news to a wide circle of his friends.

The Southern Railway has introduced a grateful novelty into their passenger service. Hereafter the ordinary day-coaches will be provided with detectors and spark-arresters, just as the Pullman cars are. The travelling public knows what a comfort these are to the passengers, as they shield one entirely from the dust and dirt which make a railway journey a thing full of misery.

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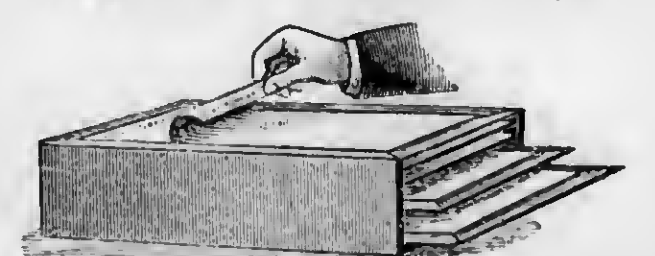
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**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?**

The city churches are going to furnish the Southwestern office. The Methodists of this city and vicinity have the feeling that The Southwestern office ought to be headquarters for Methodism and that our rooms should be so fitted that they will not be ashamed to call with their friends at any time. They think such a condition of affairs will not only enable us to sell more books and such other supplies as we may have on hand, but advertise the paper and come nearer representing the great church to which we belong. The whole thing is they feel a just pride in Methodism.

Hence at a recent session of the Preachers' Meeting the following named pastors and presiding elders subscribed on behalf of their congregations and districts and propose to raise the money by the first Sunday in September, viz: Rev. Henry Taylor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, Rev. D. W. Boatner, Rev. J. H. Hilton, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorn, Rev. D. J. Price, Rev. Frank Walker, Rev. T. G. Montgomery, Rev. B. Bolden, Rev. Stephen Priestly, Rev. W. H. Butler, Rev. Frank Harvey, Rev. Charles Monroe, Rev. Wm. Davis, Rev. D. G. Butler, Rev. Eugene Baptiste, Rev. Wm. Porter, Rev. Stephen Duncan, Rev. J. W. Pierce, Rev. Pierre Landry, Rev. J. F. Marshall.

The following committee was appointed to see to the furnishing at once: Revs. T. J. Johnson, Henry Taylor, W. H. Butler, D. J. Price, T. G. Montgomery, Chas. Monroe and J. H. Hilton.

As soon as we are straight our friends are invited to call.

**WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR SERMONS?**

Few, if any sermons are ever greater, broader or deeper than the heart of the man who produces them. The greatness of a sermon depends on whether a man preaches it out of his prejudices or out of his heart and mind clearly moved by and under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Its breadth depends upon the breadth of the man—the mind that produces it. A little narrow man will preach a little narrow sermon; sometimes narrowing it down to getting even with some individual against whom he holds a grudge.

The depth of a sermon may be measured by the preacher's knowledge of men and things. This depends upon what a man knows.

Our thought along this line has led us to ask: Where do you get your sermons? Every great man ought of course preach great sermons; and a preacher of the Gospel is great in proportion as he is lead by Him whose Gospel he proclaims. He is to collect the material, make the necessary preparation and seek to have the whole colored and blessed by the Holy Spirit. The most thorough preparation possible to be made needs to be permeated by this heavenly influence in order that the sermon be what is claimed for it—a message from the Master.

Every sermon is more or less colored by a man's modes of thought, peculiarities and prejudices, and will be reduced to a simple expression of his opinion on this or that subject unless he is in such complete league with the Holy Ghost that his words fall upon the people as coming from God. We would not destroy a man's individuality in the sense that he is not to be himself as distinct from every other man. We grant him all that is his by nature; for we recognize the fact that one preacher may be mild and another harsh; one may be pointed and direct while another is gentle and even apparently listless, and in many ways one may show his individuality more clearly than another; and yet every preacher of the Gospel must draw his supplies from the same source. The Holy Ghost can use any sensible man, and we do not believe any others are called to preach, whatever his individual peculiar-

ities. All depends, however, on how far a man is willing to follow His guidance. If there be any point at which his individuality conflicts with the Holy Spirit, there is where man must yield. The preacher is not to lose his individuality to be like some other man or as some other man wants him to be, but it is his duty to be what God wants him to be. When a man preaches the Gospel under such circumstances his message will be received and he will accomplish good.

Much then depends on where you get your sermons. A sermon well prepared by a sound mind and blessed by the Spirit is bound to be helpful to some one. It will cheer the wearied traveler, arouse the sinning, or recall the backslider. Where do you get your sermon? Is it a divine message or a discourse dictated by your prejudices and prompted by spite. Does it come from a great human heart moved by your love for dying men or the outcome of dislike or hatred for some one or more individuals. Brethren, be sure your sermon is a message from the Savior to dying men.

**GIVE US A PLAN TO TAKE THE COLLECTION QUICKLY.**

While in the pulpit with a pastor in this city a few days since, he turned to us and said: "I wish you could give me a plan by which we can take you could give me a plan by which we can take our collection in a shorter time; as it is now, it takes nearly as long as is required to preach the sermon." In reply we told him we would think the matter over. Now then we desire any of our readers who feel interested to send us a plan for taking the collection quickly. Do not make your communications too long for we may need to publish a number of them. State your plan in about as many words as you can get on a postal card. It is certainly time we were making some change on this line, so let the wisdom of our territory be turned on the question, how to take the collection quickly and effectively.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

The daughter of Rev. T. G. Montgomery is quite sick.

The papers reported Bishop Merrill very sick; but it turns they were mistaken, he is only tired.

Rev. Thos. McCary, of Thibodeaux, and Rev. J. L. Burrell, of the Missionary Baptist Church, this city, gave us a pleasant call.

Rev. A. A. Lacy, pastor Shady Grove, called to see us. He says his work is alive. He has a good and loyal people.

Ex-Gov. David L. Francis, of Missouri, succeeds Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, as Secretary of the Interior.

Dr. L. G. Adkinson, president New Orleans University, has returned from his Northern trip. He looks well.

The many friends of the Rev. F. Harvey, Louisiana Conference, will be pained to learn that Mrs. Harvey continues feeble and has been for months.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, is on the program for the Ocean Grove camp meeting at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Bishop Newman is not in politics, but when he wishes to say a thing or two on that line he just says it, that's all.

Bishops Mallalieu and Ninde preside at our Southern conferences this fall. Both will be gladly received. Bishop Ninde has never presided at our Texas conferences before.

Miss Nellie V. Landry, of this city, a student of New Orleans University, is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. I. M. Terrell, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Mrs. Pierre Landry is visiting old friends and relatives in Mansfield, La. Both will return in September.

A note from the Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, Secretary of the Louisiana Conference informs us that the Rev. F. M. Lashington, pastor of our

church at Lake Providence, La., has been suspended until the next session of the conference. Brethren are cautioned to take due notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Missionary Secretary, will visit the Tennessee, East Tennessee and Central Tennessee Conferences in his official tour this fall. Give him a royal welcome.

Rev. J. F. Marshall, P. E., Baton Rouge District, says: "The pastor who succeeds on any other plan than such as are in full accord with God's word, succeeds more for the devil than for God." Think of it.

Rev. M. P. Franklin says: "To be a good Methodist every member needs a discipline and the Southwestern. Sensible man!"

Mr. Frank A. Arter, 230 Euclid ave., Cleveland, O., is still selling the General Conference chairs at 75 cents each, which is half price. Besides he has 600 cane seat chairs at 35 cents each. These were occupied by visitors. The purchaser pays freight.

Bishop Taylor writes his wife that he is greatly improved since he feels himself relieved of the responsibilities of the great office he relinquished to Bishop Hartzell at the last General Conference. His voice is returning and he now finds himself able to sing. Mrs. Taylor says she would have accompanied him had she been well.

**THE FALL HAS COME.**

Now, brethren, "the fall" has come and since crops are being harvested early in our territory, what is done toward securing subscribers must be done at once. Take annuals if you can, and for a shorter time if you must. Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, Little Rock, sent us eight annual subscribers with Elder E. Henderson, West Texas, and Rev. J. P. Calvin, Texas close seconds. Wake up.

**THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN.**

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It has been suggested within our hearing that Major McKinley remains at home and gets as many audiences as he wishes to address, while Mr. Bryan goes around looking for his. Well, we suppose the difference is that Mr. Bryan is after the people and he is drumming them up, and the people are after Major McKinley and they are drumming him up. Time will tell.

Women.—Arkansas has decided that married women are personally responsible for loans negotiated by themselves. With the acquisition of other rights comes this one also. Contracts signed by themselves are binding upon themselves.—For the first time in the history of this country women have been accepted as jurors. Judge Horton, sitting in the Criminal court in Chicago, accepted two women whose names had been taken from the poll list by the jury clerks, but who said they were willing to serve.—The Rhode Island House of Representatives has defeated the bill, passed by the Senate, granting women the right of suffrage.—Christian Statesman.

There are some persons whom to meet always afterwards gives one a greater courage and hope, as if there were more nobleness and high purpose in the world than one thinks.—C. L. Bruce.

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all the power of going out of one's self, and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

Doubting does not necessarily indicate backsliding; it sometimes shows a serious, thinking mind disposed to ponder well that which it reads, and the doubt once disposed of and removed, lets in a flood of light all the greater for having been temporarily withheld.







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### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### NOTICE.

Center Point, Ark.—To the Brethren of the Hot Springs District:—Every brother that expects to come to the district conference Sept. 15th, please inform me at once. Every brother and his delegate come to Nashville, Ark., on the 10th. Come prepared for work. Brethren please write me.  
A. T. Stephens, P. E.

#### VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

The District Conference, Sunday school and Epworth League Convention will be held at Fayette, Miss., commencing Tuesday evening, Oct. 13th, 1896.

The committee will furnish an interesting programme, which will appear in the Southwestern later.

Thursday, Oct. 15th, will be Sunday School day.

Friday, Oct. 16th, Epworth League day.

We want to make this the best conference in the history of the district.

Each Sunday school will elect a delegate at the third quarterly conference beside one of their superintendents, and each Epworth League Chapter one delegate besides its president.

Let each pastor be prepared to report that the whole benevolent apportionment of his charge has been raised. Push the revival work.

Yours truly, S. A. Cowan, P. E.

#### DALLAS DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: This brings us to the close of our year's work, and it is hoped that each charge will bring up all benevolent money, you know when at the District Conference in Fort Worth we, with few exceptions, rendered good reports; so when we go to Chero let us have no blanks in our statistics. We also hope that we will not forget the reports of the committee on periodicals and those ringing resolutions offered favoring the Southwestern Christian Advocate and its new editor.

Brethren, it would surprise you to hear some of your best members say to the presiding elder, when he speaks about the paper, "Well, our pastors never say a word about the paper."

We have eleven hundred members on the Dallas District and about thirty who take the paper, a very poor showing.

Of our forty local preachers and Epworthers only three or four take the Southwestern. We have decided that any local preacher who will not take and pay for one of our church papers shall not be recommended for work among us, not even to the filling of supplies. I wish to say before closing to stewards and class leaders of the Dallas District, that you must give yourselves some concern about raising your pastor's salary. It is perfectly shocking to learn how little you raise for the support of pastors.

D. C. Laey, P. E.

P. S.—Brethren, please do not forget our District Missionary and Church Aid Society, which we agreed to organize at our District Conference in our several charges.

#### LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Ministers and Members of the Lexington District, Lexington Confer-

ence: You no doubt have read with great interest the urgent call made by the Missionary secretaries for the whole church to devote Sunday, July 26th, to missionary debt paying. You have seen a partial report from the secretaries as to the results of that day's collections. Owing to our District Conference being in session on that Sunday, the day was not observed in this district. In view of that fact I would recommend that Sunday, November 29th, be observed throughout the district as missionary debt paying day. Each circuit and station should take a special collection. Show your appreciation for the great cause of missions, especially so since ours is a mission Conference. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your generosity toward the church and her greatest benevolent institution.

Yours for success,  
Joseph Courtney, P. E.

#### NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: You are doing well; God help you to do more. Many souls on the district this year have been saved and brought into the church of God. I have just received a letter from the secretary of missions, urging us to raise our part of the same. Now, Brethren, put in extra efforts, not only for missions, but for all of your claims. Call upon each member and friend of your charge to give his part. Don't let any one fail to do something, especially the members of the church. Remember, brethren, you are to do your duty and to see that each member does the same. The church will not ask about us so much by name, but will know each of us by our work. Now is your time, the people have money and you had better make sure of your part. Preach Christ in all of His offices and push forth His Kingdom. Don't hold your money after it is collected—send the same to where it belongs. The church needs it. Your vouchers at the district conference will be the same as the money. I am now on my fourth and last round of this conference year. Prepare for my coming by having your committees, etc., ready. The Lord continue to bless you. Yours for success,  
W. L. Duncan, P. E.

#### LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—The fiscal year of church Extension Society ends October. Then appropriations for next year are based on amounts raised by each annual conference. Therefore unless we raise and pay over the amounts assessed our charges for church extension before October we can get no appropriation, based on amount raised this year, to help poor churches. Our conference meets in the spring, and if our money is not raised before October we can get no credit until next year. Please remember two things: (1) Conference Board meets in this city first Wednesday of each month; (2) Raise your money before October and send (by P. O.) to Geo. L. Knox, Treas., in care of the Rev. L. R. Prentiss, Sec., N. Indianapolis, Ind. Respectfully,  
L. M. Hugood, Pres.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

The September number of the Arena contains a most interesting paper on "The Negro's Place in History," by Professor Willis Broughton of the Ohio State University. Perhaps there is no question of more interest to the student of social evolution than the rise and fall of the various races of mankind, and perhaps no race has occupied a larger place in the history of the nineteenth century than the African Negro. Professor Willis takes a most optimistic view of the future of the black race, which he believes has great possibilities before it.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is the subject of an important article by George Willis Cooke in the September number of the New England Magazine. He writes upon Mrs. Stowe with true understanding and admiration, analyzing her character and the great body of her literary work to get at the real sources of her influence and power. His article, which is illustrated by many portraits and views of the places associated with Mrs. Stowe's life, will be read with unusual interest at the present time. Warner F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

The Season for September, just out is filled with handsome costumes for both ladies and children. The newest fashions are shown, and many changes for the new Autumn gowns will be seen in this book. The International News Company, New York.

The September Ladies' Home Journal. A feature of much interest is the last letter written by the late Harriet Beecher Stowe, reproduced in facsimile. Ex-President Harrison writes in his "This Country of Ours" paper of the Secretary of War, Postmaster-General and Attorney-General, detailing concisely and instructively the duties of each. "The Young Man as a Citizen" is the title of Dr. Parkhurst's paper. Edward W. Bok expresses hearty endorsement of a more widespread enactment and enforcement of the "Curfew Law." By The Curtis Club, Philadelphia; one dollar per year, ten cents per copy.

The complete novel in the September issue of Lippincott's is "A Mutual Liability," by Elizabeth Phipps Train. A Hard Answer, and How it Turned Away Wrath, is a brief but vigorous Texan tale by Alice MacGowan. Henry A. Parker tells "How Hawkins was regulated," which was in a manner wholly unexpected by the regulators. The late Col. John A. Cockerill, whose journalistic fame was won in cities, tells "How to Conduct a Local Newspaper."

Illusions and Hallucinations, under one or the other of which all cases of visions and ghost-seeing may be classed, will be considered by Prof. William R. Newbold in an article which he will contribute to Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for September.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 1896.

## DAVID'S GRATITUDE TO GOD.

2 Sam. 22:40-51.

Golden Text.—"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer." (2 Sam. 22:2.)

This psalm was written by David to celebrate his deliverance out of the hands of his foes. It was likely composed soon after the Lord revealed to him the glorious future of his posterity and kingdom. It is no doubt the product of a triumphant moment of his life. It is substantially the same as Psalm eighteen in the Psalter. We have it here as first composed for his own harp, but here as it was afterward revised for his "chief musicians." In tone and spirit it reminds us of the last song of Moses. It forms a connecting link between the history of David's life and the Book of Psalms. The introduction sets forth what Jehovah was to the Psalmist. The narrative shows the sufferings and perils of David, and the mighty deliverances of God. The conclusion is a joyful thanksgiving for all God's mercies. There is in the Psalm a gradual rising above earthly things. The type passes into the anti-type, and the kingdom of David melts away into the Spiritual reign of Christ.

1. What God did for David. (40-46) 1st. He prepared him for war—"Thou hast girded me with strength to battle." He made him strong physically. His feet were "like hinds feet" so he could "run through a troop" and "leap over a wall." God taught "his hands to war," and gave him strength "so that a bow of steel" could be broken by his arm. God also gave him a strong intellect, and a brave heart. He had the skill to plan and the courage to execute. No one knew better than he how to use the weapons of war. God sees the necessities of His people and raises up men to meet them. He arms every "soldier of the cross" with the breast plate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the girdle of truth. He makes his heart a strong fortification against the "fiery darts of the wicked," and places in his hand the Word of God which is "the sword of the Spirit."

2. God gave his enemies into his hands. When his foes were being defeated they looked to their friends, "but there was none to save." The world cannot stand against the children of God. Neither can wrong forever triumph over right, or falsehood over truth. Our God will see that the principles we advocate shall prevail. Truth and love, justice and mercy will be victorious. They then cried "unto the Lord, but He answered them not." God does not hear transgressors, who have sinned away their day of probation when they pray. After Esau had sold his birthright "he found no place for repentance though he sought it carefully with tears." When Saul turned from the Lord and committed grave sins upon him. Then he "enquired of the Lord, but the Lord answered him not. Some only pray when death stares them in the face. But God may not then answer their petitions. There is an end of God's mercy, and when one has passed beyond it, prayer becomes solemn mockery.

3. David showed no mercy on the foes of God. He was kind and good, and his heart was tender as a woman's. "He could weep with them that weep and rejoice with those that do rejoice." He was just and knew now to punish vice. The language of the forty-third verse is figurative. We would not suppose David ever treated any of his foes in "that way." In the day of judgment the justice of God will have full force. His mercy will not interfere. The punishment of the enemies of God will not be a matter of revenge. But it will be in keeping with the laws of Deity, which are so wisely arranged, that they create themselves. "I am as ready to believe there is no heaven as to think there is no hell. To say 'God will not reward virtue, as to state He will not punish vice. The same being that has revealed the one, has told of the other; that has promised to re-

ward the faithful has threatened to punish the unbelieving. It is not wise on our part to accept a part of His word, and reject the remainder. They are all true or all false. Heaven is great, hell is awful, and the soul is too precious to be trifled with.

4. God delivered David from the strivings of his people. The king was not, at the death of Saul, the choice of the entire nation. Many desired Ish-bosheth, and he was really made ruler over all the tribes save Judah. For seven years there was strife and internal wars. After the kingdom was united under David, there was sectional strife, which threatened for a long while to overthrow the government. But finally all contention ceased and he reigned without a rival. The remains of sin may exist in the heart of one whom God has saved. This will cause strife within while it continues. A constant use of the means of grace will cause a gradual development of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Finally every "root of bitterness" will be removed from the nature, and the person will love God with all his powers, and his neighbor as himself. Sin shall not have dominion over the man who endeavors to get rid of it. Blessed is the church, League, Sunday school, home, and individual that is not perplexed by internal strife. A "house divided against itself shall not stand."

5. David and the strangers. He was made "to be head over them," that is, over the Gentiles. He not only had jurisdiction over the people of God, but he also ruled over Moab, Ammon, Philistia, Bashan, and Syria. This meant the destruction of many idolatrous temples, the spread of the teachings of Moses, and a great increase of the kingdom of God. It also refers to Christ as the setting up of His Spiritual reign among the Gentiles. The strangers who submit themselves unto Him, and become obedient to His laws will be blessed, but those who reject Him will "fade away." All, regardless of race, sect, or color, have equal rights in His Kingdom.

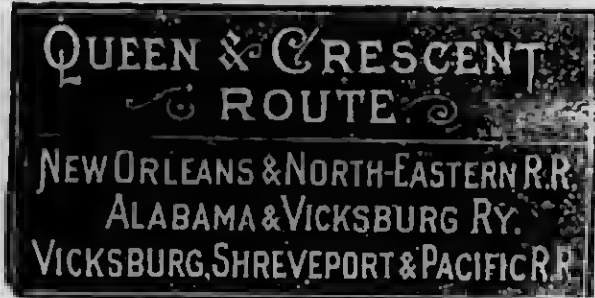
II. The King's acknowledgement. (47-51) 1. What God is. He is called, by the Jews, the "living God," in opposition to the idols of the heathen; which have eyes out see not, mouths have they but speak not, they have ears but they hear not, hands have they but handle not, and feet have they but they do not walk. But David's God is one that lives, loves and reigns. The King also called Him "my rock." Here rock is used figuratively to denote the firmness, power and faithfulness of Deity. It is applied to Christ in the New Testament as the foundation of the church. Again David speaks of the Lord as the "rock of my salvation." God is his defence, or hiding place. He is between the King and the enemy of his soul. He is the also the foundation of his peace here and hereafter.

2. What God had done for David. He brought down the people under him. He humbled the nations before him. God can make cowards of those who oppose His people, till five of His children can chase a hundred, and a hundred of them can put ten thousand to flight. He lifted up the King on high. He gave David honor and authority, by lowering the people and elevating him. God rules governments and individuals. He lifts up one and puts down another. This He does because of the moral worth in them. It is His plan that right over wrong shall prevail.

3. What David will do for God. "I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord." He was the man who could thank God in prosperity or adversity. He possessed prudence and forethought, and endeavored to live with an eye single to God's glory. He felt that whatever befell him was according to the Divine will. He preferred the Lord's plans to his own. "I will sing praises unto thy name." We praise God when we ascribe to Him the glorious perfections which belong to Him. It is giving back that which is His own. To sing God's praises is to sing of His perfection in wisdom, love, truth, and goodness. This David would do. (1) Because God "is the tower of salvation for his King." Towers were used as observatories, as strong holds of security, and as places of rest. God was all these to David, and will be the same to His children to-day. (2) Because He "showed mercy to His anointed, and to his seed." The King had thrice

been anointed according to God's plan and by His command. He became a type of God's Son who was set apart by Him to redeem the world. The seed of David here refers to the children of God who have made the second David their King. This fiftieth verse was quoted by St. Paul to prove that the salvation of Christ was for the Gentiles same as the Jews. With this lesson we bid David farewell. We have studied him as a shepherd, a warrior, an outlaw, a statesman, a poet and a King. In every sphere he filled well his place. As a shepherd he was kind and true, as a warrior he was brave and skillful, as a commander he never lost a battle, as a poet he had no equal, and as a King, he had no superior.

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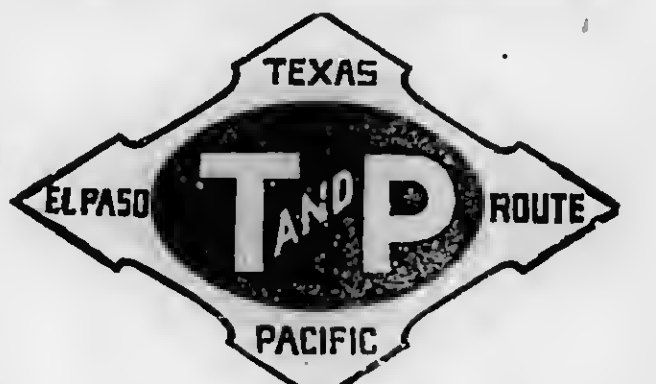
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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Central German, Newport Ky.	Sep. 9	Merrill.
Northwest Indiana, Terre Haute	Sep. 9	Andrews
Ind. Cal., Pacific Grove, Cal.	Sep. 9	Foss
Kentucky, Vanceburg, Ky.	Sep. 9	Hurst
Erie, New Castle, Pa.	Sep. 9	Walden
Detroit, Flint, Mich.	Sep. 9	Fowler
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.	Sep. 9	FitzGerald
Iowa, Knoxville, In.	Sep. 9	Newman
Northwest Nebraska, Omaha	Sep. 9	McCabe
North Dakota, Grand Forks	Sep. 10	Warren
Utah Mission, Ogden, Utah	Sep. 10	Vincent
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville	Sep. 16	Hurst
W. Va. East Ohio, Uhrichsville, O.	Sep. 16	Blude
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16	Fowler
Southwestern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	Sep. 17	Mallieau
New Mexico, English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17	Vincent
West Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danish, Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23	Warren
Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 23	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24	Mallieau
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30	Walden
Holston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30	Mallieau
North Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7	FitzGerald
Central New York, Tonawanda, Pa.	Oct. 7	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallieau
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.	Oct. 14	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15	Mallieau
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22	Mallieau
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok.	Nov. 7	Ninde
Southern German, Chicago, Tex.	Nov. 26	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

## FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North China, Peking	Sept. 22	Joyce
Central China Mission, Nan-king	Oct. 21	Joyce
Foochow, Foochow	Nov. 18	Joyce
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## Dallas District.

Fourth Round, September.	
Milford and Italy	12 13
Bloomington Grove and Antioch	19 20
Corsica, Dawson and Hubbard	26 27
October.	
Gatesville and Valley Mills	3 4
Fort Worth and Wills Chapel	10 11
Donson and Pilot Point	17 18
Sherman	24 25
McKinney	31, Nov. 1
November.	
Lancaster	7 8
Ennis	14 15
Dallas	21 22

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## Austin District.

Fourth Round, September.	
Wesley Chapel, Austin	19 20
Shopsan Tabernacle, Austin	23 24
Austin City	26 27
San Marcos	30 31
October.	
Cedar Creek	3 4
Georgetown	10 11
Baton	24 25
November.	
Munroe	1 Lockhart
Luling	14 15
West Point	21 22
Winechester	28 29

Moses Smith, P. E.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Shreveport, La.—Mr. Henry Sunday to Miss Mary Wilson, August 24th inst. J. A. Tircumt officiated.

Columbus, Miss.—Mr. A. T. Clark, of Bryan, Texas, and Miss S. E. Moore, of this city, were happily united in holy wedlock. Miss Moore was one of Columbus' best girls. May the blessings of God rest upon them. L. F. White officiated.

Compte circuit.—At Mount Zion M. E. church, August 23d, at 9 p. m., Mr. Kimore Heater to Miss Harriet Harris. Rev. H. J. Wright, P. E., officiated.

Jefferson, Texas.—Rev. W. S. Curtis and Miss Maria Jones were married August 23, 1896. Rev. S. M. Bolden officiated.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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Shreveport, La.—Bro. Allen F. Moss, a member of our church for quite a number of years died in triumph of faith, August 12.

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Greenville, Miss.—Sister Tampa A. Bell, a faithful member of Ashby M. E. Church, departed this life August 19 in full triumph of faith. She leaves one daughter and son, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. E. Troupe, P. E.

East Perryville, Tenn.—Little Annie Barber, daughter of Martha Barber, was baptized July 4, and departed this life August 12, 1896, age 3 years.

Also Sister Lucinda Howard after a few days illness closed her earthly career at the age of 69. J. F. R. W. Sumnerhill, P. U.

Landerdale, Miss.—On the 13th inst., sister Jane Jenkins, a faithful mother of the M. E. Church for sixty-five years, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She said she was going home; all was well. She leaves a husband and children to mourn. Peace to her ashes. A. Butler.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Bro. Adam Hough, the oldest member of Mt. Camel M. E. Church, departed this life August 21 in full triumph of faith. He has been a class leader and steward for 20 years and has been a faithful servant in the church. He was always ready to do good and was 69 years of age. He leaves a wife and 4 sons and daughters. The funeral was attended by the writer. C. H. Brown, Pastor.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Bro. Littleton Campbell departed this life, Sunday, August 2, 1896, at 9 p. m. Age 68. He was born in Fitchburg, Conn. Bro. Campbell was a quiet and peaceful neighbor and every one loved him. He lived a true Christian life.

Bro. Woodie Baker departed this life August 5, 1896. He professed faith in Jesus while sick a few weeks before he died. He was 23 years of age. He was devoted to his wife and two little children and mother. He expressed his willingness to die and said to his pastor, "My soul is ready for Jesus." Jesse P. Price, Pastor.

St. James, La.—The infant child of Mrs. and Bro. F. W. Robinson died August 3. Bro. F. W. Robinson is the Secretary of our church at St. James Station. E. H. Scott, P. C.

Forrest, Miss.—Bro. Gray Carr, a faithful member of Green Grove church, departed this life July 29, in full triumph of living faith. Bro. Carr was loved by all who knew him. Age, 65 years.

Also Sister Fannie Bookington, a faithful member of Spencer church, departed this life on August 13. Sister Bookington was one of the founders of Spencer church and one of its strongest members, and she lived in contributing to every part of the church. She asked the church to meet her in heaven. Age, 72 years. M. White, P. C.

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## RELY ON GOD.

O soul, be patient, restrain thy tears;  
Have hope and not despair,  
As a tender mother heareth her child  
God hears a penitent prayer.

Lean close unto him in faith and hope;  
How many like thee have found  
In him a shelter and home of peace,  
By his mercy compassed round!  
—Whittier, in Northwestern.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

They are working hard up about Columbus, O., to save the cabin in which Ulysses S. Grant was born, April 27, 1822. A house is being built over it as a protection.

The Mary Holmes Female Seminary, which was burned at Jackson, is being rebuilt at West Point, Miss., and expects to open in December. This is a Presbyterian school for colored girls.

Truman Stewart is heading a movement in Muncie, Ind., to raise funds to send 1,000 Negro troops to Cuba to assist the insurgents. The troops are to come from Georgia and will be sent from Key West, Fla., about October 1st.

Sound money Democrats have handed down their ticket for president. They nominated J. M. Palmer, Illinois, and S. B. Buckner, Kentucky. The former is an old Union Soldier and the latter an old Confederate. Both are over 75 years.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt gave his daughter Gertrude, who recently married Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, a wedding present of \$5,000,000 and celebrated the wedding by giving a handsome check to each of the fifty-two servants that attend himself and family and keep his two houses in order, and by placing a large sum of money in the hands of a trusted friend to be devoted to charity.

Vermont went Republican in the election September 1st., by an increased majority. The largest majority known heretofore is 27,000, but the figures now are nearly, if not quite 40,000. At that rate in the presidential election, the "Green Mountain Boys" will not allow the Democrats any showing at all.

A party of Armenians went into Constantinople and created quite a riot by throwing bombs, firing their pistols and taking possession of the Ottoman in which all nationalities are interested. Their purpose seemed against the Turks. The loss of life was frightful on both sides. The Armenians were finally coaxed out of the city.

We have repeatedly warned our subscribers to watch the date on the margin of their paper lest the time should expire on them and their paper be stopped. Some took our advice and renewed; others did not and the result is that the business manager has been compelled to drop a number of our old subscribers this week. Watch the date and renew!

The Sultan of Zanzibar died a few days since and Said Kalid, supported by 700 armed followers, took possession of the palace. This did not suit the British government, however, and the Usurper was notified to surrender by a given time, which, failing to do, the British ships in port fired upon and destroyed the palace. He then surrendered and a cousin of the deceased Sultan was proclaimed Sultan to the satisfaction of England, who holds a kind of protectorate over the little African island.

## THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Since the first of the fall conferences in our territory is to assemble in a few days it seems fitting that we should say at least a word concerning the admission of women. The question has been so fully discussed and so often voted upon that it is not unreasonable to suppose every man's mind is fully settled as to how he shall vote at the ensuing session of his annual conference. While no one can say just how our conferences will go, it, nevertheless, seems to us that there is, under the circumstances, only one way for them to vote. When this question was first brought before the church a sufficient number of colored conferences voted against the admission of women to lead some who favored them to announce that every one was for the women, except "The Germans and the Negroes." But by some means by the time the question was voted upon again many of our conferences were so far on the other side, that is in favor of admission, that in private discussion the opposition claimed at the last General Conference that some kind of deal had been made and the colored conferences had been promised something that was to be delivered during the session of the General Conference.

If there was ever any deal of any kind made we have never learned of it. Our judgment is known, however, that when the question came up first, there was not a great deal of interest felt, on the part of many brethren, as to how it should go. Hence some were influenced by one cause and some by another, but by the time the last vote was taken the vast majority of the men voted their settled convictions. If our surmise is correct, it is clearly improbable, not to say impossible, that any considerable number of our conferences shall have changed to the opposition in twelve months time. That is to say we can conceive of no influence that can be brought to bear in so short a time as to cause any very great change in the forthcoming vote. Hence we say there is only one way for them to vote.

Aside from this it has been fully demonstrated by the previous votes and the last two sessions of the General Conference, that a vast majority of the traveling preachers are in favor of woman's admission. And while we can quote no history to sustain our view, we are, nevertheless, confident that the fact that a majority of the ministers favors her admission is proof positive that a majority of our members are of the same mind. While we know it requires more than a majority to change the restrictive rule, at the same time it does not take more than a majority to indicate the will of the church; and if it be granted that it is the will of the church that women be admitted, we can see no good reason for keeping them out, especially not when the margin against them was so narrow. Anyway, we can see no reason why twenty-five or thirty ministers should continue to stand in the way of according a right to a class of persons who constitute a clear majority of our membership; and that, too, when a vast majority of the traveling preachers favor admission.

To claim that women should not be admitted because all the women are not agreed on their admission, is no reason at all. We should no more expect all women to agree, even on what may be for their best interest, than we expect all men to agree on what may be for their best interest. We cannot see why women should be expected to be so much better in this respect than men.

However, we believe our brethren on this great question will be firm for what they conceive to be right; and should any change occur, it will be brought about just as changes come about among other men.

The admission of women is evidently a great reform movement that begins by basing its claim for final triumph on the justice of the cause advocated and the fact that nothing in the constitution, as it now stands, denies woman's absolute right to what is demanded for her. This movement has, in addition, the support of sufficient sentiment in its favor to secure the indorsement and backing of a large majority of those whose votes are to decide its fate. In fact, a majority of the church will welcome its triumph. In view of this condition of affairs, we ask has it ever been known that a cause which possessed so much to begin with and secured so much as it advanced has stopped shorter than a final triumph? This being true, it goes without saying that the advocates of the admission of women will never cease their agitation till success is achieved. Hence, since nothing short of an unheard of upheaval in the thought of the whole church must occur in order to remove the present trend of sentiment, it is evident that sooner or later women must be admitted; hence the minority now opposing her had as well yield and allow her to come in. The sooner this is done the sooner the church will have peace; the sooner can the undivided attention of the church be turned to the many grave problems actually awaiting it; accordingly we say what we believe the church is saying: Let us have peace!

## GOOD BUSINESS AND RELIGION, TOO.

We clip the following item from the American Baptist:

The colored women of Atlanta, Ga., have inaugurated a boycott against the Traction Co., of that city which proposes to enforce a rule compelling colored passengers to occupy rear seats on the cars of this company. The resolutions adopted by the Women's Club have the right ring about them and if strictly followed will bear good results elsewhere as well as in Atlanta.

That's right, sisters. You can control the men and you know it.

We call this good business and good religion. If properly carried out it will have a beneficial effect on the Negroes of Atlanta and will teach the white people a useful and much needed lesson. Nothing helps a man to independence so greatly, as to realize he can defend himself; and the effect will be the same on our women and their people in Georgia. The corporations who depend upon the general public for support need to be taught that the Negro is not willing to stand everything that may be heaped upon him, and still voluntarily fill the coffers of his oppressors and literally kiss the hand that smites him. Freedom is a boon craved by all nature. Freedom of thought and action, with proper regard for the rights of others, is the absolute right of every American citizen. A man's right to a seat in a public conveyance, where every man pays the same fare, should be limited to the number of vacant seats to be found in such conveyance. From among these he should have his choice. This is the law of right, and every white man in this country, even the judges of our Supreme Court, will say so when it applies to him or his people.

Atlanta is not such a large city but that Negroes can foot it to and from their work and places of business. Stick to it.

Every individual is in a true sense gifted. He has the gift of personality. In this lie possibilities all his own.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## KEEP CONSTANTLY AT WORK.

Man is like a snow-ball: leave him lying in idleness against the sunny face of prosperity and all the good that is in him melts out; but kick him around and he gathers strength every successive revolution until he grows into an avalanche. To succeed you must keep moving. We gather strength as we exert ourselves, so let us move upon every part of our work. It is much better "to wear out than to rust out." Hard study and earnest work make the successful man or woman. The man that does the right thing at the right time and in the right place, has nothing to fear. Brethren, keep an eye on the captain of our salvation and do your best to make the station in good time.

W. L. Duncan, P. E.  
Navesota District.

## EMPEROR WILLIAMS.

We mourn the loss of no ordinary man, but of "a prince and a mighty man in Israel." When, on Tuesday, August 25th, last, this venerable servant of God breathed out his last, and passed up to his reward, our Louisiana Conference was bereft of one of the choicest men of our world-wide Methodistism, and one of the most remarkable men of his age. The elements were so combined in him that nature might indeed have pointed him out as "a man." The monumental name of Emperor Williams stands out as an enduring fabric, that shall ever be an honor, an inspiration, and a benediction to the members of the Louisiana Conference.

He was a great preacher. In the days of his growing powers, he swayed the multitude, as the rushing, mighty wind does the helpless, yielding forest. Congregations, in suspense, held their breath; men excitedly walked about and cried aloud, women shouted, sinners were convicted, mourners, then and there, were converted, and the church was mightily awakened and edified. He preached, as only Emperor Williams could preach. A great and mighty preacher is gone! He was the product of a peculiar age and surroundings, and we shall never see his like again.

Great as he was as a preacher, he had contemporaries that successfully competed with him in pulpit power. There was the mighty Scott Chin that could mentally make you hear and see the groaning and anguish of the doomed, as he "passed by old hell and slammed the door;" could make you see "the Angel of the Covenant protecting the church," and could give you "a peep at the redeemed host, crowding their way through shining ranks, as they ascended from the smoky fields of battle." There was the gigantic Forest, that painted creation with the inspired hand and poetic genius of a master; the sturdy Ross, that preached the law and the gospel "point foremost," as he heralded "the royal proclamation;" the tender, loving Henry Green, constant reminder of St. John, the beloved disciple; the magnificent J. Madison Vance, dwelling upon prophetic visions, and the miraculous support afforded God's ancient seers, by His Omnipotent Hand. Mighty giants they all were!

But it was as a well-rounded man, a counsellor and an executive officer that Emperor Williams excelled them all. He commanded the confidence of the church because, as Bishop Mallieau expressed it, "his head never tilted." To him belongs the proud distinction of having been the first colored man appointed a presiding elder in the Louisiana Conference, and of serving longer to that office than probably any other colored man in the church, a period of nearly twenty years. He was our Peter Cartwright in black. He was the first, too, to serve as a delegate from the Louisiana to the General Conference—that of 1880, at Cincinnati, O. He was honored, in 1878, with the appointment of fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal to the Colored Methodist Episcopal General Conference. In the fulfillment of this mission he distinguished himself and brought himself into such prominence as to have led the church to the conclusion that in him we had produced the desired colored bishop; and had he the requisite educational equipment, it was conceded at the General Conference of 1880 that he might have been elected.

He commanded the love and respect

of everybody that knew him, as he was for many years the best known colored man throughout the church. All our bishops and chief men knew him personally, or by reputation; and they depended upon his judgment as they did upon that of no other colored man in the church. Not only was he thus trusted and honored by our bishops and high officials, but he commanded, to a remarkable degree, the love and confidence of all the members of his conference. He stood as a mighty breakwater between the impetuosity of youth and the exclusive conservatism of age that sought to antagonize each other, in an unfortunate way, in the days preceding the session of the conference of 1880. Such was the grasp that he held upon both the young and older members of the conference! The young men looked upon him as their friend, while the older men regarded him as their leader, and respected him for his wisdom. In him the discordant elements found common ground for mutual love and respect, and to the day of his death he was their cherished friend.

During the days of his activity he used to bid us "come on boys;" and with equal warmth and earnestness, during his latter years, he cheered us with the word "go ahead boys." In his death, both young and old members of our conference have lost a life-long mutual friend, and Bishop Hartzell, the eminent David of the Louisiana Conference, his Jonathan. We are bereft of both, for the one leaves us for heaven, now by way of New Orleans; the other leaves us for heaven, and for what we know by that way to heaven, before we meet again. Uniting with the church in the days of slavery, when a mere boy, and assisting in the organization of the Mississippi Mission Conference, December 25, 1865, he has been connected with every movement put forth by the church for the evangelization, education and advancement of the colored people in Louisiana for the past thirty years, being a member of the Board of Trustees of New Orleans University, and of the Orphan's Home Board, from their charter to the day of his death. The translation of Emperor Williams removes the last of the historic twelve colored men, which Bishop Newman likened to the twelve apostles who organized the second Christmas Conference in 1865, known as the Mississippi Mission Conference, out of which have developed the eight conferences in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, with their 7,000 preachers and over 100,000 members, and millions of school and church property.

The Rev. Emperor Williams was born in Nashville, Tenn., about 74 years ago. His father was Seth Green, one of the five historic men that met his death on the scaffold, at Harper's Ferry, Va., with John Brown, the Apostle of Freedom. With the blood of Seth Green coursing through his veins, his career of peaceful conquest, followed as a natural consequence. He was brought to New Orleans when a boy. He served at the brick-layer's trade with his master, until freed as a reward for completing some difficult cornice work which his master thought him incapable of doing.

When the Methodist Episcopal Church began her work in Louisiana after the war, Bro. Williams was one of the first found at her altar to assist in its re-erection. He became one of the founders at the organization of the Mississippi Mission Conference, December 25, 1865, and was ordained a deacon by Bishop Thompson. He was soon ordained an elder by Bishop Ames, December 27, 1867, and admitted into full connection. During the thirty-one years of his conference life, he served ten years as a pastor, eighteen a presiding elder, and three years as an honored supernumerary.

He is now gathered unto his fathers full of years and glorious conquest. May we, like him, be waiting and watching for the summons, when all our warfare is past. Albert.

## HOW TO BUILD A HOME.

Dear Mothers:—This little talk is partly to you and partly for your young sons and daughters. It is your duty to talk to your boys and girls on the subject of courtship and marriage and how to get ready for housekeeping, etc. Who can give them instruction on the subject of choosing a partner better than mother? No one. "Home is not merely four square walls, though with pictures hung and gilded;



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"Hope is where the heart can bloom,  
"Where are little hearts to cheer it.

## Material for a Home.

Many of the readers of this little paper are thinking about building a home, and I feel sure they would like to know the kind of material to use, so as to make it a durable and happy home.

First, the foundation. What shall it be? I heard a young lady say over there that it was love, but, you are wrong my dear child. There must be love of course, but, first, there must be a firm, solid foundation on which love can build and grow up strong and lasting as you want your house to be. That foundation is Christian principle, truth and purity. Find a character of this kind and then your love will have a solid resting place. If the one you think you love is false, a flirt, trifling with other human hearts, cast him or her aside. If he drinks, swears, breaks the Sabbath, or is a spendthrift wasting time and money foolishly, then say no.

The one you love must also be one that you can honor and respect and lean upon for help, if not your love will soon wither and die. Next after solid, good character for a foundation comes love, pure unselfish love—love that is free from the low, animal instinctful feeling that is some times falsely called by the holy name of love, when it ought to be called lust.

Third economy—You must be saving. Don't waste all your love in foolish caresses, in lavish gifts for the boy or one before marriage.

Neither your money and time in going to expensive places of amusement. Be saving and get ready for housekeeping. Then after marriage spend your money for what will make home attractive and comfortable.

Have things convenient, so that the work of the household can be done without so much labor and vexation for the dear wife. Have all the necessary cooking utensils and the water near, and the wood cut and piled up, if possible enough for one or two months ahead. Get furniture that is durable and comfortable but not showy and expensive. Find out what kind of food is wholesome and eat it even if you do not like it at first.

You will soon learn to enjoy it if it is cooked properly.

Let me see, we are gathering material out of which to build a happy home. First, we had a Christian character; second, love; third, economy; fourth, we will have order, neatness, cleanliness. O do have a place for everything and keep things in their place. Have your home, be it ever so humble, perfectly clean. This will not all depend on the wife. The husband can do much to help, if only by taking the mud off his shoes before he enters the house. Let me tell you, dear wife, there are not many things that a husband values more than a clean, orderly fireside adorned by a wife whose dress is clean, and well mended, if necessary. I know many a husband who is ashamed to invite a friend to his home because every thing about it is so dirty and disorderly. Do not forget in ordering your home to have a regular time, morning and evening, for family worship. Fifth, cheerfulness; yes, give us happy cheerful faces. Don't be afraid to laugh. Let in sun shine of love and give expression to it in happy, loving words especially if you have children. Do let them laugh

and play and have a jolly good time in their own home. Get books and sensible playthings for them, and read and play with them. This will do much toward keeping your home happy in the years to come. The children will love their home and find enjoyment there, and not need to seek it abroad. Father and mother will do well to spend their evenings at home. It is the safest and best place to be, and you will be glad to stay there, now that you have built your happy home according to order. Hopefully in Christ.  
Miss L. P. Brown.

## NOTES FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

These are very prosy days. The churches are having their usual summer vacation. All the members that are able financially, are spending their summer in some Northern city or in the country with a cousin. Many are kept away by sickness, and still others say it is too hot. We that are left are striving to prepare for the annual conference. We will be glad when the picnic and excursion season is past. Our income is only 50 per cent. We feel it badly. We hope to have many of our representative men in our conference; we have extended invitations, but few answers. I guess they are summering too.

Local politics is warming up; the climax comes Thursday.

We lost two of our most influential members in the marriage of Miss Fannie A. B. Key to Dr. Edward W. White, both of Centenary. The most imposing ceremony occurred at the father's home, near Mason "Popular Lawn." Rev. H. W. Key officiated. It was certainly a grand affair. Happiness to their future life.

We have had one link broken in our chain in the death of Sister Callie Brown, who had been sick since October and died July 18, 1896.

All our special and benevolent collections are ready. We will over-run missionary assessments, while some others may suffer, but it seemed to need special attention.

C. E. Alexander, P. C.  
Memphis, Tenn.

## THE MERIDIAN ACADEMY.

Brethren of the Mississippi Annual Conference:—Our Meridian Academy will soon open. The last commencement was grand. It showed that thorough work had been done, and universal satisfaction seems to prevail.

The indications are that this school year will be the most prosperous in the history of the school. The faculty has been enlarged and an industrial department has been added.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B.; D. D., the energetic and wide awake principal, is a graduate of Gammon Theological seminary and Rust University. Prof. J. H. Brooks is a classical graduate of Rust, and is one of the most proficient teachers in the State. Mrs. J. L. Wilson and Mrs. J. H. Brooks are both graduates of the same school from the literary course.

Mrs. Wilson also a graduate from the musical department. Mrs. B. L. Crump who is at the head of the industrial department is very proficient in that work. So you see that the team is better and the load is heavier.

Now, that the school be what it was originally intended, a school of high academic grade, a feeder for Rust our collegiate center, largely depends upon each preacher in the conference; how he takes up its interest, and especially how well he takes up the collection for



the F. A. & S. E. Society. Every preacher ought to pride himself in taking every cent of his apportionment as per agreement for Rust and the Meridian Academy this conference year, so that another year our collection may not be divided, but all go toward the academy.

We all bailed with hearty greetings the election of Dr. Mason. Now to show the worth of our appreciation and our hope for his success, let each charge bring up its full apportionment for the F. A. & S. E. Society. The doctor can better succeed as secretary of this great department of the church by full collections than by our talk and happy thoughts. If we do more we can demand more. Deeds not words. J. C. Hibbler.

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The tenth session of the North New Orleans District Conference convened at Thomson Chapel Aug. 12th, under very favorable circumstances. Our new presiding elder, Stephen Duncan, ruled as becomes a father.

Welcome address was delivered by Mrs. M. E. Goff, and on motion it was ordered to be printed in the Southwestern. Response by Prof. F. B. Smith, A. B. Excellent music was rendered by the Epworth League choirs of the various city charges.

The session was one of great success. Fourteen young souls were pointed the way to Christ.

The daily collections amounted to \$27.00.

Among the conference visitors were Drs. E. W. S. Hammond, ex-editor of the Southwestern, and I. B. Scott, the present editor. After Dr. Scott's address resolutions were passed in which every preacher pledged to see that the Southwestern is put in every home. M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, was also present.

The Freedman's Aid collection was \$38.35. The conference has pledged itself to double their Freedman's Aid collections. Dr. Mason's new move to raise an endowment fund was heartily received. With but few exceptions every member and visitor subscribed their names.

The work of the different auxiliaries is worthy to be praised. The Home Missionary Society is caring for the poor.

The King's Daughters are working in union with the King's Sons, striving to build up the common heritage. The King's Daughters of Pleasant Plains made the presiding elder a present of ten dollars.

The Epworth League is making its way gradually. The League of Union Chapel purchased a \$275 bell.

One of the features of the conference was a charge brought against the presiding elder for "faithful discharge of his duty," to which he pleaded guilty.

The session closed amid a shout of hosannas. Henry Taylor, Sec.

The nineteenth session of the Rome District Conference of the Atlanta Conference, convened at Douglasville, Ga., August 6, 1896.

Rev. H. R. Allen, P. E., was in the chair. This closes the sixth year's labor of this Christian brother as presiding elder of this district. He leaves it beloved by all the ministers and members. His report showed a large increase of members on the district over last year. The moral standing of the brethren has never been better in the history of the district.

The roll was called and fifty-two answered to their names the first day of the session.

Rev. F. M. Gordon was re-elected secretary and Revs. M. M. Alston and J. A. S. Richie were appointed as assistants.

Rev. W. C. Bryant preached the opening sermon with great power, which was received gladly.

Miss Simmons, of Douglasville, delivered the welcome address, which was full of logic and oratory. It was responded to by Miss Minnie Hodge, of Rome.

The pastors' reports were very good and showed that they have been active workers in furthering the cause of Christ. They have built more churches during the year than they have heretofore.

The local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, class leaders and Epworth Leaguers had good reports of their departments.

Rev. D. C. John, D. D., president of Clark University, Rev. J. C. Murray, D. D., of Gammon Theological Sem-

nary, and Prof. F. M. Gordon, of the Georgia School for the Deaf, addressed the conference on education, after which a handsome collection was taken for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

The collection during the session of the conference was \$46.

The white people of Douglasville were very generous. They allowed the conference to use their college chapel for holding divine services.

Rev. W. A. Mitchell, pastor of Douglasville, the members and friends deserve much credit for their hospitality in entertaining the conference so well.

Revs. M. M. Alston, pastor of Rome First Church; G. W. Matthews, of Rome Second Church; L. W. Coates, of Summerville; E. D. Giddens, of Cave Spring; A. G. Story and other prominent ministers preached excellent sermons on Sunday.

Resolutions were read indorsing the presiding elder's administration; the kindness of the white people to the conference; the pastor and his people; the faithfulness of the secretaries; the Southwestern Christian Advocate and Clark University and Gammon Theological Seminary.

Conference adjourned to meet at Tallapoosa in 1897.

F. M. Gordon, Secretary.

#### THE WHOLE FIELD.

R. N. Jones, P. C., Heidelberg, Miss. —My third quarterly meeting was grand. Dr. J. M. Shumpert, P. E., was on time. Reports from all departments of the church were presented, which bid fair for success. My revival began and lasted ten days. The church was greatly improved; there were 25 accessions and conversions. We closed with 35 at the altar asking the church to pray for them. The presiding elder and Rev. N. Toole, of Stone wall rendered excellent service. The church is spiritually alive. I shall begin my canvass for the Southwestern again.

W. H. Whitlock, Union Grove. —Sunday the 30th of August was a great day at League's Chapel on the Union Grove Circuit. It was Rally Day to build a church. About 800 people were on the ground. Revs. S. R. Gipson, Mayo and A. B. Franklin were present and rendered excellent service. Rev. Gipson preached a fine five minutes sermonette. The sum of \$109.00 was collected. This beats the record on the district for this conference year. "Bless the Lord O my soul."

Rev. E. B. Richards, P. C., Opelousas, La. —Allow me to say our work is alive notwithstanding the great trouble we had in the month of April. Souls are being saved every Sunday; the membership has been doubled since I have been here. The Sunday school has been trebled. We had on the 30th 102 in Sunday school. Our church is nicely filled. Now we want to get all the subscribers we can if you will give us a little attention. We have an Epworth League, the best on the district, a number of 80 members. It meets every Sunday at 3 o'clock. The president is L. W. Haywood. He is on time. This society has done good in this place. Pray for us that we may go on to success.

E. L. Wilson, Ebenezer Circuit, Mississippi. —Our glorious revival is closed and the result is 26 souls were saved and 33 added; total, 59. In the midst of our meeting we held our third quarterly conference and the reports show progress all along the lines. The Rev. A. M. Trotter spoke highly of Southwestern.

W. M. Ector, P. C., Columbus, La.: A severe accident happened on the 26th, a storm, a mighty storm, came in the evening and blew a ginhouse down and killed two men, one Rev. W. S. Shelby, member and local preacher of the M. E. church, and the other was a member of the Baptist church. Bro. W. S. Shelby had been local preacher for twelve years; he leaves a wife, child and three brothers, and four sisters to mourn his loss. Funeral took place Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, by W. M. Ector, at St. Paul M. E. Church.

James Jackson, Winsted, La.: Trinity Chapel is spiritually alive. We have just closed up a glorious revival, which resulted in forty accessions to the church; thirty souls were happily

converted to God. Sunday, August 30th, was a grand day at Winsted; thirty souls were baptized in the historic Bayou LaPêche. It was asserted by good authorities that this was the grandest baptizing that ever occurred at this place. There was upward 800 persons present to witness the solemn ceremony. Our beloved pastor preached a wonderful sermon, which concluded with our old time Methodist shout.

(Please write on one side of paper. Ed.)

P. G. Goin, P. C., Birmingham, Ala.: Our third quarterly conference for Birmingham charge convened in St. Paul M. E. Church August 23rd. All the officers were present; Rev. W. Prettyman in the chair. Rev. A. W. McKinney, principal of our academy at Huntsville, preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock, and the pastor preached at 3 p. m. and at 8 p. m. The presiding elder, assisted by other ministers, administered the Lord's Supper to more than one hundred communicants. The collection for the day was \$18, of which we paid the elder \$16. The religious condition of the charge is good. Our services are all well attended. The Sunday school and the Epworth League are in good working order. Several students of Birmingham are preparing to attend our conference academy at Huntsville. Those who have attended our school at Huntsville are among our most useful and trusty church workers. The new parsonage, consisting of five rooms, has just been completed at a cost of \$140, all of which has been paid, except \$140, which amount we expect to raise in this month. The officers and members deserve great credit for their earnest work in behalf of every interest of the church. We have plans on foot to raise a goodly sum on the indebtedness to the church extension. Our people are hopeful and in good spirits. We are trying to secure thirty subscribers for the Southwestern before our next conference.

W. E. Smith, Clanton, Ala.: I am a lover with both the paper and church. Just returned a few days ago from a grand revival at Waires Chapel. I stayed eight days, and in all that time it seemed like heaven was not far away. Two converts and one probationer. Their story was bright and clear.

(Bro. Smith, we couldn't make it all out this time; try again. Ed.)

#### HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler struck the key-note of the Christian life when he said: "There is more pulp than pluck in a great deal of what passes for piety. It is an audacious attempt to get a free ride to heaven in a drawing-room car, with plenty of select company and a fare on the road."

"Will Dr. A. — be in his pulpit to-day? Will the music be up to the mark? Is it likely to clear off? Then I'll try to go to church to-day."

With such a soliloquy on Sabbath morning, how much grace is there likely to be left for the wear and tear of the week!

The piety that Christ smiles upon is a piety that will stand a pinch and face a storm; that would rather eat an honest crust than fare sumptuously on unholy gains; that gladly gives up its couch of ease to sally on its mission among the outcasts; that sets its Puritan face like a flint against fashionable sins.

We talk glibly about "taking up a cross," but a cross is intended for somebody's crucifixion. On Calvary's cross we know full well who bled away his precious life. On our cross self is to be the victim. Loyalty to Christ often demands the plucking out of the right eye and the amputation of the right arm. The sublime glory of Abraham's offering really was that he was willing to thrust the knife through the very heart of self.

Oh, it is not the taking up, it is the giving up, that makes a strong, athletic, heroic Christian. — Epworth Herald.

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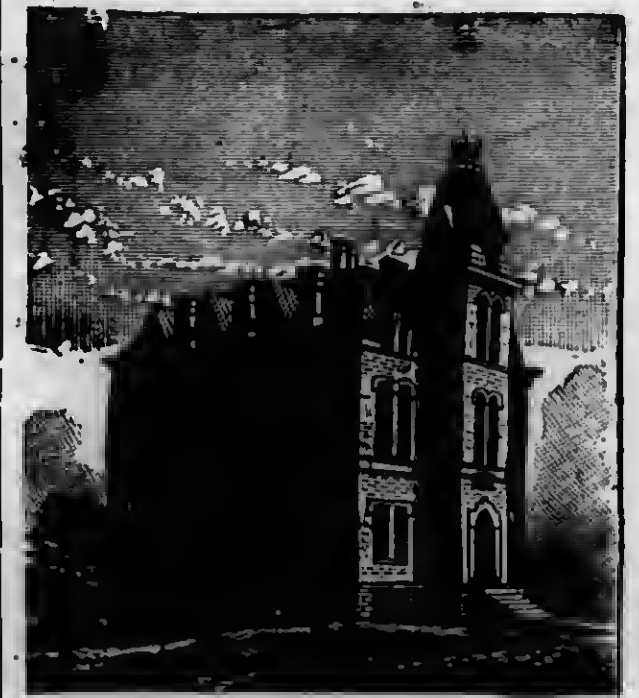
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## ORDER OF SERVICE.

We give our readers the order of service for our congregations as arranged by our last General Conference.

N. B.—Parts enclosed in brackets may be omitted.

1. (Voluntary.)
2. Singing from Hymnal, the people standing.
3. (The Apostles' Creed.)
4. Prayer, concluding with the Lord's prayer repeated audibly by all, both minister and people kneeling.
5. (Anthem.)
6. Lesson from the Old Testament, which if from the Psalms, may be read responsively.
7. (The Gloria Patri.)
8. Lesson from the New Testament.
9. Collection and notices.
10. Singing from the Hymnal, the people standing.
11. Sermon.
12. Short prayer for a blessing on the word.
13. Singing, closing with the Doxology.
14. The Apostolic Benediction.

You will, of course, notice that Nos. 1, 3, 5, and 7, may be omitted, if you do not find them adapted to your congregation, etc.

You will note also that according to this order the collection and notices come before the sermon.

Some of you may have no difficulty in so arranging; others will find it hard to do unless you succeed in getting the congregation out early.

You will find the order of service in the New Discipline.

We desire to say to the brethren who are interested in the subject of Baptism that Rev. J. C. Houston, of the Mississippi Conference, has treated the subject, in his book on "Sprinkling," in such a manner as to put an intelligent and full understanding of it within the grasp of everyone. He holds excellent testimonials from Bishop Galloway, of the M. E. Church, South, and from other prominent ministers of Mississippi. We have read the book with very great pleasure and profit. No one can read it without being benefited.

Religious intolerance has more than once impoverished one land to enrich another. Perhaps it is not generally known that there exists in Central Illinois a colony of Portuguese Protestants whose presence there illustrates this fact. Their ancestors nearly fifty years ago came from the Island of Madeira, situated in the northern Atlantic, and a dependency of the Portuguese Crown. They were the fruit of a Protestant mission planted in the island by Dr. Robert Kalley, a devoted Christian philanthropist and physician of Edinburgh, Scotland, and were compelled to flee from their island home by the relentless persecution of the Romish Church. The story of the mission and the heroic struggle of its founder and his adherents is the burden of a volume just now issuing from the press of the Western Methodist Book Concern. It is written by the daughter of a Methodist preacher and is entitled "The Story of Madeira." It is a most valuable illustration of the heroism of modern mission work.

The taxable wealth of the Negro population in the United States is over \$300,000,000. There are 23,462 Negro church bodies, with church property, valued over \$26,626,448. We have over 1,000 college trained ministers and 2,677,977 church communicants.

## ARE YOU SUCCEEDING?

The word "success," is a versatile and strange term. It is used with equal force and to convey a similar meaning by every man no matter what may be his avocation. The term is honorable or dishonorable, according to the company in which you happen to find it. The burglar considers the accomplishment of what he undertakes—success—and so does the minister who labors for the conversion of sinners.

In its primary sense, the word means, that which comes after; hence the favorable or prosperous termination of anything attempted—good or bad. The term is so flexible that as above referred to, every man has equal claim to its use.

However, as long as men's actions are classed as right or wrong, society will limit the word success in its application. According to the law of society, that is the law by which society regulates itself, the question as to whether the outcome of an act may be called success or not depends not alone upon the outcome but upon the means used, and the purpose for which the end is sought to be accomplished. This may narrow it down to true success; but, to our mind, there is nothing else that can be legitimately called success. If a man in his attempt to succeed, destroy more good than he accomplishes in the attainment of the end sought, he has not succeeded.

He has done more harm than good; he has scattered more than he gathered. A contractor may attempt to build a house and take the contract at such a low figure as to be compelled to draw on his own bank account to complete it. The house is built all right and the owner is well pleased, but the contractor could not possibly call that success. In a sense, he has injured himself and family; from a business point of view he has made a miserable failure.

A pastor who runs a church and uses all kinds of questionable methods to carry his crowd; is injuring the people and the cause he represents. No doubt the end sought to be accomplished is all right, but the means is demoralizing. The people are not helped intellectually, spiritually or morally. Besides the minister is injured too. He is likely to find himself drifting toward the policy of succeeding at any cost. If so, he will go lower and lower in the moral scale and his final wreckage is only a question of time. He is guilty of gross wrong. When a minister does not help a church to higher and better things, his place should be filled by some one who can and will. He is a positive injury to his people. Succeed if possible, brother, but by right measures; carry your crowd, but by God's word and the discipline. True success is desirable, but it not only asks why, but wherefore. If a people are not better for your having served them, you have failed to accomplish the very thing for which you were sent to them.

## HERE IS OUR RECORD ON THE DEBT.

We give below the amounts raised by our conferences on the Missionary Society's Debt. After making due allowance for the fact that the collection was ordered at the very time of year which is usually most dull with us, even then we ought to have raised more than the following figures indicate:

Central Alabama .....	\$ 15.00
Central Missouri .....	20.86
Delaware .....	28.10
East Tennessee .....	15.50
Florida .....	50.91
Lexington .....	3.55
Little Rock .....	18.18
Louisiana .....	3.25
Mississippi .....	44.95
North Carolina .....	10.90
Savannah .....	8.90
South Carolina .....	110.33
Tennessee .....	41.50
Texas .....	20.25
Upper Mississippi .....	15.00
Washington .....	27.85
West Texas .....	17.00

Total reported ..... \$452.03

We are confident many of our pastors who

took the collection have not yet reported, and that when they do so the amount will be greatly increased. Others, no doubt, not understanding just how important this matter is, have not taken the special collection for the debt. Come right up, brethren, and let us do our part! Forward money to headquarters! Total amount thus far raised on the debt is \$40,187.49.

## LI HUNG CHANG IN AMERICA.

This great Chinese statesman has just been received as a distinguished visitor to this country. He reached New York 28th ult., and was received with great pomp by President Cleveland, on behalf of the United States government.

Li Hung Chang was a great admirer of Gen. Grant and was greatly admired by him. He has already visited his dead friend's tomb and deposited a garland of flowers.

His suite consists of about forty persons, and he has with him about 300 pieces of baggage, some of them being of immense size. The sumptuous coffin which he carried with him as a matter of precaution, has been sent back to China, via the Suez Canal, which would seem to show that the traveler has no fear of dying before reaching his native land again.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. T. C. Jackson, wife of W. H. Jackson, our pastor at Texarkana, Tex., has been very dangerously ill, but is now convalescing.

Mrs. M. J. Daly, of Fort Worth, Tex., has been in the city visiting for several days, and has just returned to her home.

Mrs. I. B. Scott and children, who have been awaiting the expiration of the heated term, have arrived in the city and are pleasantly quartered at No. 1314 Arrabella street.

Mrs. Lou Allen, who has for a number of years been connected with Wiley University, is visiting the city, and greatly enjoying the rest and the sights.

Rev. A. M. Mason, formerly of Luling, Tex., desires his correspondents to address him at Austin, Tex., No. 808 Neches street.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B., principal of Meridian Academy, wishes to notify his patrons and the public generally that the Academy will open September 21st.

Rev. D. Matthaei, pastor of our German Church this city, has just returned from holding revival services among his brethren in Mississippi. We are always glad to have him call.

Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, vice-president of Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La., has been making an extended trip over the State in the interest of his school, about which we hope to be able to say more next week. He opens October 5, 1896.

We spent a Sabbath recently with Rev. B. L. Crump, Benton, Miss., on condition that he would guarantee ten annual subscribers to the Southwestern. He raised \$225 for his church just renovated and re-opened; so he is happy and so are we.

The friends and acquaintances of the Rev. Prof. B. M. Hubbard, pastor of St. James M. E. Church, Shreveport, will please address or call on him at No. 510 Lake street.

Bishops Goodsell and Joyce are busy with the Missions and Conferences of the church in Europe and Asia respectively. They will be absent from this country many months yet.

Bishop Merrill has just celebrated the semi-centennial of his admission to the traveling connection in Piqua, O., 1846. He has also just held the Cincinnati Annual Conference at this same place where, fifty years before, he began his ministerial career. May he be spared to the church for years to come.

Rev. F. T. Chinn, P. E., dropped in to see us, and says the Monroe District is doing as well as can be expected, under the circumstances. His district covers the drought-stricken section of Louisiana, and the people are suffering greatly. He has organized four new preaching places and repaired a number of churches and parsonages.



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Malden Pierce	G. W. Braune, 3
G. W. Nevils, 1	W. A. Fortson, 1
J. P. Calvin, 1	Mary Kings
E. B. Richards, 1	W. H. Jackson, 1
W. H. Whitlock, 1	J. P. Wragg, 2
J. C. Adams, 1	J. J. Obbe, 1
A. McGlockha	W. M. Neal
J. W. Jackson, 7	Charles Fountain
N. J. Johnson, 2	W. H. Brown, 1
Alex. Lapire	F. T. Chinn, 4
D. Matthea	A. J. Proctor, 1
M. P. Moore, 1	E. E. Kirby
S. J. Jordan	B. F. Williams, 2
A. C. Cuthbert, 3	

### NOTICE.

To the Pastors and Presidents of the local Chapters, Epworth Leagues of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference: Will you at once, please send me the number of Chapters on your charges, number of members, number of junior leagues; how many are active and associate; send me a full report of your league, so that I can report the same to Dr. Schell, our secretary. Address me at Springfield, Tenn., P. O. Box No. 285.

Yours in Christ,  
E. J. Guthrie.

Wilson, La., Sept. 2nd, 1896.

The Pastors and Members of the Eaton Rouge District.

The minutes are now ready to go to the printer and you are hereby notified to send to Rev. A. Moore the amount of your subscription as per promise. You know the printer promised that within thirty days he would have the minutes out, if we would raise \$10.00 when the minutes were sent him, so they are ready now to go to the press. Please remit and notify me of same. Your brother,  
A. J. Proctor, Secretary.

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Refreshing "variety," which "is the spice of life," and a wealth of illustrations well calculated to please the sense of the ordinary magazine reader, are a marked feature in The Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, New York, for September.

The magazine, its price considered (5 cents), is a wonder. Illustrated by The Monthly Illustrator Publishing Co., 66-68 Centre street, New York. Subscription, 60 cents a year.

In Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for September. Important physiological information is given in clear terms in Mr. J. E. Humphrey's Some Modern Views of the Cell. Mr. Sydney G. Fisher discusses the relations of Immigration and Crime. Prof. W. R. Newbold's diagnosis of Illusions and Hallucinations is illustrated by the citation of several incidents of experience. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

General Horace Porter's personal recollections of General Grant, which The Century will publish beginning in November, are to be called "Campaigning with Grant." General Porter first met General Grant at Chattanooga; he soon became attached to his staff, and was with him constantly from that time until the close of General Grant's first term as President, during which he was Grant's private secretary.

### THE TRAIN BOY.

He had done several little errands for the gentleman in the Pullman car, and as the man got off he slipped a dollar into his hand.

"I like your looks, Jimmie," he said kindly. "Now, remember that you can make yourself whatever you wish. I don't mean by that that you may become a Vanderbilt, if you desire, or the President of the United States, but I do mean that you can be something better yet—a Christian man. Don't forget that."

It was ten years later before the two men met again. Then Jimmie had just been made conductor on an important road, and in one of the passengers he recognized his old-time friend. The gentleman had changed but little in the ten years just passed, but it was hard to persuade him that the fine-looking, young conductor was the ragged train-boy of whom he still retained a faint remembrance.

"But I certainly am he," Jimmie asserted, energetically, "and I've always wanted to tell you how much your words and your kindness did for me. I'd been getting into low company and growing sort of wild and reckless; but your words just haunted me and I got to wondering if that kind of thing paid. I concluded that I'd rather grow up a Christian man, as you said, than a drunken loafer, so I just stopped short and commenced over in dead earnest."

"And that was all the result of a few sentences, forgotten as soon as uttered," said the gentleman, thoughtfully. "It just shows what a mighty power for weal or woe our chance words may have, and how we ought to guard them."—Classmate.

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#### Columbus District.

Fourth Round. September.  
Columbus.....19 20 Columbus cir.....25 27  
October  
Alleyton.....3 4 La Grange.....10 11  
La Grange cir.....13 14 Fayetteville.....13 14  
Welman.....17 18 Flatonia.....24 25  
Oakland.....31, Nov. 1  
November  
Sublime.....4 5 Hallettsville.....7 8  
Yoakum.....10 11 Wharton.....14 15  
Edna.....21 22 Victoria.....28 29  
B. F. Smith, P. E.

#### Griffin District.

Fourth Round. September.  
Jonesboro.....26 27  
October  
Williamson.....3 4 Oak Hill.....10 11  
McDonough.....16 18 Locust Grove and  
Fayetteville.....24 25 Luella.....17 18  
Hampton.....31, Nov. 1  
November  
Union Grove.....7 8 Cevington.....6 8  
Griffin circuit.....14 15 Stockbridge.....21 22  
Griffin.....28 29  
December  
Oxford.....3 6 Brooks and Hart.....12 13  
Hapeville.....19 20 Ford.....12 13  
John P. Wragg, P. E.

#### Louisville District.

Third Round. September  
Shippensburg cir.....16 21 Chaplin circuit.....22 24  
Wilsonville circuit.....25 28  
October  
Shelbyville.....3 5 Harned circuit.....7 8  
Hardinburg.....9 12 Morgantown cir.....14 16  
Leitchfield.....17 19 Greenville.....21 22  
Beaver Dam.....20 21 Hartford.....21 25  
Auburn.....27 29 Bowling Green, 30, Nov. 1  
November  
Sopora cir.....2 3 New Haven cir.....4 6  
Cokechapel, Louis.....9 12 La Grange circuit.....13 15  
ville.....7 9 Worthville.....16 16  
Owenton.....17 18 Bedford.....19 20  
Pewee Valley.....21 23 Lloyd St., Louisville.....28 30  
December  
Mt. Washington cir.....1 2 Portland, Louisville.....3 4  
Anchorage.....5 7 Vine Grove.....8 10  
Jackson Street, Louisville.....11 14  
Geo. A. Sissle, P. E.

#### Shreveport District.

Fourth Round. September  
Rooky Monud.....26 27  
October  
Bodean.....3 4 Flournoy.....10 11  
Brownlee.....14 15 Vanceville.....17 18  
Fairfield.....24 25 Odom.....28 29  
Langstreet.....31, Nov. 1, 2  
November  
Sbady Grove.....7 8 Mansfield.....14 15  
Grand Cane.....10 13 Round Grove.....21 22  
H. James, P. E.

#### Brookhaven District.

Fourth Round. September  
Hazlebu st.....26 27  
October  
Bewerton.....3 4 China Grove.....10 11  
Columbia.....17 18 Pleasant Valley.....24 25  
Blamark.....26 27 Kennolia.....31, Nov. 1  
November  
Georgetown.....7 8 Crystal Springs cir.....14 15  
Terry.....21 22 King.....28 29  
December  
Steen Creek.....1 2 Crystal Springs.....5 6  
Brookhaven.....12 13 Summit & Magnolia.....19 20  
I. L. Pratt, P. E.

#### Palestine District.

Fourth Round. September.  
Hearne.....25 27 Sattton.....26 27  
October  
East Calvert ct.....3 4 East Mexia ct.....10 11  
Fairfield ct.....17 18 Winkler ct.....24 25  
Palestine station.....31, Nov. 1  
November  
San Augustine ct.....7 8 Jacksonville ct.....14 15  
Buffalo ct.....21 22 Oakwoods ct.....28 29  
December  
Leona circuit.....5 6 Madisonville.....5 6  
W. A. Fortson, P. E.

#### Rome District.

Fourth Round. September.  
Temple.....26 27 Tallapoosa.....27 28  
October  
Carrollton station.....2 4 Carrollton circuit.....3 4  
Pametto circuit.....10 11 Heard.....17 17  
Douglas.....17 18 Anstell.....17 18  
Senay.....24 23  
Cartersville and Aoworth.....30, Nov. 1  
Adairville.....31, Nov. 1  
November  
Livingston.....7 8 Codartown.....7 8  
Rome, First Ch., 15 18 Rome, Second Ch., 13 15  
Cave Springs.....21 22 Summerville and  
Floyd.....28 29 Finley.....28 29  
December  
Cohotta.....5 6 Chickamauga.....12 13  
Rome Mission.....19 20  
H. R. Allen, P. E.

The New York Times was bought in recently for \$138,000 by a Reorganization Committee.

### MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Heidelberg, Miss.—Prof. S. Sanders and Miss Pearlle Gavin were recently married at the bride's house. The groom is a student of the Meridian Academy and a teacher of the public school. R. N. Jones officiating.

Winnet, La.—The following were united in the bonds of holy matrimony: Mr. Paul Davis and Miss E. L. Richardson on Aug. 26; and Mr. Wm. Johnson and Emerline Smith on Aug. 29th. F. D. Bowers officiating.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

St. Martinsville, La.—Sister Harriet James, a faithful member of Mallallen Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life August 2nd. She said: "I am not afraid to die, I am ready to go."  
Bro. Essex Lavers, a faithful member of the above church for 29 years, died recently. He leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss.  
J. W. Turner, Pastor.

Mellico, Tex.—Sister E. H. Dandridge departed this life July 6th, in full triumph of faith. She was a faithful member of Bro. K's Chapel M. E. Church and Sunday-school; aged 78 years. She is greatly missed here, but our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn her departure.  
Sister Sallie Grace departed this life July 23d in full triumph of faith. She was a faithful member of our church and Sunday-school here. She leaves a husband, mother, two brothers and a sister to mourn her departure. Peace to her ashes!  
F. Gilmore, Pastor.

Boyce, La.—Mrs. Rev. D. Shelby died to day (August 31st), at 1 p. m., very suddenly. We go on the cannon-ball to Mansfield to bury the body.  
H. J. Wright.

Heidelberg, Miss.—With sadness we pen you the death of one of the members of Pleasant Valley M. E. Church—Bro. William Jones. His last words were, "I am ready." He leaves a wife, five children and many friends.  
R. N. Jones, Pastor.

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Dear Brethren: Your report to the District Conference was all that could be expected. Let us work together for still greater success. Push the battle till the meeting of the Annual Conference and great will be the result. As the "Week of Prayer" and also "Thanksgiving Day," are soon to be upon us, ask your people to observe them, and at that time to make a sacrifice for the Lord in the form of a donation. This to be a token of appreciation to Him for the blessings of the year. Push the canvass for the Southwestern Ch. Ad.

Yours for the work,  
Jno. P. Wragg, P. E.

#### BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Dear Brother Pastors: Our Annual Conference is drawing nigh; no time now to procrastinate. Do your best in gaining souls, and don't fail in raising every dollar apportioned, for missions, church extension, Freedman's Aid Society. Please send your missions money to either Eaton and Mains, New York City, or Curtis and Jennings, Cincinnati, Ohio. What are you doing for the Southwestern Christian Advocate? We, I think, will be ashamed of our record of subscribers to our paper at the conference. Brethren, push the canvass for The Southwestern. Yours truly,  
L. L. Pratt, P. E.

#### SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Do not fail in raising your benevolent money. Pastors will please notify the local preachers, exhorters, class-leaders, trustees, stewards, Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents that they cannot be officers of our church except they subscribe for the Southwestern Christian Advocate.  
H. James, P. E.

#### COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Brethren let there be no blanks unfilled, let us have a sound report. Have all the officers out on time with reports in hand. Will expect every dollar of benevolence raised. Let us bring the district to the front. We can do so by raising all our claims and putting the Southwestern Christian Advocate in every home. Let us rally on all lines. Yours in Christ,  
B. F. Smith, P. E.

#### PALESTINE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We are on the home stretch. Use every effort to have your benevolent collection all raised by the fourth quarter. Push the Southwestern. Have your stewards, trustees, committees and all other matters connected with quarter in readiness. Begin now to push the collections on all lines while the cotton is being sold. Your co-laborer,  
W. A. Fortson, P. E.

#### ROME DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We are now preparing to wind up our year's work, and many of you are sadly behind where you should be. You cannot afford to come to the Annual Conference this way. We must not fall for "By their fruits ye shall know them." Ar-

range to raise your entire collection. Urge it upon your people to meet all our obligations. Let every cause be faithfully presented. Remember Dr. I. B. Scott and the Southwestern. You who have not forwarded the Debt Paying Day money do so at once. Forward the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education collection to 220 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, Ohio. At your quarterly conference I expect full and clear reports.

Yours faithfully,  
H. R. Allen, Presiding Elder.

#### LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: The conference year is swiftly passing away and we urge you to duty. Finish gathering your benevolent money, and you who have failed to pay in your minute money please do so at once. Gather your forces together and prepare for a revival. We are praying for a thousand converts on the District this year. Shall we have them? As our faith so will it be. O, let us preach, pray and do our whole duty and the Lord will do the rest. Push your plans, go forward in the Master's name and success will be ours.

Yours for the cause,  
George A. Sissle, Louisville, Ky.

The Houston District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention will convene at Orange, Texas, Wednesday morning, Sept. 16th, at 9 a. m. and close Monday, Sept. 21st, 1896. It is the duty of the presiding elder, each pastor, local preacher, exhorter, district steward, Sunday school superintendents and one representative class leader from each charge to be present, ready to present a written report of his work, as required in par. 92:1-8 of the Discipline.

The following are the committees of examination: 1. On examination of candidates for license to preach—J. Jones, E. D. Blacknell and G. Todd.

2. On local preachers course, first year—C. M. Moore, Wm. Brooks, A. Britton. Second year—F. Gary, L. Burton and L. Felder. Third year—W. W. Brown, W. B. Pullam, G. M. Stewart. Fourth year—F. Parker, L. J. Hogan and C. G. Curtis. Admission on Trial—J. F. Cozier, L. Burton, E. D. Blacknell. Candidates for Orders—W. Hamilton, A. Britton and G. Todd.

Let every member be present at the beginning and remain to the close of the session.

Special Sermons: Opening sermon, Wednesday at 8 p. m., Rev. J. Jones; annual sermon, Rev. G. M. Stewart; missionary sermon, Rev. J. F. Cozier.

The pastor will kindly announce for his members to pay in one dollar each at the dedication services of their new church. The presidents and secretaries of the several auxiliaries of the H. M. Societies in the district will prepare full reports of their work and be ready for their anniversary service. There will be a full meeting in the interest of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate, and M. C. B. Mason, Cor. Secretary of Freedman's Aid Society, and the president of Wiley University have been invited

and are expected to be present in the interest of their work.

Note.—I have secured reduced rates on the "Certificate Plan" over the Southern Pacific railroad in the limits of my district to benefit ministers and delegates attending my district conference which convenes at Orange, Texas, September 16th to 21st inclusive. Tickets on sale Sept. 15 and 16, good for return September 21st.  
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#### PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS.

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For instance, it is now agreed that consumption is not hereditary, though the tendency to consumption is. It is known that many cases tend to recover. It has been proved that the mortality from consumption has, in the last forty years, greatly decreased.

As compared with other disease-producing organisms, the tubercle-bacillus grows very slowly. Conditions must favor it or it will not grow at all. Even after it has entered the mouth or the nasal passages, it must penetrate the mucous surface. When it has effected a lodgment in the tissues, it may still be destroyed, since, in a condition of perfect health, the juices of the tissues are fatal to microbic life.

On the other hand, depression of the vital forces by disease, debauchery, fatigue, want, even by mental cause, leaves the field open to the enemy. Nothing is clearer than that the surest preventives of consumption are temperance, contentment, cleanliness, fresh air and sunshine.

Since the disease is infectious, however, the physician must carry his advice a little further. How shall society protect itself against the consumptive? What can he do, or refrain from doing, to safeguard his own family?

Dr. James B. Russell, the senior medical officer of health of Glasgow, Scotland, has answered these questions very fully and clearly in a recent paper "On the Prevention of Tuberculosis."

"The tubercle-bacillus haunts the vicinity of the consumptive," says Dr. Russell. "It is not in the expired air. It is not in the cutaneous exhalations. It abounds in the sputum. It abounds in the dust of the apartment. Make it impossible for the discharge to pass into the condition of dust."

The remedy is simply to spit into a spittoon containing a little water; and when a handkerchief must be used, to see that it never dries. Immerse it in water, and ultimately boil it. Better still, use a piece of cloth or paper, and burn it at once.

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Louisville and Cincinnati.			
Fast mail	7:40 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3	7:30 pm	No. 4	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31	9:35 am	No. 32	6:15 p
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local		No. 6, Memphis Local	
Fast express, 10:30 am		Fast Train, 4:00 pm	
No. 21, Vicksburg express	5:30 p.m.	Vicksburg express	8:10 a.m.
No. 33, Baton Rouge a c.	10:00 a.m.	Baton Rouge a c.	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 3, fast ex.	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.	9:40 am
No. 1, lim. ex.	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.	3:30 p.m.
No. 5, fast mail	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.	7:50 pm
Sunday ex.	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex.	6:55 pm	No. 53, Cal. ex.	8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Spgs express	9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Spgs express	7:20 pm
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No. 1, Cincinnati and New York	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York	3:20 pm
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPT 23, 1896.

## DESTRUCTIVE VICES.

(Prov. 16:22-23.)

Golden Text—"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 16:25.)

The most of this book was written or collected by the son of David, therefore they are called the "Proverbs of Solomon." Throughout the work, goodness is wisdom and badness is folly. It is a treatise on education. The author is professor of Moral Science. Religion and morality were wedded in the Hebrew mind, and they should not to-day be divorced. The authorship and inspiration of the book are unquestionable. It was placed in the Jewish Canon in the days of the prophets, and was often quoted by the writers of the New Testament. Its moral value has been held in high esteem by the best and wisest of men. It strongly commends industry, frugality, chastity, temperance, and integrity. It forcibly condemns idleness, strife, envy, drunkenness and rioting. No other writer has ever furnished such a picture of a good wife as is found in the last chapter of this book.

I. The understanding mind, wise heart, and pleasant word. (22-24.) 1. The understanding is that faculty of the mind by which we apprehend the real state of things, or comprehend the ideas of others. It is knowledge, or intelligence, between two or more persons. It is used here for wisdom or godliness. Job said: "There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding." The wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works." This understanding or wisdom is a "well-spring of life." Godliness is like a deep well that is fed by a never failing vein. Strike the man of wisdom on any line of thought, and he will gush forth with bright sparkling ideas, that will be pleasant and profitable to others. They will be greatly desired. There is a thirst for knowledge that only the thoughts of the wise can satisfy. This wisdom will lead to eternal life. It dispels darkness and introduces light. It makes plain and enforces every branch of godliness. It is for all: for him "that hath it," or will have it. The blessings of godliness are in reach of every person. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

2. The heart is the fountain from which flows every intellectual faculty. It is the germ that produces reason, judgment, and conscience. It is the foundation on which intellect sensibilities, and will, rest. It is the entire spiritual man. It will remain in its natural, or unwise state, if it is not taught. In such condition its instruction will be folly. But by culture it may attain a very high state of knowledge and piety. All the intellectual and spiritual faculties are creatures of growth. Development implies life, soil and nourishment. When the mind is stored with knowledge, it will teach the mouth, hands, feet, and entire body, wisdom. He will comprehend the best results of life, desire the same, and use the proper means to gain them. The wisdom of the wise man will be seen in his thoughts, heard in his words, and observed in his deeds.

3. A word is that which is uttered, or thrown out. It is an articulation, or vocal sound, uttered by the voice to express an idea, or a combination of ideas. Thoughts are not always pleasant to others. Some times the thing said is disagreeable, and the manner of saying it repulsive. At other times words are "sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." There is here no reference to flattery. Kind words are delightful to the mind, and healthful to the body. A kind heart and sweet spirit will usually speak pleasant words. It is wise to say everything in a mild way and never if possible wound the feelings of others. But it is unwise to always say what the people wish to hear. The prophets, Saviors and apostles, were often forced to say unpleasant things. The Seer cannot always prophesy smooth things. Nature, highly refined is what we most desire.

II. The way that seemeth right,

and the object of labor. (25-26.) 1. Man's way. Way means course in life. It refers here to the conduct of the bad—the drunkard, gambler, and libertine. The wicked may be divided into classes. In the Word we read of the ungodly, the sinner, and the scorner. There are those who oppose God, do what they can to overthrow His church, destroy His word, abolish His Sabbath, and blot out the institutions of his house. Others are perfectly indifferent to the demands of God upon them. They neither help or oppose, in a direct way, the cause of the Master. They make no effort to build up or throw down God's Kingdom. A third class wish the Lord's cause well. They may belong to the church, contribute to the support of the gospel, and make their regular rounds of religious duties; yet the world has full control of their heart. Man's way may seem right unto him. Many are sufficiently honest to acknowledge their course in life is not the best, yet they have reasons satisfactory to themselves, for continuing therein. But usually every man's way is right in his own eyes. Yet for a man to think he is correct does not make it so. That which is in keeping with the Scripture is right, and that which is opposed to it is wrong. Good intentions will not justify bad deeds. The punishment of Uzzah is proof of this. Saul, before his conversion, though he was doing God's service when he persecuted the church. Many of the Papists, when they were burning the Saints of God at Smithfield, thought they were acting according to the Lord's will. A man may live up to his convictions and yet be lost. Man's way leads to death. We are tending to a goal. Death is the ultimatum of me. It is eternal death here referred to. The going away into everlasting punishment, banishment from God's presence and the glory of his power. Hell will be the everlasting portion of those who walk in their own ways. 2. Labor is the exercise of muscular strength by which a living is obtained, it is also the putting forth of the intellectual faculties. Labor is honorable. Adam, in his primitive state, as commanded to dress and keep the garden of Eden. Jesus labored to support himself, and St. Paul worked with his own hands to provide for his wants. The body is the chief object of labor. The demands of the mouth must be satisfied. Yet he is selfish who labors for himself alone.

III. The mischief makers. (27-30.) 1. The ungodly man is unlike God. The Lord is love, joy, peace, truth, temperance and faith, but the ungodly is just the opposite of these. He searches for unguarded words and deeds, as one would look for hid treasures, digs them up and makes capital of them. He hunts in the dark for failings and short comings and brings them to the light. His words are "as a burning fire." He delights to tell unpleasant news. His words inflame the bad and consume the good that exists in others. 2. The froward man is one who has turned aside from the right, and will not yield to what is required. He is contrary and peevish. Such an one is forever sowing dissension. He condemns every thing that is opposed to him. He knows all the unpleasant news, and tells it very confidentially, in a whisper or undertone. By so doing he may separate chief friends. 3. Violence here refers to mental power by which one is forced to leave the right course and walk in the way of evil. Misery loves company. Every class in society endeavors to swell its own ranks. All use their influence, to make others like themselves. But only the "pure in heart" have unselfish motives in winning people to their ways. The violent man shuts his eyes to devise mischief. He meditates, draws plans, and with his lips reveals and enforces them, till evil results are brought to pass.

IV. The hoary head, ruling the spirit, and casting lots. (31-33.) 1. Old age is seen in many ways, but in none more clearly than in the silvery locks. Gray hairs are honorable and demand respect of the young. But the old, who will be soon forced by the course of nature to depart this life, and yet are desperately wicked should fill every one with sadness. The hoary head is a crown of glory only when it rests on the shoulders of the righteous. 2. Anger is a violent passion of the mind, usually excited by a real or supposed injury, and generally accompanied with a disposition to take revenge. Many are the evil results of ungoverned angry passions. Let every one be "slow to wrath." He that rules his

spirit is better than he that takes a city. He only is the great and free man who has every appetite and passion under the control of will.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOURSELF.

It is the duty of every man to make the most of himself. Whatever his capacities may be, he is sure to find some place where he can be useful to himself and to others. But he cannot reach his highest usefulness without good health and he cannot have good health without pure blood. The blood circulates to every organ and tissue and when it is pure, rich and healthy it carries health to the entire system, but if it is impure it scatters disease wherever it flows. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier. It cures salt rheum, scrofula, catarrh, dyspepsia and rheumatism because these diseases have their origin in the blood.

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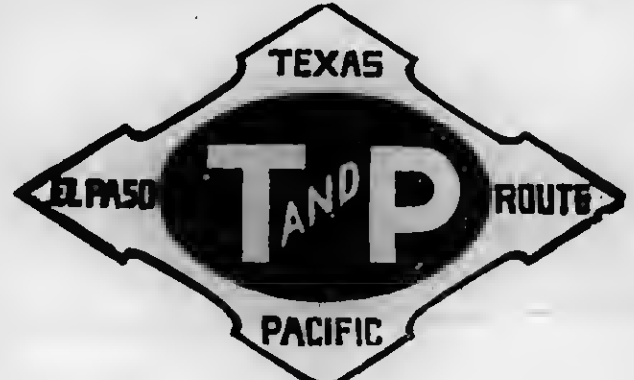
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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville,		
W. Va.	Sep. 16	Hurst
East Ohio, Uhrichsville, O.	Sep. 16	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16	Walden
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville,		
Ill.	Sep. 16	FitzGerald
Neb., Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Con-		
ference, Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17	Mallalieu
New Mexico, English Mission,		
Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, N.H.	Sep. 17	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danish,		
Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17	Cranston
California (German), Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 18	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23	Warren
Southern California, Los Ange-		
les, Cal.	Sep. 23	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23	Huret
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23	Walden
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23	Fowler
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles		
City, Ia.	Sep. 24	Andrews
Blue Ridge Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission		
Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30	Walden
Holston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Engle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30	FitzGerald
West Nebraska Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf.,		
Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Huret
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7	FitzGerald
Central New York, Tonawanda,		
Pa.	Oct. 7	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9	Foss
Dakota, Vermillion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon,		
Tenn.	Oct. 15	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 23	Ninde
West Texas, Chero, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

## Lost Friends.

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## HOW OLD MUST I BE?

"Mother," a little child once said, "how old must I be before I can be a Christian?"

The wise mother answered: "How old will you have to be, darling, before you can love me?"

"Why, mother, I always loved you. I do now, and I always shall; but you have not told me yet how old I shall have to be."

The mother replied: "How old must you be before you can trust yourself wholly to me and my care?"

"I always did," she answered; "but tell me what I want to know." And she put her arms about her mother's neck.

The mother asked again: "How old will you have to be before you can do what I want you to do?"

Then the child whispered, half guessing what her mother meant: "I can now, without growing any older."

Her mother said: "You can be a Christian now, darling, without waiting to be older. Don't you want to begin now?"

The child whispered: "Yes."

Then they both knelt down, and in her prayer the mother gave to Christ her little one who wanted to be his.—Judson.

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## "FOR MY SAKE."

Three little words, but full of tenderest meaning;  
Three little words the heart can scarcely hold;  
Three little words, but on their import dwelling  
What wealth of love these syllables unfold!

"For my sake" cheer the suffering, help the needy;  
On earth this was My work, I give it thee.  
If thou wouldst follow in thy Master's footsteps,  
Take up My cross and come and learn of Me.

"For My sake" let the harsh word die muttered  
That trembles on the swift, impetuous tongue;  
"For My sake" check the quick, rebellious feeling  
That rises when thy brother does thee wrong.

"For My sake" press with steadfast patience onward  
Although the race be hard, the battle long.  
Within My Father's house are many mansions;  
There thou shalt rest and join the victor's song.

And if in coming days the world revile thee,  
If "for My sake" thou suffer pain and loss,  
Bear on, faint heart; thy Master went before thee;  
They only wear His crown who share His cross.  
—Selected

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The "Western" issues a Bishop Merrill number—a jubilee number in his honor and devotes a considerable part of the paper to the discussion of his gifts and accomplishments. He is well worthy it all.

Our Medical College in this city will open a hospital about October 1st in order that our medical students may secure practical experience in the same, and for the purpose of rendering more efficient the nurse training department.

The Christian Advocate is seventy years old and celebrates its birthday by giving "cuts" and sketches of nine of its former editors and an interesting auto-biographical sketch of itself. It has had eleven editors in all, of whom all are dead except Dr. Abel Stevens, Bishop Fowler and the present incumbent. Its little sister is pleased to congratulate the Advocate and its editor, Dr. J. M. Buckley, both on the vigor it evinces though laden with three score years and ten, and the exalted place it occupies in the eye of the church and the whole newspaper world. May its influence and strength increase with the coming years.

We have repeatedly warned those who send us news items, announcements, etc., to cut them down to the last notch. We want you to write but give us simply an outline. In other words, you cut it down, and we will not have it to do; if you will not, then we must. We have not objection to your letters, but a newspaper must contain something else to be satisfactory to the reading public. It is your paper, but you want us to make a success of it. Make your communications short, and avoid the cut; write plainly, and keep out of the waste basket.

Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall dropped in to say: The pastors on the Baton Rouge District are doing some good revival work. Many of the charges are being blessed by these awakenings. Rev. William Emmett, pastor at St. Peter, leads with 61 conversions, while Rev. J. O. Richards, at Clinton, comes next with 22, followed by Rev. David Harrison, at the Plank Roads, with 18; Revs. H. A. Sorrell, at Slaughter, and J. D. Pool, at Albert Chapel, have each reported 10 or more. Many others are in the same business. I hope they will keep the fire burning and let us know the results.

## A WARNING THAT SHOULD BE HEEDED.

"About two weeks ago three young men, accused of a nameless crime, narrowly escaped death at the hands of an incensed body of citizens at Libertyville, Iowa. That they were not lynched was due to the firmness and strategy of the sheriff. It now transpires that they were entirely innocent, and were the victims of the hallucination of a girl of unsound mind. The people of Libertyville and vicinity were horrified, as well they might be, when they learned how near they came to putting an end to the lives of the accused parties. Here is a striking example of the tendency and danger of lynch law that ought to make a deep and lasting impression not only upon the community where this incident occurred, but upon every other community where there is any disposition upon the part of the people to substitute mob force for the authority of the courts."

We take the above clipping from the Central Christian Advocate and desire to say we approve most heartily what our good friend, Dr. Young, says about the danger of lynch law. In fact it actually makes one shudder to think of the scores of innocent men who are put to death in this latitude because their slayers will not take time to investigate. When a crime is committed somebody must die to atone for it. In many of the cases in question this would be all right if the guilty party was properly sought out; but no, the chivalrous avengers simply go out for a little sport and fall upon the first defenseless Negro they find who cannot properly account for himself. The crime of lynching is no more honorable when at the North than at the South; and is no more justifiable when the victim is a helpless negro than when he is a poor white man; and we trust that the day is not far distant when men in both sections will by common consent agree to wait and let the proper authorities determine not only whether the "girl" is possessed of an "unsound mind," but that he who is to die is not the victim of what may be called "mistaken identity." It is far better that a community be "horrified" before the innocent is put to death than afterwards when they shall have learned the mistake made.

Such sheriffs as the one mentioned is an honor to the community he serves and really adds dignity to the law he is sworn to execute. We have a few of that class in these parts, and we have reason to believe that more than one-half of the brutal and cowardly lynchings that are sapping the moral life of the South and rendering human life less and less secure, could be averted if those in charge of the prisoners were not more in sympathy with the mobs than they are anxious to perform their sworn duty.

## WORDS THAT EVERY MINISTER OF METHODISM NEEDS TO CONSIDER.

Bishop Vincent said to the Colorado Conference at its recent session at Leadville:

"I believe that no excuse, except illness, ought to be accepted by an annual conference for delinquency in the ministerial course of study. The man who does not or will not study the books assigned to this course is not fit for the ministry in our church. We need in our itinerant work students with trained intellects, who are acquainted with the Bible, who know how to master great books, how to make noble sermons, how to deal with men. From all the churches come applications for pastors of intelligence and culture. The needs of the age require educated men—men who, whether they have been through college or not, have learned how to study, how to get knowl-

edge, how to guide the inquiring mind; who are apt to teach." Our undergraduates, and those who are thinking of undertaking the duties of the itinerancy, ought to understand that they must apply themselves to their books, they must cultivate a liking for theological and biblical and literary study, or else abandon the hope of securing or maintaining a place in our ministry."

Without doubt these remarks by so eminent an authority as Bishop Vincent will have due weight throughout the church. While we do not think Methodist preachers are worse in this respect than others, we are, nevertheless, of the opinion that if we properly sustain ourselves before the public we shall find it necessary to heed this note of warning and buckle down to work. It is not sufficient that we may have attended college; constant application is necessary to keep us abreast of the times; neither have we anything to boast of if we have not attended college; in either case the man who does not study will soon find himself relegated to the rear. The conference course of study must be mastered, other good books read and some time given to church and secular papers.

Some men give as an excuse for not studying that they do not have time; they may quiet their minds and satisfy themselves for the time being with such an excuse, but the time is coming when it will not satisfy a waiting and hungering congregation.

Aside from the consequences to ourselves, we owe it to the people whom we serve to study. Men who do not study resort to various methods to hold their congregations. In some sections they simply drift off to relating their Christian experience and then scold the people if they do not shout. The poor sisters have heard that same story so often that they are really tired of it, but to help out they rise and come again. That class of fellows who are squeezing through on such lines are a hindrance to the progress of the race, and they are not all in Methodist pulpits, either. It is absolutely impossible for even a man who may be an orator to instruct and elevate his congregation without study. And yet we have scores of men who are holding crowds of our people on sound, pure and simple. True, they take a new text each time, but they give the people the same thing they have always given them, after discussing the text for five or ten minutes. They have a voice and the people follow it.

It is gratifying, however, to be able to say there are, in our section scores of progressive Christian ministers in the Baptist and various Methodist churches, also, who are laboring on such lines as will elevate and help the people. They are studying. The people do not always take kindly to them at first, but when they see what they are trying to do for them they are as loyal as can be. These are not all college men, by any means, but they are at work trying to meet the demands of the hour. They love their calling and the race they seek to uphold and save too well to be satisfied with success on any other than legitimate lines!

We trust the good Bishop's words may be helpful to all who read them.

## THE VOTE ON THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN.

Cincinnati Conference, for 127, against 28; Colorado Conference, for 50, against 11; Montana Conference, for 22, against 7; Idaho Conference, for 14, against 3.



## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Indiana, Evansville, Ind.	Sep. 16	Merrill
Illinois, Tuscola, Ill.	Sep. 16	Andrews
West Virginia, Moundsville, W. Va.	Sep. 16	Hurst
East Ohio, Uhrichsville, O.	Sep. 16	Ninde
Michigan, Lansing, Mich.	Sep. 16	Waldea
Central Ohio, Bellefontaine, O.	Sep. 16	Fowler
Southern Illinois, Jerseyville, Ill.	Sep. 16	FitzGerald
Nebraska, Hastings, Neb.	Sep. 16	McCabe
North Swedish Mission Conference Duluth, Minn.	Sep. 17	Warren
North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.	Sep. 17	Mallalien
New Mexico English Mission, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Sep. 17	Vincent
West'n Swedish, Oakland, Neb.	Sep. 17	Newman
Western Norwegian, Danneb., Tacoma, Wash.	Sep. 17	Cranston
California German, Los Angeles, Cal.	Sep. 18	Foss
Ohio, Washington, C. H., O.	Sep. 23	Merrill
Minnesota, Austin, Minn.	Sep. 23	Warren
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Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23	FitzGerald
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23	Newman
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23	Cranston
Northwest German, Charles City, Ia.	Sep. 24	Andrews
Blue Ridge Bethel, N. C.	Sep. 24	Mallalien
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30	Andrews
North'n Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30	Warren
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N. P. German Mission Cont., Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Hurst
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E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallalien
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Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 28	Ninde
West Texas, Cuero, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

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## "FOR MY SAKE."

Three little words, but full of tenderest meaning;  
Three little words the heart can scarcely hold;  
Three little words, but on their import dwelling  
What wealth of love these syllables unfold!

"For my sake" cheer the suffering, help the needy;  
On earth this was My work, I give it thee.  
If thou wouldst follow in thy Master's footsteps,  
Take up My cross and come and learn of Me.

"For My sake" let the harsh word die unuttered  
That trembles on the swift, impetuous tongue;  
"For My sake" check the quick, rebellious feeling  
That rises when thy brother does thee wrong.

"For My sake" press with steadfast patience onward  
Although the race be hard, the battle long,  
Within My Father's house are many mansions;  
There thou shalt rest and join the victor's song.

And if in coming days the world revile thee,  
If "for My sake" thou suffer pain and loss,  
Bear on, faint heart: thy Master went before thee;  
They only wear His crown who share His cross.  
—Selected

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The "Western" issues a Bishop Merrill number—a jubilee number in his honor and devotes a considerable part of the paper to the discussion of his gifts and accomplishments. He is well worthy it all.

Our Medical College in this city will open a hospital about October 1st in order that our medical students may secure practical experience in the same, and for the purpose of rendering more efficient the nurse training department.

The Christian Advocate is seventy years old and celebrates its birthday by giving "cuts" and sketches of nine of its former editors and an interesting auto-biographical sketch of itself. It has had eleven editors in all, of whom all are dead except Dr. Abel Stevens; Bishop Fowler and the present incumbent. Its little sister is pleased to congratulate the Advocate and its editor, Dr. J. M. Buckley, both on the vigor it evinces though laden with three score years and ten, and the exalted place it occupies in the eye of the church and the whole newspaper world. May its influence and strength increase with the coming years.

We have repeatedly warned those who send us news items, announcements, etc., to cut them down to the last notch. We want you to write but give us simply an outline. In other words, you cut it down, and we will not have it to do; if you will not, then we must. We have not objection to your letters, but a newspaper must contain something else to be satisfactory to the reading public. It is your paper, but you want us to make a success of it. Make your communications short, and avoid the cut; write plainly, and keep out of the waste basket.

Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall dropped in to say: The pastors on the Baton Rouge District are doing some good revival work. Many of the charges are being blessed by these awakenings. Rev. William Emmett, pastor at St. Peter, leads with 61 conversions, while Rev. J. O. Richards, at Clinton, comes next with 22, followed by Rev. David Harrison, at the Plank Roads, with 18; Revs. H. A. Sorrell, at Slaughter, and J. D. Pool, at Albert Chapel, have each reported 10 or more. Many others are in the same business. I hope they will keep the fire burning and let us know the results."

## A WARNING THAT SHOULD BE HEHEDED.

"About two weeks ago three young men, accused of a nameless crime, narrowly escaped death at the hands of an incensed body of citizens at Libertyville, Iowa. That they were not lynched was due to the firmness and strategy of the sheriff. It now transpires that they were entirely innocent, and were the victims of the hallucination of a girl of unsound mind. The people of Libertyville and vicinity were horrified, as well they might be, when they learned how near they came to putting an end to the lives of the accused parties. Here is a striking example of the tendency and danger of lynch law that ought to make a deep and lasting impression not only upon the community where this incident occurred, but upon every other community where there is any disposition upon the part of the people to substitute mob force for the authority of the courts."

We take the above clipping from the Central Christian Advocate and desire to say we approve most heartily what our good friend, Dr. Young, says about the danger of lynch law. In fact it actually makes one shudder to think of the scores of innocent men who are put to death in this latitude because their slayers will not take time to investigate. When a crime is committed somebody must die to atone for it. In many of the cases in question this would be all right if the guilty party was properly sought out; but no, the chivalrous avengers simply go out for a little sport and fall upon the first defenseless Negro they find who cannot properly account for himself. The crime of lynching is no more honorable when at the North than at the South; and is no more justifiable when the victim is a helpless negro than when he is a poor white man; and we trust that the day is not far distant when men in both sections will by common consent agree to wait and let the proper authorities determine not only whether the "girl" is possessed of an "unsound mind," but that he who is to die is not the victim of what may be called "mistaken identity." It is far better that a community be "horrified" before the innocent is put to death than afterwards when they shall have learned the mistake made.

Such sheriffs as the one mentioned is an honor to the community he serves and really adds dignity to the law he is sworn to execute. We have a few of that class in these parts, and we have reason to believe that more than one-half of the brutal and cowardly lynchings that are sapping the moral life of the South and rendering human life less and less secure, could be averted if those in charge of the prisoners were not more in sympathy with the mobs than they are anxious to perform their sworn duty.

## WORDS THAT EVERY MINISTER OF METHODISM NEEDS TO CONSIDER.

Bishop Vincent said to the Colorado Conference at its recent session at Leadville:

"I believe that no excuse, except illness, ought to be accepted by an annual conference for delinquency in the ministerial course of study. The man who does not or will not study the books assigned to this course is not fit for the ministry in our church. We need in our itinerant work students with trained intellects, who are acquainted with the Bible, who know how to master great books, how to make noble sermons, how to deal with men. From all the churches come applications for pastors of intelligence and culture. The needs of the age require educated men—men who, whether they have been through college or not, have learned how to study, how to get knowl-

edge, how to guide the inquiring mind; who are 'apt to teach.' Our undergraduates, and those who are thinking of undertaking the duties of the itinerancy, ought to understand that they must apply themselves to their books, they must cultivate a liking for theological and biblical and literary study, or else abandon the hope of securing or maintaining a place in our ministry."

Without doubt these remarks by so eminent an authority as Bishop Vincent will have due weight throughout the church. While we do not think Methodist preachers are worse in this respect than others, we are, nevertheless, of the opinion that if we properly sustain ourselves before the public we shall find it necessary to heed this note of warning and buckle down to work. It is not sufficient that we may have attended college; constant application is necessary to keep us abreast of the times; neither have we anything to boast of if we have not attended college; in either case the man who does not study will soon find himself relegated to the rear. The conference course of study must be mastered, other good books read and some time given to church and secular papers.

Some men give as an excuse for not studying that they do not have time; they may quiet their minds and satisfy themselves for the time being with such an excuse, but the time is coming when it will not satisfy a waiting and hungering congregation.

Aside from the consequences to ourselves, we owe it to the people whom we serve to study. Men who do not study resort to various methods to hold their congregations. In some sections they simply drift off to relating their Christian experience and then scold the people if they do not shout. The poor sisters have heard that same story so often that they are really tired of it, but to help out they rise and come again. That class of fellows who are squeezing through on such lines are a hindrance to the progress of the race, and they are not all in Methodist pulpits, either. It is absolutely impossible for even a man who may be an orator to instruct and elevate his congregation without study. And yet we have scores of men who are holding crowds of our people on sound, pure and simple. True, they take a new text each time, but they give the people the same thing they have always given them, after discussing the text for five or ten minutes. They have a voice and the people follow it.

It is gratifying, however, to be able to say there are, in our section scores of progressive Christian ministers in the Baptist and various Methodist churches, also, who are laboring on such lines as will elevate and help the people. They are studying. The people do not always take kindly to them at first, but when they see what they are trying to do for them they are as loyal as can be. These are not all college men, by any means, but they are at work trying to meet the demands of the hour. They love their calling and the race they seek to uphold and save too well to be satisfied with success on any other than legitimate lines.

We trust the good Bishop's words may be helpful to all who read them.

## THE VOTE ON THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN.

Cincinnati Conference, for 127, against 28; Colorado Conference, for 50, against 11; Montana Conference, for 22, against 7; Idaho Conference, for 14, against 3.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE M. E. CHURCH COMPARED WITH OTHERS.

By J. O. Richards.

Unquestionably the foremost of all churches in spreading scriptural holiness, extending the work of the Master, seeking the lost and lifting up the fallen, is the Methodist Episcopal Church. This fact is admitted by both friend and foe. There are three ways in which one church may be justly compared with others and its influence for good, its power and true greatness ascertained: 1st. Its material development; 2nd. Intellectual development; 3rd. Its spiritual development. No one can glance back to the origin of the M. E. Church and follow her step after step for a century and a half; but that before reaching the year 1896, would say that in her existence she has built more houses of worship, extended the work of the Master further, caught the ear in telling the simple story of the cross, of more people, nations, and tongues than any other church on record. It is no fault of the M. E. Church that she has outstripped all other churches in bringing the world to Christ. In quality and quantity of veterans who are in the van marching with intrepid step to the battle cry of the Master. She stands first. In schoolhouse, seminaries and universities; facilities for educating the number of young men and women who have been aided in procuring an education in these Christian schools; money expended each year for educational purposes; in fostering Christian education; in sacrificing that whosoever will may obtain an education, she stands pre-eminently above all others. Born in a college she has always been foremost in holding high the banner of Christian education, and demanding the intellectual development of each of her members. That spiritual power and broad-heartedness that led John Wesley to exclaim: "The world is my parish," is with the church to-day. The mantle of Wesley rests upon his sons and daughters. They are going into every country preaching justification by faith and Christian perfection. No wonder in reading Church History, the characteristic which give the M. E. Church pre-eminence over others are sought for and found, they are proven to be ardent zeal and manifestation of spiritual power. The two churches, according to the statistics given by the church historian, which furnish religious institutions for nearly one-half of the population are the Baptist and Methodist, while the Baptists have increased 9 per cent. in the last 5 years, Methodists have increased 18 per cent. Flung into existence, in the midst of a revolution that quickened every energy of a people who knew no superior, but was ready to deride and scorn, she commenced her course a stranger by birth with no weapon but the sword of the spirit. The youngest of all, she has grown to be the largest; so much so that the sun ever shines on her members. There is not a single nation from the North to the South poles, and from the Pacific ocean down to the turbid waters of the river Nile, but that in some way has felt her elevating influence. Neither pen nor voice can fully describe her influence for good. In writing a modern history of the Christian Church, the historian will select one church to represent France, another to represent the other countries of Europe, and so on till each communicant has been properly represented, and then dipping his pen in sunlight will write in the clear blue above them all, the name of Methodist Episcopal Church.

## HONOR TO A SAINT AND MORAL HERO.

By President W. P. Thirkield.

There are few men worthy of more honor in memory of heroic and faithful service than the Rev. George Standing, for thirty years a missionary preacher in the Savannah Conference. It is delightful to see how, in his old age, he receives the veneration and love of the many hundreds whom he has served and brought into the kingdom.

On August 26th, "Father Standing, as we love to call the aged, white-haired, active saint, was seventy-one years of age. Fully a hundred of his friends gathered at his beautiful home to give him joyous congratulations.

Brief addresses, setting forth the gratitude of all hearts for such a life, of self-sacrificing usefulness, were given by Prof. Croghan, the Rev. Mr. Proctor, pastor of the First Congregational Church, the Rev. I. S. Harris, of Lloyd street, and others, including the writer, who was glad of the privilege to pay his tribute to one whom he honors as one of the saints and heroes of the Church. Some valuable gifts were received and refreshments were served. Gratitude and joy filled all hearts. May Father Standing's serene and peaceful old age be ever under the banner of our Heavenly Father's love.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Uno.

Fusion is the fact, confusion the result—that is, in things political. Well, the white and colored Methodists of Washington, with some of their pastors and presiding elders, are having a quiet little fusion. They have joined forces and are operating a very successful mission in the southwestern section of the city. Rev. C. A. Leftwick has charge, Revs. Cassard and Clair the moving spirits.

Rev. Jas. W. Dansbury, one of the fathers of the conference and wheel-horses of Methodism, talks of superannuating in March.

Dame Rumor has commenced suggesting appointments for next year. She whispers that the Metropolitan Church, Baltimore, will be pastored by the present presiding elder of the Stanton district. Mighty good man.

Hard times, did you say? Not much in Lynchburg, Va., where the pastor, Rev. H. A. Carroll has raised nearly a thousand dollars in six months.

We have a poet among the preachers. Whenever the people refuse to contribute freely he threatens to sing one of his own compositions unless they come down—and then the good people trample each other in a wild rush to the altar. They had heard him before.

The pastors are returning home after their vacations, and now we may expect the wheels to hum.

Rev. Charles Price died at Bedford Springs, Va., Sept. 2d. He joined the conference in 1874, lived a Christian life, did effective work, and died a hero's death. He was widely known and well beloved.

His funeral was held at Jackson Street Church, Lynchburg, in charge of pastor Rev. H. A. Carroll; many other ministers present.

## TUSKEGEE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE, TUSKEGEE, ALA.

School opens on the 8th of September. Night school closed on the 31st of July. The work will be resumed in the fall. Printed matter and information for organizing Negro Conferences similar to those held at Tuskegee may be had by addressing Principal Booker T. Washington. It is very gratifying to note the encouragement which the work of the National Federation of Afro-American Women, of which organization Mrs. B. T. Washington is president, is receiving from both press and public. Isaac Fisher.

## THE CROP OUTLOOK.

Despite the protracted hot and dry weather, the prospect for a fine corn crop is good. The early corn is all made; the late crop is likely to be materially cut off.

The effect of this hot and dry spell on the cotton crop has been to force early maturity and cut off the crop. Some estimate the loss at one-third. It is safe to place it at one-fourth. It will be recollected that the drought in May caused cotton to be late in coming up, and when it did come up, a rain period of four weeks ensued, giving the plant a vigorous growth and filled it with sap. The result of the present dry spell upon the plant has been to cause it to shed its leaves and drop its buds. In some places the drying up of the entire plant is reported. Good seasonable rains may bring out a portion of the present crop, and even if it should, the crop will be reduced very much. The cotton crop of Georgia last year aggregated 1,200,000 bales, which was worth, at \$35 per bale, \$42,000,000 to the farmers of the State. The cutting off of one-fourth—300,000 bales—entails a loss of \$10,500,000, if cotton does not rule higher than seven cents per pound.

In Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi

and Texas, the cotton crop has been cut off to as great an extent as in Georgia, if not greater, and while the cotton receipts in September are expected to be very heavy, the outlook is that from then on the receipts will fall off materially.—Southern Cultivator.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Navasota District Conference was called to order by Rev. W. L. Duncan, P. E.; prayer by Rev. M. M. Muldrew. After a few brief remarks, the presiding elder stated that the officers were absent. Hence the following officers were elected for the session:

S. S.—Rev. W. L. Duncan, president; Rev. Thos. Cole, of Brenham, secretary; Miss L. E. Silteler, assistant secretary; Miss Mary Baldwin, of Anderson, treasurer.

E. L.—Rev. Mrs. H. E. Cole, of Brenham, president; Miss M. E. Fifer, Navasota circuit, secretary; Prof. C. M. McWashington, assistant secretary and Miss Lizzie Key, of Brenham, treasurer.

Mrs. H. E. Cole, was elected reporter for the S. W. C. A., New Orleans.

Committees on the Benevolent causes, and also for the Southwestern, were appointed.

Rev. S. M. Bolden, of Conroe, and Prof. C. W. McWashington were introduced to the convention.

Rev. M. M. Muldrew was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

The convention was well attended, and the papers on the League and Sunday school were of more importance than could be mentioned here.

Rev. O. I. Jones, the Sunday school agent, was present, also Rev. W. A. Fortson, P. E., of the Palestine district; and both rendered valuable services on all subjects, as did Rev. S. M. Bolden, of Conroe.

The musical department was conducted by Mrs. H. E. Cole and Rev. S. M. Bolden.

We were greatly benefitted by many open discussions. The following papers were ordered for publication: "Is the League a Necessity?" by Rev. Thos. Cole. The Sunday-school teacher and His Preparation," by A. E. Gibbs. "What Preparation is Needed for a Superintendent?" by Miss M. Stewart. "Anniversaries," by Rev. S. M. Bolden. "The Church Extension," by Rev. O. I. Jones. Sunday-school agent. Sunday-school Union," by Rev. Thos. Cole. "Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, and the appeal made for \$1400 for all purposes, endorsed by the last annual conference. Each subject was commended by the visitors and members of the convention. Saturday was a busy day. The following are the League officers: W. C. Burgess, president; Miss H. E. Fifer, 1st vice president; Miss M. Baldwin, 2d vice president; Miss J. McDade, 3rd vice president; Miss M. E. Stewart, 4th vice president; Prof. A. E. Gibbs, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Cole, organist; Mrs. Sarah Benford, musical director; Miss Lizzie Key, treasurer; Rev. Wm. Josey, librarian.

Sunday-school officers: Rev. W. L. Duncan, president.

Note.—The assistant secretary lost or failed to get the names of the other officers, therefore we fail to mention them, and this is the cause of the delay. Miss H. E. Cole, Reporter.

The Baton Rouge District Conference met in its tenth session, in Baton Rouge, La., August 19, 1896, with Rev. J. F. Marshall, P. E., in the chair. After devotional services, A. J. Proctor was elected secretary, with Bros. M. P. Franklin and J. R. Richards, assistants. Rev. B. J. Reddix was elected statistical secretary. The Presiding Elder reported the work on the district, which showed quite an improvement on all lines since the last conference. Too much credit can not be given to the good people of Baton Rouge for their hospitality and good treatment of the brethren. Rev. Moore showed himself a worker by having things so well in hand after only a week's notice of the meeting of the district conference at his place. No man could go home grumbling.

Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern, was with us on the second day and addressed the conference in the interest of the paper, and every one seems to be more interested than in the past. A telegram was received from Revs. J. A. Tireuit and W. S. Chinn of the sad death of Rev. J. W. Hudson, of Shreveport, and there were many sad hearts among the old friends and the brethren. A resolu-

tion was passed in memory of him, and in condolence with his wife for her loss. Rev. Wm. Harper, of the A. M. E. Church, and a presiding elder was introduced and addressed the conference. On the evening of the 20th, the Hon. H. C. W. Cussacalvo delivered the welcome address to the conference, and Rev. J. D. Pool responded very graciously in behalf of the brethren, after which Dr. Scott spoke, and resolutions were passed pledging new vigor on the part of the brethren in the interest of the paper. The same were ordered printed in the paper. On the evening of the 23rd, while we were in session the ladies gave the conference a surprise which was acceptable to all present, and most of the younger men would not care much about leaving if they thought they would get such treatment every day. Many sad hearts left the place, thinking this was the last district conference that we would have. Rev. J. F. Marshall to preside on this district, as this is his sixth year, we can justly say, for both preachers and people, that his fatherly advice was to us lasting. Many a time when some of us were about to despair he came and cheered us and we succeeded. We pray that wherever he may be another year the blessings of God may follow him. Sunday was a high day at Wesley. Dr. Mason preached to an overflowing audience, and his sermon still lives in our hearts. God bless him in all of his efforts. A good sum was paid him for the Freedmen's Aid Society by the brethren, and on Saturday after his lecture, which was grand. He lectured Saturday night to a packed house. The society will not suffer with such as Drs. Mason and Hamilton at its head.

A. J. Proctor, Secy.

The Jacksonville District Conference convened its twentieth session in Trinity M. E. Church, Fernandina, Fla., August 13th-17th. Conference organized with Rev. Jeffrey Grant presiding; J. M. Deas, Scott Bartley, secretaries; R. H. Debose, statistical secretary; J. B. L. Williams, D. D., conference lecturer and reporter. The several committees were nominated and approved. The report of the presiding elder was read. It was quite encouraging and inspiring to the conference, and gave evidence of earnest and persistent endeavor on the part of the presiding elder to bring the district up to its highest possibilities on all lines. The reports of pastors were very good; in many instances glorious revivals had been held and precious souls saved, church buildings improved and new ones planned. An increase of benevolent collections over last year and progress all along the line. Reports of local preachers showed that throughout the district the local ministry is fully in harmony and co-operation with the pastors. Reports of Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents were excellent. The work in these two departments is flourishing. The Sunday schools throughout the district are well attended, intelligently and instructively conducted. The League work is being advanced, and, in many charges, they are thoroughly organized with each department in full and active force. The exhorters and class-leaders, in their reports, gave evidence of good and lively interest among the membership of the district in these means of grace. The district stewards reports were remarkably good, the financial condition of the churches being fair and their temporalities well sustained. Three young men were licensed to preach: D. L. Myers, E. M. Harvey, T. S. Rush, all having passed a creditable examination. T. H. Walker was recommended for deacons orders. The literary feature of the conference was highly interesting. Excellent papers were read by several brethren on live and practical subjects. The conference was greatly delighted with the presence and the enthusiastic address of Rev. S. H. Huger, presiding elder of the Palatka District. Rev. F. M. Spicer, fraternal delegate from the Gainesville District, was warmly greeted, and he delivered a special address and preached a soul-stirring sermon before the conference. Rev. Thompson, of the Savannah Conference, was also a visitor and delivered a good sermon. The Sunday services were characterized with demonstrations of the divine presence. The conference was pleasantly entertained by Rev. J. M. Deas and his good people. The session is said to be the best in the history of the district. There are manifest evi-





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dences of improvement on the district and the spirit of the brethren is to push forward. Rev. Grant is a fatherly and impartial presiding elder, and is greatly loved and highly esteemed for his excellent qualities as a Christian gentleman and minister. Conference adjourned to meet its next session in St. Joseph's Church, Jacksonville, J. B. L. W.

The Montgomery District Conference convened at Brewton, Ala., July 30th. The conference sessions were held in the M. E. Church one of the best little churches on the district. Rev. E. M. Jones, P. E., called the conference to order at 9:30 a. m. Thirty-seven members answered to their names. B. H. Ware was elected secretary, Rev. T. C. Levert, assistant. The presiding elder read his report, which showed that the district is in better condition than ever in its history. He said that the brethren and members are in perfect harmony with each other all over the district, and there is not a single complaint. All the pastors on the district were present but one, and read their reports, stating that their work is in a creditable, prosperous and good spiritual condition. Some of their reports showed that they had raised more than half of their benevolent claims. All the local preachers had their characters passed and licenses renewed. Prof. J. D. Bibbs, Henry Sims and John Williams received local preachers' licenses.

The following were recommended to the annual conference for admission: Ellis Williams, J. B. Webb, and Isaac Autry. Rev. A. W. McKinney, principal of the Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala., was present and gave two grand lectures—one to the conference concerning the Central Alabama Academy, the other one to the young ladies and gentlemen. His lectures were, on the whole, worthy of commendation. \$51.50 were given by subscription for the academy by the brethren and friends of the conference—\$4.25 in cash. The Committee on Benevolence reported that \$126.81 had been collected this year.

Some very important papers were read by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Elora Brown, Richie Dixon, Henrietta Taylor, Rev. A. C. Nimrod, Miss Mary Cheatim, Missouri Dixon, Laura Samuel, Molly Palmer, Hattie Peters, Mary Nettles, Carrie Palmer, Mrs. Luza Autry and Dr. W. H. Nelson.

The conference was largely attended day and night, and it was impossible to seat the people.

On Sabbath Dr. W. H. Nelson preached at 11 o'clock, the writer at 3 and N. H. Redrick at 8:30.

The collection during the conference was \$22.75. Our presiding elder, Rev. E. M. Jones, is a worthy, distinguished Christian gentleman, and deserves all the honor that may be conferred upon him as a leader. He is the right man in the right place.

Brewton is in the lead; she gave the conference the best entertainment it has ever had. We adjourned on Sunday night, August 2d, to meet at Pensacola, Fla., 1897.

B. H. Ware, Secy.

There are Simons in our day who would discourage the Mary Magdelens from coming to the Saviour's feet.—Ex.

#### THE MARSHALL DISTRICT EP-WORTH LEAGUE.

The Sunday School Convention and District Conference of the Marshall District, Texas Conference, met at Pittsburg, August 17th. The first three days were given to League and Sunday school work. There was a goodly number present and every one acted well the part assigned him. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Prof. S. S. Reid, A. B., president of Sunday School Convention, with Miss Mary Luster as secretary; Prof. H. B. Pemberton, A. M., president of Epworth League, with J. Williams as secretary. On Thursday the "big" presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Logan, called the district conference to order. Many a time during the session his patience was drawn to the last tension, but it would rebound to its natural position without serious damage to any one. Every pastor on the district was present with a large number of local preachers, exhorters, class-leaders, stewards and superintendents. All reports were encouraging and showed that the district is still advancing in spite of the hard and dry times. The pastors' salaries and the benevolent collections were good, considering the poverty of the people. A large number of conversions and accessions were reported. Mrs. Logan and Miss Lula Green performed at the organ, and, with our new song books, we had first-class singing. Rev. L. H. Barnett, pastor at Pittsburg, is doing a commendable work. This is a case where the man fits the place and the place fits the man. Rev. Blackledge, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, urged his people to open their doors to us and they did everything to make our stay a pleasant one. Resolutions were adopted commending the presiding elder for his fatherly advice and his impartial administration. Thanking the railroads for granting reduced rates, pledging support to the Southwestern and unanimously approving the election of the present editor. Thanking the pastors and people for their hospitality; they received us with open hearts and doors. Rev. S. M. Balden, pastor at Conroe, was one of the visitors. Rev. O. I. Jones, Sunday-school agent of Texas, was introduced, and represented his work. He made a lasting impression upon the conference. Taking all things into consideration, this was the best district meeting it has ever been our privilege to meet. The next district conference was appointed to Tyler, for 1897.

J. O. Williams, Secretary.

To the pastors and members of the Monroe District Conference: I have begun on my first round, and am meeting with splendid success. I shall notify each of you at least two weeks ere I come. On my first round, after my planning in the Sunday-schools, I shall make a lecture on the subject: "Where Lies the Future Church?" Brethren, please invite, not only the children, but all, old and young, sinners and Christians, men and women to come out. Help me to put new life into the Sunday-school. We are going to make the Monroe the leading (if not that now) district of the Louisiana Conference. See that every superintendent is a subscriber to the Southwestern, so that they may see what we are doing. Your humble servant, Robt. F. Long, Sunday-school Agent.

#### THE STORY OF THE CHAIN.

Did you ever read the story that Dr. Miller tells about the chain that an old blacksmith made? asks the late Mrs. George A. Paul. He lived in the heart of a city, and all day long people could hear the clanging of his hammer upon the anvil, and they knew that he was forging a chain. Now and then idlers dropped in to watch his work, and as they saw how faithful and patient he was and how he would never pass over a link until it was absolutely perfect, they laughed at him and told him he would get ever so much more accomplished if he didn't take so much pains. But the old smith only shook his head and kept on doing his best, making every link as strong as if the whole chain depended on it. At the thr ftn armment on it. At last he died, and was laid away in the churchyard, and the great chain which lay in his shop was put on board a ship. It was coiled up out of the way, and for a long time no one noticed it.

But there came a fierce, wild night in the winter and the wind blew a gale, the rain dashed down in torrents, and vivid flashes of lightning darted through the sky. The ship toiled through the waves and strained and groaned as she obeyed her helm. It took three men at the wheel to guide her. They let go her anchor, and the great chain went rattling over the side of the deck into the gloomy waves. At last the anchor touched the bottom, and the chain, made by the old blacksmith, grew as taut and stiff as a bar of iron. Would it hold?

That was the question every one asked as the gale increased. If one link, just one link, was imperfect and weak, they were lost. But the faithful old smith had done his best in each link. Each had been perfect, and this night his work defied the tempest, and when, at length, the waves were stilled and the sun rose, the vessel, with all her precious lives, was safe.

What had saved her? The chain, you say. Well, yes, but what was the quality that had been wrought into the chain? Fidelity. Yes, that was it. And don't you see what a parable it is of our daily character building? Link by link, hour by hour, deed by deed, we fashion it, and when temptation comes it will test our work. One weak spot and we shall be wrecked by that one imperfect link. But if we have been faithful in all, we can withstand temptation and hold fast to the anchor of our souls.—Selected.

#### ATTRACTIVE AND NOBLE.

It is this I would characterize the contents and spirit of the latest number of The Christian Educator (June and July). The extracts from the eloquent speeches of those rising colored men, Doctors Bowen and Mason, furnish splendid reading calculated to thrill the heart and brain of every Christian American. The editorial notices of a few of our white schools, especially the more obscure and needy ones, are written in a noble, appreciative spirit, and exhibit the heroic struggles of teachers and students in a light where they appear inspiring and almost romantic.

T. Cotton.

It is estimated that Queen Victoria now rules over 367,000,000 people. If David prayed for grace to wisely rule his little bailiwick on the hills of Palestine, there would seem to exist a still greater necessity for prayer for continued guidance on the part of the Victoria who, when a young queen, offered fervently this petition: "God help me to be good!"

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE ENDORSEMENTS.**

We have had a great number of strong resolutions endorsing the paper and our work, sent us from the District Conferences held in our territory. These we appreciate very highly indeed; we are delighted to have the brethren pleased with the paper and our efforts to bring it nearer and nearer to what we think it ought to be. Some of these resolutions are accompanied by magnificent lists of subscribers. We call such "Double Resolutions," and when they come the business manager and the editor take turns in holding each other till the shouting spirit passes off. Endorse us as much as you like, brethren; the shouting is good exercise. Make us keep it up!

Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, late editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, called at this office last week on his way to Maine, where he is to present the interests of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to several churches. Dr. Hammond is able to render that society efficient service, and we are gratified that the secretaries have opened the way for him to do so.

We clip this from the Zion's Herald. Dr. Hammond is an able and eloquent orator, and we dare say he will greatly enjoy the class of work he is thus called to do.

St. Matthew M. E. Church, Algiers, Rev. Wm. Porter, pastor, labors under the burden of a debt, for which a special rally will be made on the fourth Sunday of this month. All city churches have promised to help.

Bro. R. A. Watts, a steward on the Lodi Circuit, Texas Conference, informs us that his pastor, Rev. J. S. Ferguson, one of the most promising young men of his conference, is quite sick, and that the doctor says he has nearly killed himself preaching. It is simply the same old story: our young men are literally jumping into the grave because they have strong voices and the people want them to yell. When one dies the people say: "Poor fellow, he was a good preacher, but the Lord took him away." The sooner we learn to preach the Gospel with an eye single to God's glory and the proper care of our bodies, the more white heads we will see in our Southern conferences. We trust Bro. Ferguson may soon recover.

We learn, with much pain and regret, of the death of Mr. Fred C. DeLisle, a merchant of Marshall, Texas. He was a great friend to Wiley University and gave the institution a number of valuable books for the library. He was a really gifted young business man, and along with some others of his class there, we learned to regard him as a personal friend.

In this connection it may not be out of place to say that there are a number of business men in Marshall whom we have known for years, whose treatment towards us long before we were in position to help them, was such as to warrant the bestowal of our fullest confidence when matters changed. We shall always prize their friendship and appreciate their confidence. They are helping to make their town one of the best in Texas for any self-respecting Negro.

Mr. Delisle was found dead in his store with a bullet through his brain.

The eighteenth opening of Meridian Academy will take place Monday, September 21, 1896. Courses of study: English, Normal, Academic, Girl's Industrial, and Music. Board not exceeding \$7 per month; 225 students last year, with brighter prospects for the present year. For catalogue, address, Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B., B. D., Principal, 3413 Eleventh street, Meridian, Miss.

**WHY BE RESTLESS?**

The above question we put to the young men of our conferences. There is evidently a restlessness on the part of many of them. They are in a hurry. They think the older, more experienced men are in their way. They are being held back. Now, then, as a young man and as one of you, let us look the case over a little. First, let us say to you do not undertake to crowd the old men. Time, who is inexorable and impartial, is after them. They have wrought nobly and for which they deserve well at the hands of the church. They, under God, have made possible the large churches and the presiding elders districts you are so anxious to get. Let them enjoy the fruits of their labor while they can. It will not be long; see how they are failing. Go listen to one as he preaches; he no longer possesses that rotund and trumpet-like voice he once had. Very few of these fathers can gather and hold the people as once they could. They are going, and going rapidly; why hurry them? Look over our annual conferences and note how few gray heads there are left; the work is being turned over to the young men far more rapidly than you realize. What should most concern you is, that you be ready to meet the responsibilities so soon to be assumed.

In the second place, many of the older men will have to give place to you because the people are hurrying those of them who have passed their days of usefulness. As a rule the people are pretty safe judges; and it might be well to remember they are watching you about as closely as they are watching the old men. They sometimes tell a presiding elder that they would rather "have an old horse, though he may be slow, than a young one that will run away and smash everything to pieces." They know what they are talking about, and so do you. We remember distinctly the case of a conference in which "the boys" had every big thing there was in it, but they broke things to pieces so badly the kingdom was rent in twain and a part of it given to Helio-boam. However, brethren, if you can not wait on Time and the people, and must get the old men out, we will tell you just how to do it. Let two or three of you in each conference take hold vigorously where you are sent, and do such a work as will excite the attention of your whole conference. Improve your church property; organize and conduct your church and Sunday-school in such a way as to show your superiority over others; raise your benevolent money; gather and teach the people and last but not least in importance keep sweet and be loyal to God and Methodism. Your churches will then demand such men. If you do these things and do not reach one of the best appointments inside of five years, then we will agree with you that the people do not appreciate worth, and the presiding elders and bishops are jealous of you because of your education and gifts. The thing is impossible, and you will agree with me when you know how the presiding elders strive with each other for the successful and acceptable men. Of course they want men who are loyal to the church and pleasant to work with, but sometimes they will even overlook the lack of these in a man who can make the work go. There may be some presiding elders who are so envious of the successful pastor that they will not give him a chance; if so, such men are too narrow to make sufficient success of their office to hold it long; you will soon be rid of them.

But, finally, let us say to you:

1st. No one can long keep back the successful and acceptable man.

2d. The men who complain most are usually that class of men who do not make success of anything.

3rd. Even though you are educated, some experience in a small charge will help you manage the large one all the better when you get it.

4th. Your presiding elder is human like you are and he will be far more willing to help you if you will keep sweet and do your work loyally and cheerfully.

5th. Do not crowd the old men unduly, be considerate of their work and worth; it is possible that some day you may pass the same way they are going.

6th. Be true to God and loyal to the church, and you will succeed in spite of opposition.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Revs. M. J. Dyer, E. C. Goins and J. Reddix called to see us while in the city last week.

Prof. H. C. Blundon, of Baton Rouge, called and reports success in his work at the Red Stick.

Miss Virginia M. J. Duncan, Rev. S. Duncan's daughter, is quite sick. She is one of the teachers at Gilbert Academy.

Rev. J. H. Thompson, Rayne, La., was in to visit the office last week.

When Bishop Fitzgerald moves to St. Louis, about Nov. 1st, he will occupy the regular Episcopal residence.

Dr. Homer Eaton leaves New York shortly for a trip to San Francisco to see after the Depository in that city, and will return by way of New Orleans about October 22.

Prof. M. W. Dogan, A. M., president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., passed through the city en route to Marshall. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dogan and the little ones.

Rev. T. W. Stephens, pastor of Braden Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., passed through the city en route home from Greenville, Tex., where he had been to bury his brother.

Mr. D. D. Thompson, who has for some time been connected with the editorial staff of the Northwestern, has been promoted to the position of assistant editor. We congratulate him and the paper. Dr. Stuart, whom he succeeds goes into the educational work.

Presiding Elder Landry seems perfectly at himself again; the cause is, Mrs. Landry and her children, Menu and Willard, after spending one month visiting relatives and friends at Mansfield and Shreveport are home again.

Mrs. Perses Peck, Syracuse, N. Y., the widow of Bishop J. T. Peck, passed her 89th birthday on the 2nd inst. She is compelled to spend her time in her room, but is in fair health and abides in the shadow of His love.

Revs. T. G. Montgomery and W. R. Butler, city pastors, are both on the sick list. They are greatly missed by their congregations.

When Bishop Gaines of the A. M. E. Church held the conference at Richmond, Va., he served notice on the brethren that he would "ordain no man to the ministry who drinks whiskey, chews tobacco or smokes."

The wife of Bishop Emory, of the A. M. E. Church, died in Philadelphia on the 4th inst. We extend our sympathy in his bereavement.

Prof. J. Will Jones, professor of music at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, who secured his musical education in Boston, has written some sheet music which is highly commended. His latest is the "Afro-American State Fair Schottische," which was successfully rendered at the Afro-American State Fair at Houston, Tex.

Prof. A. O. Coffin, Ph. D., one of the faculty at Alcorn College, has returned from his trip to Mexico, where he spent a part of his vacation. He is greatly interested in the branch of science which relates to plants and animals and has kept his eyes wide open while traveling. Our readers are to hear from him later, on some subject.

The Doctor holds his Ph. D. from the Illinois Wesleyan and is well worthy the honor.

The Women's Afro-American Union of New York are erecting the "Garnet Memorial Fresh Air Home" for women and girls. They are raising the funds by entertainments, donations, etc., and the building is now about ready for the plasterers; Miss E. E. Williams, is president, and Mrs. M. E. Smith, treasurer. The ladies are hopeful of complete success. They have raised about \$2,800.

We acknowledge an invitation to be present the 16th inst., and officiate at the marriage of Mr. Frank Sims to Miss Eddeal Vance, Houston, Tex. Miss Vance is the daughter of a well-to-do and life-long Methodist, Mr. Frank Vance. He is a prince among ice-cream makers and supplies the leading citizens and occasions of his town. This has been his business for more than thirty years. His home has always been open to our bishops and ministers and we regret exceedingly that a previous engagement will prevent our being present. We wish our young friends the greatest happiness through life.



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### SOUTHWESTERN RESOLUTIONS.

#### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Whereas, We have listened with rapt attention to the address of Dr. L. B. Scott on the demands for the great and good Southwestern; and

Whereas, The subject of true leadership is so important to us as a race;

Be it resolved, That we, the members of the District Conference indorse every word said from the depths of our hearts.

Be it further resolved, That each who has listened to this inspiring address go down from this District Conference more determined than ever to put in practice what we here indorse.

Resolved, That we, the Baton Rouge District give Dr. Scott our hearty support in bringing the Southwestern Christian Advocate to the right standard.

J. O. Richards,  
A. J. Proctor,  
E. C. Goings,  
B. J. Reddix,  
And others.

Dear Editor:—I am highly pleased with the Southwestern and do love to read it. I can learn of what this great body of Methodists are doing for the cause of Christ and also for the better advancement of the colored race. Although we hear much talk of what this grand old M. E. Church is doing, if those who are not subscribers to the Southwestern would subscribe for and read it, you would say as the Queen to King Solomon, the half was never told. Yours truly,  
J. E. Richardson Supt.

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### AN EXCELLENT PLAN.

The South New Orleans Preachers' Meeting at Haven Chapel, on the 7th Inst., was one of great interest to the cause of Missions, Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid in this District.

Unfinished business of a previous meeting was the claim of these important societies, and each in its order was taken up and ably discussed by Revs. S. Priestley, Charles Monroe, Frank Walker, W. R. Butler and D. J. Price.

It was resolved that pastors in the district should at once start the ball rolling by organizing their committees, Sunday schools, Epworth League Chapters, and such other agencies as they may be able to enlist, for the purpose of raising the full missionary apportionment of the district, thus placing each charge in the district in class first, in the Equitable Plan adopted by the General Missionary Committee of our Church.

After due deliberation, it was deemed best to call a joint convention in this city, on the 26th of October, 1896, where and when each pastor must report with cash on hand and vouchers for all money forwarded in full of all demands.

A committee was appointed to prepare a programme for the campaign. The fight is now on, and will be vigorously prosecuted until October 25th.

We do no violence to the committee by stating the purposes of this convention and the manner in which it will be conducted. The object of the convention is to create throughout the district, and especially in our city churches, a larger degree of missionary zeal and missionary spirit, like it was in the days of the sainted Fathers Anthony Ross, Henry Green, Scott Chinn, Thos. Kennedy, J. M. Bryan, Jackson Goodwin, W. P. Forest, the Hayward brothers, Emperor Williams and others.

The Convention will open at Simpson Chapel at 5:30 p. m., October 25th, at Mallahan Chapel on the 26th, one day, Williams Chapel, 27th, one day; Haven Chapel, 28th, one day; until further arrangements.

Representation shall be: the pastor, Sunday school superintendent, president of the Epworth League and one delegate each for every four classes, provided that each church shall have not less than four delegates, the pastor included.

Pierre Landry, P. E.

### GILBERT ACADEMY.

Dr. A. E. P. Albert, who is now in charge of the Gilbert Academy and has just returned to Baldwin after an extensive canvassing tour in the interest of that institution. Among the places visited he mentions Opelousas, Washington, Eola, Booneville, Cheneyville and Alexandria. He was greeted by immense congregations at every point, many of the people coming from eight and ten miles around to hear him and to make arrangements to enter their children at Gilbert Academy next session.

The Sixth District Baptist Association gave the doctor a royal reception at their session recently held at Franklin, La., and many of the members made arrangements to either attend themselves or to send their children next session.

The prospects of that excellent institution were never brighter and every indication points to a largely increased attendance next session.

The school is probably one of the most cosmopolitan schools operated by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in the whole South. Among the attendants last session were Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Mohammedan young people. While the school is thoroughly Christian and evangelical, no proselytizing influence is exerted, in consequence of which it receives the endorsement of all creeds.

No institution in this country is better located, offers so many advantages and promises larger results in the practical Christian education of our young people. It is favored with a delightful climate, perfect health, ample grounds, large and substantial buildings, inviting surroundings, liberal and diversified courses of study, excellent teachers, moral and religious influences and expenses that are exceptionally reasonable.

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### CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Lexington District.

Third Round	September.
Sherburne Chenit, A.	Sharpsburg .....
Janison .....	18 20 Mooreville .....
North Middletown .....	23 27
October.	
North Fork cr .....	1 Orangeburg cr .....
Germantown .....	3 4 Kenney cr .....
Washington .....	10 11 Mayalick .....
Falmouth .....	17 18 Leesburg cr .....
Flemingsburg .....	24 25 Spears .....
College Hill .....	27
November.	
Cleveland, B J Strider.	1 Boyd cr .....
Cynthiana .....	2 Cadentown .....
Paris .....	7 8 Winchester .....
Corinth .....	17 Ashbury Temple .....
Ruddels Mills cr .....	25 26 Georgetown .....
December.	
Frankfort .....	2 Versailles .....
Gunn Tabernacle .....	12 14 New Zion .....
	Joseph Courtney, P. E.

#### Baton Rouge District.

Fourth Round	September.
Lettworth and Union .....	25 27
Melville and Sumner Chapel .....	28 29
Musson cr .....	30, Oct 1
October.	
Hartzell Chapl .....	2 4 Plaquemine .....
Merrill Chapel .....	10 11 New Roads .....
Slaughter .....	13 14 St Paul & Vincent .....
Rylander Chapl .....	16 St Peter .....
Macedonia cr .....	23 25 Mt Carmel .....
Jackson .....	30 Nov 1
November.	
Willenn and Norwood .....	2
Wesley and Asbury .....	7 8
Clinton .....	8 9
Baker and Plank Roads .....	13
Albert Chapel .....	14 15
Priestly Chapel and Jones Creek .....	17 18
St Luke and Brandon .....	19
Stony Point .....	20 22
Conrad .....	28 29
December.	
Port Allen & Brusly .....	5 6 St Marks .....
Wesley Chapel .....	14 18 Malden .....
	J. F. Marshall, P. E.

#### New Orleans North District.

Fourth Round	September.
New River .....	25 27
October.	
Mandeville .....	3 4 McComb .....
Ponchatoula .....	10 11 Sildell .....
Asberry .....	17 18
November.	
Kenner .....	1 White Hall .....
Franklin .....	13 14 Shady Grove .....
St Matthew .....	26 29 Gretna .....
December.	
Thompson .....	2 6 Scott Obina .....
Union .....	7 9 Wesley .....
Mt Zion .....	14 18 Malden .....
St Charles .....	27
January.	
St Johns .....	1 Darrowville .....
	S. Duncan, P. E.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Sister Everline Thompson, died July 28, 1896, a faithful member of Greenwood Chapel. She died as she lived—a true Christian. Her last words were, "I am going to live with Jesus." She was loved by all who knew her. Three daughters and a host of friends mourn her loss. The church has lost a good member but heaven has gained a precious jewel. P. W. Baldwin, Pastor.  
[Received September 11, 1896.—Editor.]

Oakland, Texas.—Sister Bessie M. Brown, a faithful member of the St. Paul church, departed this life August 25. Sister Brown was one of the founders of St. Paul church and for twenty years she was a consistent member of the same. She said she was going home; all was well. Sister Brown was loved by all who knew her. Age 49 years. The funeral was attended by Revs. E. E. Cooper and Peter Johnson, her ex-pastors, and the writer. She leaves one daughter, six grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss.  
J. H. Swann.  
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Dear Brethren:—Reports at the last District Conference showed some increase over last year, at this time, yet we are now behind Birmingham, Huntsville, and Marion Districts. Shall we continue behind? God forbid. If we cannot do more than any one of the districts, we can do as much. You who did not observe "Debt Paying Day," should do so now. We cannot afford to be neglected. The church and God has an eye upon us. Let us prove worthy of the place we hold. Your brother,

H. N. Brown, P. E.

#### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Some of you have had good revivals with glorious results. It would be well for all to take advantage of the good season for this work and the raising of the balance on the benevolent collection. Please make full preparations for profitable fourth quarterly meetings.

J. F. Marshall, P. E.

#### HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Huntsville District Conference will convene at Crockett, Tex., Wednesday, September 23-27, 1896, at 9 a. m. Let every pastor, local preacher, exhorter, Sunday school superintendent, president of Epworth League Chapter, class leader, representative, district steward and other members of the District Conference be present. The first day will be given to reports of local preachers and exhorters, passage of their character and renewal of their licenses. The J. & G. N. will sell tickets at reduced rates, on the certificate plan, on September 23d, good until September 28th.

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#### LA GRANGE DISTRICT.

My Dear Brethren:—This is the fourth and last round and we want to stand in the front line at Conference. We have a membership of nearly 4,000 which is almost as many as the other two districts put together, hence a great deal more is expected of us than of them. Remember, the second Sunday in October is Good Tidings Day. Make it benevolent collection day and close up your benevolents for the year; look after all of the collections, but see to it that your charge is put into first of the Missionary Society and that the full amount of the church extension and Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational collections are brought up. Lovingly yours,

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### THE WHOLE FIELD.

G. J. Dobson, P. C., Elliott, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held August 22, at New Salem M. E. Church, with W. McDonald, P. E., in the chair. Most of the brethren were on time with written reports, which showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. We were then in the midst of a revival at Payne's Chapel. Accessions 47. Our Epworth League's are doing a grand work; having presented the church with \$8 to have a well dug, and \$21 toward building a new church at Payne's Chapel. The lumber is now all on the ground. Collections for quarter \$80. A strong plea was made for the Southwestern. Elder preached on Sunday acceptably to all; 57 bowed at the communion table.

P. C. Price, Lavonia, Ga.—On the 19th ult., we had our church destroyed by fire. We do not know the cause, but suppose it to have been by the hands of an incendiary or incendiaries. We are striving to replace it immediately, and any one who will donate something to the cause will please send it to my address. Brethren, help us by your prayers and money.

J. I. Garrett, Bolton Circuit—Elder S. A. Cowan held our third quarterly conference on the 29-30. The work is in fair condition. Accessions this quarter 12; adults baptized 5. Benevolent collections \$23; rally at St. Paul \$20. Sermon by S. Josie. Rally at Asbury Chapel and sermon by J. C. Hihbler and S. A. Cowan. Collections \$116. Paid pastor \$61. Epworth League raised \$15; total \$235.

C. H. Hendricks, White Wright Mission, Texas Conference—I have just closed my protracted meeting at Lenard. With the assistance of Rev. J. E. Eperson, pastor of Green Mill M. E. Church, I now have twenty-five members, thirty-three Sunday-school scholars and Woman's Home Mission 11. There is yet room at the top. Pray for us.

J. Barnes, P. C., Oneonta, Ala.—Oneonta and Village Springs charge is in line. We just closed a revival at Oneonta; there were 22 converted and 29 joined the church. Please pray for the charge. I am working hard for the Southwestern.

L. W. Mosely, Grenada, Miss.—Quarterly Conference was held on the 29th and 30th of August. Rev. W. McDonald was absent. G. J. Dobson held my quarter and preached two able sermons. Collection for the presiding elder \$7.50; for pastor \$50; other collections \$60; total \$117.50.

B. F. Woodfolk, Greenwood, Miss.—We have just closed a revival which resulted in 17 additions to the church. Our third quarterly conference was held on the 29th and 30th of August by Elder Mask. We had quite a nice time. The elder preached two good sermons and administered sacrament to 107. Collection for the day was \$25.60. We have just put in our church a set of reflectors, at the cost of \$64.51. The work is alive.

G. B. Smith, P. C., Birmingham, Ala.: Enon M. E. Church—The third quarterly conference convened August 29th and 30th. Reports showed that every interest of the church had been

carefully looked after. Sunday was a grand day with us. Presiding Elder W. Prettyman, preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the sacrament to two hundred communicants. We have been engaged in a revival for two weeks or more and wonderfully blessed with twenty converts and accessions to the church. We are opening a full canvass for the Southwestern.

Wm. Bell, P. C., Crawford, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held August 29th and 30th, with Dr. H. R. Revels, P. E., in the chair. The 23d Psalm was read and prayer offered by the elder. The report of pastor was read which showed that the work was spiritually alive and every interest of the church carefully looked after. The report of each leader showed progress. After the reports, the elder spoke words of encouragement, and addressed each brother in regards to his duty. The benevolent enterprises were carefully explained to the people, and the good old Southwestern was so fully and forcibly recommended that we obtained four subscribers with the assurance of others at no distant day. Conversions this quarter, 31; baptized, 27. The elder preached on Sunday morning and at night; he preached in his old way—a soul-stirring and living sermon. God bless him, and we pray God that he may continue to live long to do work for God and humanity. Collection for the quarter, \$78. Pray for us.

Daisey Lee Killenworth, Sparta, Tenn.—I would like to inform our connectional Sunday schools how we are getting on in our Sunday school work. I am a little girl just 11 years of age and a member of Kynett Chapel M. E. Sunday school, Sparta, Tenn. Rev. W. Ellison is our pastor, he is beloved by all of us. Our Sunday school has a membership of 125 pupils.

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The fact is simply that an effort is being made to force the farmers of the South to contribute millions of dollars to swell the profits of a powerful combination of manufacturers.

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press . . . . . 5:30 p.m.	press . . . . . 8:15 a.m.
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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPT 27, 1896.

## REVIEW.

I.

David was a man of prayer. The answer to his petition for divine guidance was quick and plain. He was born in one of the oldest cities in the world. In the division of the land it fell to Caleb. It afterwards passed into the hands of the Levites and became a city of refuge. When David and his followers set out from Ziklag to Hebron they took with them all they had. At Hebron he was anointed king over the "house of Judah." He had before this been set apart as the successor of Saul. His friends thought it well for him to take steps so the whole nation would acknowledge him as their king. Gilead was "a hard, rocky region" east of the Jordan. Jabesh was its chief city. The king did not begin his reign without opposition.

II.

David was made king over all Israel soon after the death of Ish-bosheth. Great was the company of the different tribes who came to ask him to be their ruler. For three days the country about Hebron was covered with a joyful host keeping the coronation feast. Kinship, victory and prophesy were given as reasons to influence David to become their king. In crowning a king a diadem was placed on the brow, and the anointing oil was poured on the head. David at the head of the three hundred thousand warriors marched against the stronghold of the Jebusites. The city soon fell into the hands of Israel and became the capital of the nation.

III.

David advised with his captains and leaders about bringing the ark up to Jerusalem. His plan was approved by them. He marched at the head of thirty thousand men from Jerusalem to Kirjath-jearim. The ark was placed on a new cart. Ahio likely went before to lead the oxen, while Uzzah rode in the cart with the ark. David and the hosts of Israel played on wind, stringed, and percussion instruments "with all their might, and with singing" as the ark moved forward. Dancing was a religious ceremony among the Jews. Religious joy should always be as "before the Lord." When the ark was in danger, Uzzah put forth his hand and took hold of it. For this act he dropped dead. His death was an object lesson to Israel.

IV.

David did not feel comfortable dwelling in a mansion of cedar while the ark "rested within curtains." Nathan was a prophet of great influence. David consulted with him about building the Lord a house. The prophet told him to do all that was in his heart. The wisest of men when not under the influence of the Holy Spirit are liable to err in judgment. A vision is a revelation from God. Jehovah likely spoke in an audible voice to Nathan. David was forbidden to build the house. The Lord has a work for each one to do. God was well pleased with the life of David. See in this lesson the political contrast and the covenant of Grace.

V.

To do the Lord's will was David's delight. While he sat in his house the past of his life likely swept before him. The covenant made with Jonathan was fresh in his mind. Mephibosheth was born while David was in exile. For fifteen years he had lived in the land of Gilead. The king desired to show him very great kindness. Ziba was likely the servant sent to bring him to Jerusalem. When the prince entered the king's home he showed his humility in many ways. His fear was likely caused by the dazzling splendor of the court. David showed him kindness for Jonathan's sake. He gave to Mephibosheth all the land of Saul, and Ziba and his sons were appointed to cultivate it.

VI.

The Ammonites were descendants of Lot. They dwelt in the country east of the Dead Sea. Their king in the past, and shown kindness to David. The son of Jesse never forgot a favor. His ambassadors were mistreated. With the people of the East, the beard is the seat of honor, the proof

of freedom, and the symbol of manhood. The Ammonites had not counted the cost. They were not able to go to war with Israel. The address of Joab to the soldiers shows co-operation, patriotism and resignation. The Ammonites were soon put to flight. Their chief city was taken, and they destroyed. The Syrians were defeated at Hebron. The Kingdom of Israel now extended from Egypt to the Euphrates, and many nations paid tributary tax to them.

VII.

This psalm speaks not of Christ, yet it has much gospel in it. Sin is the bend of the mind towards evil, the omission of duty, and the transgression of law. Repentance implies knowledge of sin, sorrow for sin, confession of sin, turning from sin, and making restitution for wrong doing. Justification is the forgiveness of sin, and resignation is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart. It is the recovery on the soul of the moral image of God. "Ye must be born again." Prayer, protection, instruction and rejoicing are the pleasing result of pardon.

VIII.

Sin entered David's home, reproof came, and punishment followed. His sins were lust, adultery and murder. Absalom was the third son of David. His mother was the daughter of the king of Syria. He was perfect in form and feature. His disposition was bad. He was a scheming politician. He clad himself in princely robes, and gathered a splendid retinue about him. He rose up early, stood beside the gate, and saluted the people. He heard their complaints, and expressed sorrow because there was no man appointed to right their wrongs. He desired to be a judge in Israel for their sakes. He was not suited for the place. We read not of his wisdom, virtue, or learning. He was not a lover of justice, and mercy was a stranger to him. His request to hold a religious feast at Hebron was granted.

When David knew Absalom had been proclaimed king and was marching against Jerusalem he fled from the city. He ascended Mount Olivet with broken heart, bare feet, rent clothes and covered head. Absalom entered Jerusalem and took charge of his father's kingdom. The decisive battle was fought in the woods of Ephraim. Absalom was slain, thrown into a pit, and a heap of stones east upon him. Messengers carried to David the news of the battle. The king, instead of praising the Lord for giving him the victory, wept like a heart-broken mother over the death of Absalom.

X.

David wished to build God a house. The Lord honored him for this desire. The moral quality of an act lies in the design. The temple he wished to erect was to be stately and sumptuous, strong and beautiful. The king's desire was checked. He had "shed blood abundantly." Solomon, who had been chosen by Deity to build the temple, was to be a man of rest, peace, and devotion. David secured a location for the house, set men to work preparing material, and saved much gold and silver to be used in it. He also instructed Solomon, and exhorted him to erect the building.

XI.

This Psalm was written by David to celebrate his deliverance from the hands of his foes. In tone and spirit it is much like the last song of Moses. God prepared David for war. His feet were like hind's feet. He could run through a troop, and leap over a wall. He taught "his hands to war," and gave him strength to break a "bow of steel." The Lord controlled his battles so that his foes were delivered into his hands. David was both good and just. The 43d verse points to the last judgment. Jehovah calmed the strivings of the people till all contention ceased, and David reigned without a rival. God also made him "to be head over" the Gentiles. David called Jehovah the "living God," and the "Rock of his salvation." He gave "thanks unto Him," and sang praises unto His name.

XII.

Through the book of Proverbs goodness is wisdom and badness is folly. It is a treatise on education. The author is professor of Moral science. By the understanding we comprehend the ideals of others. It is the "well-spring of life." The heart is the entire spiritual man. All the faculties of the mind are the creatures of growth. A word is an articulation or vocal sound. There is much in the manner of ex-

pressing thought. A kind heart will usually speak pleasant words. Man's way is his course in life. It generally seems right to him. Yet it leads to eternal death. The ungodly, the forward, and the violent are always stirring up strife. Gray hairs are honorable and demand respect.

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## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
California German, Los Ange.	Sep. 18.....	Foss
Ida. Cal.....	Sep. 23.....	Merrill
Ohio, Washington C. H., O.	Sep. 23.....	Warren
Minnesota, Anstin, Minn.	Sep. 23.....	Foss
Southern California, Los Ange.	Sep. 23.....	Hurst
Ida. Cal.....	Sep. 23.....	Foss
Pittsburg, Indiana, Pa.	Sep. 23.....	Hurst
W. Wisconsin, Ashland, Wis.	Sep. 23.....	Fowler
North Ohio, Wellington, O.	Sep. 23.....	FitzGerald
Central Illinois, El Paso, Ill.	Sep. 23.....	Newman
Des Moines, Corydon, Ia.	Sep. 23.....	Cranston
Oregon, Roseburg, Ore.	Sep. 23.....	Cranston
Northwest German, Charlee	Sep. 24.....	Andrews
City, Ia.	Sep. 24.....	Mallalieu
Bioe Ridge Bethol, N. C.	Sep. 24.....	Mallalieu
New Mexico Spanish Mission	Sep. 24.....	Vincent
Conference, Socorro, N. M.	Sep. 24.....	Vincent
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sep. 30.....	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30.....	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30.....	Walden
Holston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30.....	Mallalieu
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30.....	FitzGerald
West Nebraska Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30.....	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf.,		
Portland, Oregon.....	Oct. 1.....	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7.....	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7.....	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7.....	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda,		
Pa.	Oct. 7.....	Newman
North Nebraska, Alon, Neb.	Oct. 7.....	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8.....	Mallalieu
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9.....	Foss
Arkona, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14.....	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon,		
Tenn.	Oct. 15.....	Mallalieu
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22.....	Mallalieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19.....	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.....	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2.....	Ninde
Anstin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.....	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.....	Ninde

## Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from yearlings and others. Others will be charged 50 cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Anstin, Tex.—I desire to inquire for George, Ella, Sarah and Nancy Riggs, my brother and sisters. We were at one time owned by Tom Riggs, Lexington, Ky., but they were all sold at sheriff's sale to a man by the name of Dr. Woods, who brought them to Louisiana, and I think sold them. Our mother's name is Matilda, and I have been informed that one of my sisters went back to Kentucky and brought her to New Orleans also. I am anxious to learn the whereabouts of any or all of them, and will be obliged to any one who can give me information about them. Address Mary Riggs, 209 E. 15th st., Anstin, Texas.

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## PIETY.

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## REV. N. WAYNE WOLCOTT

## INTERVIEWED BY A REPORTER FOR THE INDEPENDENT.

He tells of His Recovery from an illness that Threatened to Incapacitate Him. Is Now Able to Attend to His Duties. Has Nothing but words of Praise for the remedy He Used.

From the Independent, Auburn, N. Y.

It having come to the knowledge of the editor of the Cayuga County Independent of Auburn, that Rev. N. Wayne Wolcott, pastor of Baptist Church, of Fleming, N. Y., had been cured of nervous prostration by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, he sent a reporter to that town to ascertain from Mr. Wolcott the truth of the report, and received from his own lips a statement of his case and how he had been benefited.

The reporter found Mr. Wolcott to be a gentleman some 40 or 45 years of age, in good health, and active in his ministerial duties. He is highly esteemed and a gentleman of strict integrity, whose statements can be implicitly relied upon as truthful in every respect and devoid of exaggeration. In reply to questions as to the truth of the report that he had been benefited by Pink Pills he made the following statement: Eight years ago while pastor of the Baptist Church in Covert, N. Y., I was stricken by nervous prostration. During the winter of 1887-8, I had conducted revival services and delivered a series of lectures in addition to my work as pastor and became completely run down. I could not work, and felt as though my days were numbered. I tried a doctor, but did not receive much aid from him.

At this time I received a call from the church at Tully, N. Y. At first I determined not to accept it, for I knew that in my weak condition I could not do the work. But, hoping against hope, I finally determined to try and accordingly went there. My health continued to fail and I grew weaker, and I thought I would have to give up entirely my work for God, which I love. Just then, however, the sun broke through the clouds. Mr. Tallman, of Tully, whom I shall always remember as a benefactor, recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had tried them and they had done him good. As a last resort I tried them. The effect was wonderful and immediate. From the very first box my system began to tone up, my blood became rich, and once more I became the strong and vigorous man I was before my health failed.

"My labors, if you know of the labors of a country parson, you can readily believe, were very heavy. I had not been able to work, and was losing my interest in the cause of Christ, but like magic, my old vigor returned and for three more years I labored there, and raised \$4,000 toward building up the Church, in addition to my regular duties. All my friends say of me that I am a very hard working man, but in Covert I could not work. After I went to Tully and the pills had restored my health, I think I may say that I merited that name. For three or four years after I left Tully I did evangelistic work. Two years ago I came here. Since then I have never had any return of my old trouble, but am in good health, strong and active, with no symptoms of nervous prostration, which was caused by overwork. It is a homely expression, but I felt like a 'wrong-out dish-cloth' without any starch in it."

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## MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

New Orleans. — Albert Benjamin to Alice Webster, at bride's residence, this city; James Beckingham to Lucy Gray at Wesley Chapel, this city; Major Allen to Mamie Alexander, at bride's residence, this city; Lewis Moddix to K. to Livingston, at Wesley Chapel parsonage, this city, and Ohas. W. Ollton to Maggie Moncreaf, at Wesley Chapel, this city. Rev. T. J. Johnson, officiating.

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I. B. SCOTT, D. D., Editor.

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## IF I WERE YOU.

If I were you and had a friend  
Who called, a pleasant hour to spend,  
I'd be polite enough to say,  
"Ned, you may choose what games  
we'll play."  
That's what I'd do.

If I were you, and went to school,  
I'd never break the smallest rule;  
And it should be my teacher's joy  
To say she had no better boy.  
And 'twould be true,  
If I were you.

If I were you I'd always tell  
The truth, no matter what befell;  
For two things only I despise—  
A coward heart and telling lies;  
And you would, too,  
If I were you.

If I were you, I'd try my best  
To do the things I here suggest;  
Tho' since I am no one but me,  
I cannot very well, you see,  
Know what I'd do  
If I were you.

—The Independent.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Is your spiritual life what it ought to be?

Only a wise man can see his shortcomings.

If man is not your brother, God is not your father.

Clouds hover over the cloudy man. He always finds trouble.

Stop making excuses and go to doing your best, and you will accomplish more.

According to the New York Age, our St. Mark's Church, Dr. Lyon's church, in that city, is carrying large congregations.

The Alamo City Advance is the latest exchange that has come to our table, Rev. H. Herbert editor and publisher. It has our best wishes.

Instead of complaining, make the best use possible of the opportunities at hand. In that way you will gain what you wish sooner than by grumbling.

The brethren of the A. M. E. Zion Church have been for the last week or two holding a number of local Conference Centennial Celebrations, but the celebration proper, which represents the whole Church, begins in New York, October 1st, and lasts twelve days.

The National Baptist Association, composed of colored men, assembled in St. Louis last week. Rev. Drs. Clanton, Jackson and others of this city were in attendance. The meeting is said to have been composed of the ablest men of that denomination in this country. It is considered the most important meeting they have ever held.

Gammon Theological Seminary opens at 2:30 p. m. October 1st. The outlook promises a large attendance. A secretary for the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa has been employed. He will give special attention to the work of spreading missionary intelligence concerning Africa among our scholars and churches.

We have received a most flattering account of the work being done in Mississippi by Miss L. P. Brown, which we should be glad to publish did our space permit. Judging her work by the articles she has written for our columns, we dare say, in her work as a missionary she will be of great assistance to our people in that State.

## BANKS MAKE AND BANKS BREAK.

That the banking system of this country is a great convenience, and in some respects a great blessing, no sane man will deny. Aside from their convenience as mediums through which to transfer large sums of money from one point to another without difficulty or inconvenience to the owner, they have been a great blessing to thousands of poor people, who have begun with their first dollar and continued to deposit as their limited income would allow, until they had saved sufficient to purchase a home or invest in some business. Here they are relieved of care, as some one is paid to guard their savings day and night. Ordinarily men have grown to regard their deposits pretty safe under such circumstances, and no doubt they are, unless some unexpected reverses strike the business affairs of the community. When such a condition of affairs cause the destruction of a banking institution, even the losing depositors have some sympathy for the man, or men, whose business is thus wrecked by circumstances over which he had no control. But not so when those who fail are understood to be responsible for their own failure. Then every one feels that the guilty man ought to be hunted down and punished.

In this way the good people of this city have been greatly excited within the last few days over the failure of three or four banks of this community. If we are to believe the reports of the daily papers as to the conditions of the government inspectors, downright dishonesty on the part of the officers of one or two of these institutions, is at the bottom of all the woes the people have suffered on this line. It was really affecting to see women weeping and strong men so greatly agitated that they were almost aroused to deeds of violence, because they had been ruined financially by some trusted parties who had shown themselves criminally dishonest. They have not only beguiled the innocent, but robbed the poor. The whole transaction has proven to be a tragic illustration of "Will you walk into my parlor, said the spider to the fly." Confiding men and women have gone in, only to have their confidence abused and the results of honest toil disappear as do the dews of the night before the morning sun. Colored men and white have suffered alike.

Sad indeed that men will so far forget the rights of their neighbors as to prove recreant under such grave and responsible circumstances. And yet it is a remarkable fact that men are frequently the cause of such widespread disaster when they do not really mean to be dishonest. The money is entrusted to their care, and they use a little now and a little more again, until the funds are called for just when they cannot possibly replace them. Then quickly follow exposure, disgrace, and often death. They did not mean to steal, and without a doubt they did steal, and this is true whether the amount be great or small.

To our mind it is perfectly clear that the only guarantee to be had that a public servant in any capacity will be faithful and honest, is that he regards the rights of all men, and hence of society, as sacred. If men's rights are not considered sacred they will not be so regarded. If a man, or community, is taught to regard one man's rights more sacred than another's, when all the circumstances are equal, such a man will not make a trustworthy man, any more than will such a community produce trustworthy men. On the same principle, the man who feels free to rob his uncle simply because he is not his father, whom he may consider it criminal to rob, will eventually grow to feel it is all right to rob his father too, and will do so if an opportunity presents itself. Accordingly, the only really safe foundations

upon which the people of this nation, North and South, can stand without injuring not only the present, but oncoming generations, is that the rights of all men, black and white, are equally sacred. Rob black men with impunity to-day, and you will rob white men to-morrow; murder black men without regard to law to-day, and you will murder white men in the same way to-morrow; deprive weak and defenseless men of their rights to-day, and to-morrow you may be attempting to practice the same on those you may consider your equals. Might is not right, and men cannot make it so. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, is the only safety valve to our national moral afflictions.

## BAD IF TRUE.

Dr. J. M. Henderson, of the A. M. E. Church, who is, by the way, a writer of no mean ability, writes an article to the Freeman, Indianapolis, in which he deals the management of Wilberforce University some pretty hard blows. He accuses Prof. Shorter of being the ruling spirit in disposing of every member of the faculty who has ability, simply because the Professor cannot endure a light brighter than his own. And now, notwithstanding the fact that Shorter is not immediately connected with the school, he thinks he will still run things. He says: "The Church should arise in her might and make Wilberforce what she once was, a school in which to train preachers. Wipe out the petty little pretense of a college, and center all efforts and devote all buildings to a Theological Institution."

Again he says: "There is no excuse to set up a Negro college in Ohio. No youth of any ability and aspirations would even attend it. It could never hope to be anything more than a school of scrubs."

While we think the Doctor pretty rough on some of the work and dignitaries of his church, we incline to the opinion that it is really a difficult thing to run such a college there as will successfully compete with the great Universities of the State of Ohio, that are open to all races.

Church pride sometimes controls in affairs of the kind, and too, it is barely possible that the management see where they can make it go.

## "A BISHOP OF HEROIC MOLD."

The New York Advocate has this to say of Bishop Hartzell:

Under this title the Tribune of Monday devotes more than half a column to Bishop Hartzell, who succeeds Bishop Taylor as Missionary Bishop to the Dark Continent. It tells a thrilling tale of his rescuing four sailors when a student at Evanston. This was narrated to our readers years ago, and has few parallels in intrepid exposure for the sake of others. But the fact is, Dr. Hartzell's whole career has been heroic. He was for eleven years working his way through the University and the Theological Seminary, and for many years his position has been such as to demand constant exhibitions of mental, moral and physical courage, and we may be sure that he will meet every emergency and incident which may arise in his new position.

The Tribune says that the Boston Transcript makes a strange blunder in speaking of Dr. Hartzell as an Afro-American. Bishop Warren was before him in that, for a number of years ago in the South he was spoken of as an African Bishop, either satirically or through mistake.

Will H. Sparrow, a young Afro-American, was recently promoted to a foremanship in the New York Tribune office. Mr. Sparrow learned the printing business in the Tribune office, and came originally from Norfolk, Va.



## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Monroe District Conference convened at Mt. Nebo Methodist Episcopal Church, August 19-23, 1896, with Rev. F. T. Chinn, P. E., in the chair.

At 9 o'clock P. E. F. T. Chinn called the Conference to order, read 105th Psalm.

This was the beginning of a Christian spirit which continued throughout the whole Conference.

The Sunday School Convention and the Epworth League took in the first day and a half.

Reports from both showed marked progress all over the district. A good many friends were introduced to the Conference, among whom was Rev. D. W. Barker, P. E., of C. M. Church.

Rev. Chinn was elected President of the Sunday School Convention. In his remarks of acceptance many good words were spoken which were directed to the hearts of his hearers. The literary subjects were discussed with much spirit. That which attracted so much attention was "Should Article 210 of the Discipline be changed?" After a hot discussion by Revs. Clark, Lashington, Pharris, Rogers, Norris and F. E. Chinn, the whole Convention went wild over the idea, and with canes, umbrellas and hats in the air, hundreds of voices exclaimed, "no, no, no."

The subject of a Sunday school agent for this district was next spoken on, and amid great enthusiasm, Brother Robt. F. Long was elected Sunday School Agent of Monroe District.

Resolutions were offered by Revs. Clark, Rogers and Lashington, thanking the secretaries, Brothers Lashington and Long and Sister Etta Lee, for their earnest work, and also the Presiding Elder for his able management, etc.

Notwithstanding the intense heat, the church was packed from front to rear.

We are only too sorry that space does not allow us to give the full details of the Conference.

The Womans' Home Missionary and the King's Daughters have made remarkable progress. Sister Randell, Secretary W. H. M. Society, of M. E. Church South, was present, and made a wonderful impression on all present.

Sister Clara Barber has gone into toe work with whole soul and body.

When complaints were called for, the following charges were filed against Rev. F. T. Chinn, P. E.:

Whereas, The great M. E. church provides a law for the highest, as well as the lowest of its members, we therefore charge Rev. F. T. Chinn as follows:

1. The said F. T. Chinn, on the days of August 19-21, 1896, did manage as few others can, the affairs of this District Conference in an impartial way to members and preachers. Such is his standard.

2. The said F. T. Chinn does at all times on everything in his power for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God and the great M. E. Church.

(Signed) A. Jones,  
T. P. Norris,  
And others.

To the Southwestern Christian Advocate we gave much attention, and those who were not subscribers promised to subscribe.

Too much praise cannot be given Rev. A. B. Venable and his congregation for the way they took care of the delegates.

This is said to have been the best District Conference ever seen by any present.

Sunday was rally day. A handsome collection was taken. Rev. T. Randall and wife, were present.

There were at least three thousand persons present to witness the close of this Conference.

Wonderful work has been accomplished in new fields. Four new points have been opened, with above one hundred accessions to the church.

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## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

## ALEXANDRIA (LA.) DISTRICT.

Brethren: I have no doubt you, like myself, would, under no circumstances, wish to have your reputation as pastor lowered in the scale of Christian effort. If you have done nothing for debt paying day, do something now. There is wisdom in doing so. Be diligent especially in collecting monies for missions and other benevolent causes. They all require our most serious regard and attention; begin in time and try with all your powers to collect your whole apportionment. You will not fail; times are hard, it is true, but many of our people have a few spare dimes. Try to turn a few of them into useful channels within the church.

The season is on; let us work, watch and pray, tramp "can't" under foot, strike out in every direction where it is possible and probable something can be done, and he who guides all things aright will guide us. The Southwestern should share a good consideration in your efforts, it is worthy. Please increase your number of subscribers. There is another matter I hope you will immediately look after. I will not name it, because I am ashamed to at this late date. I've written each one of you about it long ago. Some have noted it, but the rest of you have not; it is your duty to do it. Please act at once. You know to what I allude. Yours fraternally,  
S. E. H. Morant, P. E.

## ATLANTA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Your reports to the District Conference were encouraging, but the victory has not yet been achieved, nor will it be until every dollar of your Benevolence has been raised, and many souls have been converted. Push every interest of the church, leave nothing undone, and come up to the Annual Conference with all obligations fully met. Urge your members to take the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Yours fraternally,  
G. W. Arnold, P. E.

## WAYNESBORO (GA.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: This brings each of us down to the Annual Conference. We met the District Conference, with few exceptions, as men equal to the task, but now each man is expected to bring the whole assessment, for it is given to you according to your ability; you will be known by what you do. Put each of your committees at work at once, that each cause may have a fair chance. Now is the time of money among farmers. We must stand in the first class. Also continue to ask the Lord to save the unconverted. Yours in the work,  
R. R. O'Neal, P. E.

## GAINESVILLE (Ga.) DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: I hope the encouraging reports of your work, made at the District Conference, have greatly inspired us, and that we each shall strive to have full reports at the annual Conference. Take all the Benevolent collections, and send the money for missions, Episcopal fund, Sunday School Union and Tract Society to Eaton & Mains, 150 Fifth avenue, New York; Church Extension, to A. J. Kyntt, 1026 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Freeman's Aid Southern Education to Curtis & Jennings, 186-188 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O. Do your best for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Yours faithfully,  
J. C. Hunt, P. E.

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

In Huntsville District we have just closed our third round with a district camp meeting, which resulted in a goodly number of conversions. Total number of conversions in the district, 350. Praise the Lord. There have been some souls converted at all the charges, and we are having peace and harmony on all the work. We are behind in our benevolences, but we are looking to come in the fall, if everybody does not fall in the merchant's store. May God bless all my brethren. Get up your money for debt-paying day, and send it in at once, and please take subscribers for the Southwestern every day. We are now on our fourth round. Meet me in Crockett on 28th, with all your benevolence raised.  
A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Miss G. A. McFadden, Shelbyville, Tenn.: Our beloved Presiding Elder, H. W. White, of the Nashville District, Tenn., Conference, was with us on the 21st and 30th of August; and held our Fourth Quarterly Conference, which was a success; and showed improvement over any year for thirteen years. The Presiding Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon at 11 o'clock; and at 7:30 the pastor, J. W. Richmond, preached at a large congregation. The Presiding Elder gave the Lord's Supper, assisted by Rev. J. C. McAdams, of the A. M. E. Church, and the pastor. We raised while the Presiding Elder was with us \$57.50, paid the Presiding Elder up for the first time in the history of Shelbyville Church, and that was \$75.00. We have raised for all purposes this quarter \$185.65. Our church has the smallest membership in the town, but we have led the town all the year. The Lord is on our side, and has wonderfully blessed us this year by giving us, through our Presiding Elder, H. W. White, and our pastor, Rev. J. W. Richmond, a man full of the Holy Ghost.

Green Spencer, P. C., Benoit, Miss.: We have a membership of sixty, and feel safe to say that this charge is in good condition, considering its surroundings. We have a great many opposers to the M. E. Church, and yet by the help of God, this church is growing spiritually and financially. We have just closed a gracious revival at this place, with the addition of five to the church. I will do all I can for the Southwestern.

J. H. Swain, P. C., Oakland, Texas: Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th, were high days with us on the Oakland Circuit.

Prof. R. L. Smith, Financial Agent, with the co-operation of the Board of Trustees, have a grand barbecue for the purpose of raising money to pay on the present indebtedness on our parsonage.

Quite a host were present. They cleared \$61.40. Sunday, the 30th, the writer raised \$10 for Missions, and one subscriber to the Southwestern. September 6th was rally day for pastor. Collection, \$38.

This is our first year on this Circuit, and it has been a very pleasant one. The Lord is with us. We intend to do our whole duty by the church and the grand old Southwestern.

The Lord has blessed us with thirty-six conversions and accessions.

J. E. Warren, P. C., Lexington Conference, Cementville, Ind.: On Sunday, August 30th, was held my second quarterly meeting at this place. Elder J. S. Henry, of Watson, and Rev. A. J. Spears were with us. Rev. A. J. Spears preached at 11 a. m., Rev. Henry at 3 p. m. Baptized one child and administered the Lord's Supper to thirty-two adults and sixteen children. God bless our children at Cementville! I must say for Memphis, Ind., that my rally at that place on the 23rd was a wonder. We are gaining ground, taking souls from the camp of Satan and sin.

On my visit to the Grand Order of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, which convened in Jeffersonville, Ind., July 28th, one of the highest honors was conferred upon me that the order could bestow. It was the Chief Grand Orator for Kentucky and its jurisdiction. Our next Grand Session will be at Lexington, Ky., the 4th Tuesday in July, 1897.

Duke Boyd, Secretary, Centenary, Memphis: Missionary exercises consisted of an address by Dr. G. E. L. Patton, President of the Missionary Society. Dr. Patton made a grand talk on missions at home, and also on the observance of the Sabbath.

Next, an address by Lawyer H. R. Suddler. Mr. Suddler said in the outset that he was not very well acquainted with the subject of missions, but he made a good talk along that line.

J. E. Richardson, Secretary, St. Paul, Tupelo, Miss.: St. Paul's M. E. Church is yet on the road to success, the church has been beautifully repaired, and has been beautifully paired, and has put in new benches and other fixtures, and also a new Bible. The W. W. Society has recently had a new coat of paint applied on the outside of the church, which makes it look beautiful. We have a very large Sunday school, with Mrs. C. E. Giles, Superintendent. She is the

right woman in the right place. We had a grand children's day and a good collection. The W. W. Society gave a moonshine picnic Saturday night, August 29th, for the benefit of the church. May the Southwestern live and prosper!

S. McDavis, P. C., Lizelin, Miss.: Our revival at this place resulted in twenty-three conversions; and at no other place ten conversions and more reclaimed. Besides, there were twenty children baptized.

A. Roebuck, Elderton, Ga.: We have recently had a District Conference at the above town. The conference was held in our church, Dennis Chapel. This makes the second District Conference that has ever been held here. The conference was a blessing to our town; we shall not forget the impression it made upon us and our town by such grand good men as Drs. J. B. Parkfield, Bowen, Arnold, J. P. Wragg and the large number of faithful pastors and delegates that were with us. Our beloved pastor, Rev. G. W. Lamar, did everything he could to make the conference a success, assisted by our presiding elder, J. C. Hunt.

F. Smith, P. C., Allettsville, Tenn.: My quarterly conference convened at Hall the 5th and 6th of September, P. E. L. M. Moore, in the chair. We had a nice time and raised for presiding elder \$27.57, and for P. C., \$105.55. Fifty-five took the Lord's Supper. The P. E. preached a good sermon, and all love him and want him again.

R. P. Threlkeld, Canton, Miss.: We are glad to state that Ashbury M. E. Church is on the upward march. On last Sunday the class-leaders collected on pastor's salary, \$106.40. They are one month in advance on salary. Our revival will begin some time in this month. We don't intend to remain behind in sending subscribers.

W. H. Jackson, P. C., Fabonville, Ky.: Our camp-meeting, which lasted fifteen days, just closed, September 6th. It was a success, with four conversions and three additions to the church. The Rev. Miss M. E. Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., rendered splendid services. I am closing my third year with some success. The Epworth League and Sunday school are in fair condition, notwithstanding the hard times. We are hopeful of better things in the future.

A. B. Clay, Okolona, Miss.: Please allow me space in the columns of your valuable paper to speak of the progress of Metacombism in our town. On August 29th the corner-stone of the M. E. Church was laid by the G. I. O. of Odd Fellows. Quite a number of people were here to witness the ceremony. Rev. W. C. Clay, of Tupelo, delivered the corner-stone address. It was timely and forcibly delivered. Bro. Clay is one of those preachers who knows how to get the attention of the people and how to hold it. During his address many cheers were sent up by the entire crowd. At night, the sisters of the W. W. Society gave suppers at the K. of H. and Odd Fellows Halls, which was a grand success. Everything was pleasant, both old and young seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Sunday, 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. Burton, of Anory, Miss., who preached a soul-stirring sermon to quite a crowd. At 3 p. m., the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. B. B. D., of Meridian, Miss., who delivered an able sermon that suited young and old and by many shall never be forgotten. At night, he delivered a grand lecture to a crowded house. His subject was: The Past, Present and Future Destiny of the Ebon Son and Daughter of To-day. His lecture was highly appreciated by all who chanced to have heard him. We would be glad to listen to such able lectures every few weeks. Rev. P. O. Jamison, P. E., was also with us; as lively and pleasant as ever, and did great work toward raising the collection. Father Adams and quite a number of visitors from other towns were with us on Sunday and gave very liberally in the collections. We had a very large attendance during the time. Come again Revs. Wilson, Clay, Jamison, Campbell, Burton and others. We would be glad to have you visit us again. We are expecting to commence our series of meetings next Sunday night and would be glad to have you in our midst. Total collection during the exercises, \$66.50.

(vice letter; but next time write on one side of paper only. Ed.)



## LI HUNG CHANG'S POSITION.

We print the following from the Wesleyan Methodist:

A good deal has been made of an interview Bishop Hendrix has had with H. E. Li Hung Chang just fall on his visit to North China. The impression made on the good bishop evidently was that H. E. Li was favorable to Christian missions and was anxious to see missionaries come to China—especially doctors and teachers. Every one who really knows Li's feelings knows better, and that it was a part of Chinese politeness to speak as kindly as he could to his distinguished guest. He wished to please and wished also to be well thought of. Many who know Li and know of the interview had freely and frankly said that the wily old statesman was not sincere in what he said and that it was very misleading.

Rev. Gilbert Reid, a prominent and well informed missionary, one who knows Li personally and has had something to do with him, has this to say about that celebrated statesman. I copy from one of the Shanghai papers:

"Li Hung Chang has never been a friend of missions, has never done one iota to encourage them even in their efforts at education and general enlightenment, has always cherished a dislike to their work, has never seen anything in Christianity but an unwelcome intruder."

Mr. Reid has ample opportunity for knowing about whom he is writing, and his testimony may be taken as true.

Another well known missionary who has lived in Tien-tsin, a near neighbor to H. E. Li—who has had exceptional opportunities and advantages for knowing Li's mind and feelings, wrote in a paper published in Tien-tsin that Li Hung Chang is no friend to Christian missions, and some one took him to task for saying it. He defended himself by praising Li's ability as a statesman, etc., etc., but again says most emphatically:

"H. E. Li Hung Chang is no friend to Christian missions. While he has endeavored to keep order, he has never shown them any favorable regard. In religion he is a conservative of the conservatives and is utterly blind as to the value of Christianity as a civilizing influence."

There are many others who can hear similar testimony. I do not write this letter to discourage or dishearten anyone. I do not wish anyone to be deceived by thinking that Christian missions has a friend in Li Hung Chang. Only a few years ago this man, who is called by some the "Bismarck of China," and the "Grand Old Man," referring to Mr. Gladstone, had a shrine built for a little baby snake and got down on his knees and knocked his head to it, worshipping it as a god.

Chinese Gordon, the eminent Christian soldier who helped Li put down the Ta-Ping rebellion, showed him what a Christian is and what prayer could do for a man, but Li, who is having such an ovation wherever he goes, thought more of his mud idols than he did of the Christian's God. Any man who has had the opportunities that Li has had to know about Christianity and believe it, will deliberately worship a little snake six inches long, is no friend to Christian missions. We need not hope for friendship from the officials in China. They do not like the missionaries and there are many of them who "have never seen anything in Christianity but an unwelcome intruder."

Christianity is making progress. The kingdom of Christ is being established in China without the friendship of Li Hung Chang or any other officials. We are not dependent upon the friendship of these officials. The work is God's. We are his servants. We are here at Christ's bidding, who has all power in heaven and in earth. Jesus bids us work for him in China, and he is graciously blessing the work done "in his name."

G. R. Locher.

Shanghai, July 25, 1896.

## CHEWING A CARTRIDGE.

One of the most peculiar shooting cases on record occurred to-day in front of police headquarters. A big bay horse that works for a brewing company shot himself by chewing a loaded cartridge. The animal not only shot himself but came near shooting a shop girl who was passing on her

way to work. It is supposed that the animal, while nosing in an ash barrel, got a cartridge in his mouth and began to chew it. The cartridge exploded in his mouth. The bullet that was discharged flew across the street from the animal's mouth, whizzed past a man's head and went through the balloon sleeve of a badly frightened girl.

## CHICKEN CHOLERA.

Chicken cholera is a contagious, infectious and malignant disease of poultry and barnyard fowls, affecting any or all of the organs of the digestive apparatus, and due to a certain bacillus, or fungus, which the birds receive either in their food or from the droppings of other affected fowls.

The disease seems to affect all fowls. Some suffer more severely than others, but it may safely be said that none are immune. Probably chickens are the most readily affected, and the disease runs in them a severe course. The higher bred birds, which are the Minorcas, Light Brahmas, Barred Plymouth Rocks and the Wyandottes succumb most readily. A serious mistake of chicken fanciers is in breeding their stock too closely. The practice produces birds which will contract any disease or ailment to which poultry are heirs.

The causes of chicken cholera are predisposing or are active. The predisposing causes may be said to be exposure to the disease, close breeding, confinement in unhealthy houses, rump, a continued diet of unspecific food, and a lack of exercise. While the predisposing causes do not of themselves introduce the cholera germ into the system, they render the fowl so susceptible that it is ready to receive and to assimilate any poison.

The active cause of chicken cholera is the introduction of the germ into the system. The period of incubation, however, varies considerably. The common fowl will keep perfectly well a long time, while the beautiful Minorca or the Langshan will succumb in a few days. Once established, the disease runs a rapid course.

Chicken cholera is most common in Southern countries, particularly where there is a rainy season. The fowls are continually penned up, they get little or no exercise, and their food becomes damp and musty. In winter, in cold climates, when the poultry is housed during a snow storm, their food should be buried, so that they will get sufficient exercise by scratching for it, and it should be scattered about in clean hay or straw. With the first symptom of cholera the chicken steals off by itself, or remains in the henry after the other chickens have gone out. It will try to isolate itself completely. If food be brought to it, it will eat, but it will not mingle with the flock. The bird's eyes grow dull and listless; the comb has a dull, purplish tinge, gradually becoming gray. The plumage is dull and ruffled. If the fowl belittled, it is startling to note its lightness. On the second or third day a diarrhoea begins, which gradually becomes gray in color. It is a singular fact that a hen affected with cholera is invariably covered with lice. Some writers declare that chicken cholera is only a combination of lice and indigestion.

The vermin are doubtless a means of spreading the contagion, and as the fowl has not the strength to resist them, they make a combined attack on the sick bird.

The disease will run for three or four days before the relief of death. In some cases, the diarrhoea will abate at the end of the second day, and the bird will be on the high road to recovery; but not until it is practically well will it rejoin the flock. Then again the disease may come on more quickly and be more violent. During an outbreak of cholera it is not uncommon to see the entire flock perfectly well in the morning and at least one-fourth of the number dead by night.

The treatment of chicken cholera must be preventive rather than curative. As soon as a sick bird is discovered it must be removed from the flock; or, better still, the healthy birds should be removed. The cholera germs are likely to be everywhere in the chicken house, and insects are the most common carriers. When the flock has been removed, examine the food carefully, and feed only what you are sure is of the best quality. Add five drops of creosote, or carbolic acid, to one quart of boiled water, and do not allow the poultry to drink from anything but a strictly clean tin, or

porcelain vessel. Disinfect the henry and the roosts.

The diseased poultry should be placed in houses that are clean, dry, light, and are free from draughts. Cholera is unknown where chickens have the best hygienic surroundings. A small bit of pine tar placed under the bird's wings will drive off the insects. Give the birds nothing but the creosote water to drink, and the boiled meal and crushed wheat as food. A little crushed onion, or asafoetida, that is boiled with the meal and wheat will make the food even more soothing to the irritated bowels.—Our Animal Friends.

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY.

Grown people do not always appreciate what an event a birthday is in a child's life. Next to Christmas, it is the red-letter day of the year. A whole year nearer man's or woman's estate means a great deal to a child, and fills the boy or girl with an added dignity and sense of importance. Seven is so very much older than six!

In some households this perfectly natural delight is increased by the hearty sympathy of the parents. But there are other homes in which the all-important day passes unnoticed, save by a careless mention, a mere reminder to the child that he has begun another year; and this remark may possibly be seasoned with the bitter-sweet of a suggestion as to an improvement in conduct. Not long since my heart was moved to pity by talking to a clever little boy who told me that he was eight years old on that day.

"And what presents have you received?" I asked.

He looked surprised. "Oh, we don't keep birthdays at our house!" he replied. "My mother says it's foolish. Then she forgot that I am eight to-day until breakfast this morning."

The more fortunate six-year-old at my side interrupted before I could check him.

"Forgot!" he exclaimed. "Why, my birthday came a little while ago, and my mamma made me a cake with six candles on it, and I had presents and lots of fun!"

Childhood is so brief, and the time when each recurring birthday is not a joy comes so soon, that it is a pity not to make the anniversaries joyous to the little ones.

"Mamma," said one rapturous child, you must be very glad I was born, because you give me such a beautiful birthday."

Of course, "mamma" was glad, and being glad, why not show it?

A pretty custom is in vogue in some families. The child whose birthday is celebrated gives to each brother and sister some little token. It may be only an inexpensive toy, but it indicates in the donor's heart the spirit of unselfishness and teaches him the joy of giving as well as that of receiving.—Harper's Bazaar.

## "IT IS LIFE IN DEATH."

There is a picture which, viewed in one light, shows two beautiful children at play; seen from a different angle they appear enveloped in a grinning skull. It is life in death. We have but to extend the idea to view every dear and beautiful interest of none overshadowed by the hideous spectre of the American saloon. Its influence is a physical, intellectual and moral malaria that in some shape creeps through every doorway and settles down on every fireside in the land. Every friend of God, every believer in the integrity and happiness of the family, every philanthropist who would save the present and protect the future, must be the uncompromising enemy of the saloon.—The Christian Standard.

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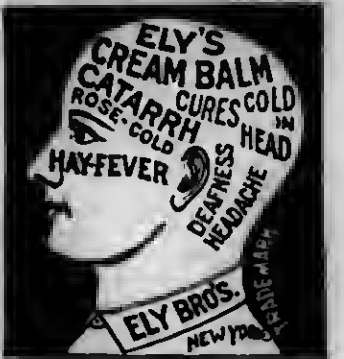
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It is with very great sorrow that we announce the death of Dr. Swindells, editor of the Philadelphia Methodist. He has been a prominent figure before the church for a number of years, and we are sure he will be greatly missed. Our readers who have attended our General Conference at any time since 1880 will no doubt recall his stentorian voice and commanding presence. He entered the ministry and joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1862, and has accordingly spent more than one-half of the fifty-four years of his busy life in that Conference. We extend sympathy to his beloved ones.

**MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEES.**

The General Committee of Church Extension will convene in Pittsburg, Thursday, Nov. 5th, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The General Committee of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education will convene in the same city, Monday, November 9th.

It is expected that the churches of Pittsburg and vicinity will devote Sunday, Nov. 8th, to these two causes, taking the annual collection for the one or the other, as may be arranged by a committee of the Preachers' Meeting. It is anticipated that the business of these two committees will be completed in time for the members of the General Committee of Missions to reach Detroit for the annual missionary meeting, appointed for Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

**OUTLINE STUDY OF THE BIBLE.**

We begin next week the publication of the outline study of the Bible. This is for the benefit of our Sunday School teachers and those of our preachers who have not had special advantages along this line. These outlines are being prepared by a brother who is going to work with us in our Brnsh College venture, and we want the brethren to take their Bibles and make a close study of these outlines, and write us occasionally, that we may know whether or not they are helpful to you. They will not appear every week, but frequently enough to allow you to read up and study carefully each outline. All of you have not the necessary books; we advise you to get them if you can, but if you cannot get them, stick to your Bibles and do the best you can.

Bishop Mallalien is greatly interested in the evangelization of Africa. He thinks the young negro must take some part in that work, and when receiving a class into the Annual Conference, takes occasion to notify them that they may inform him privately if they feel the call to Africa. Without a doubt we owe something on this line, and we feel confident God holds us responsible for the discharge of the obligation.

The State of Maine was carried by the Republicans in the State election last week by the largest majority they have ever before secured. The Republican Governor was elected by about 49,000 majority. The Hon. T. B. Reed and other Congressmen were returned to Congress by handsome majorities. In fact, according to the message sent Mr. McKinley by Mr. Manley, the Republicans elected every official throughout the State, from the dog catcher on up to Governor.

President Cleveland has at last expressed his preference for president among the various candidates named. He wired the great meeting of Democrats, assembled in Louisville, Ky., a few days ago, signifying his preference for Palmer and Buckner. Should Mr. Bryan be elected, after all the opposition he is compelled to fight in his party and out, he will have secured one of the most signal victories known to the political world.

**THE PECK HOME.**

In a private note from Mrs. M. C. Hickman, the secretary in charge of the Woman's Home Missionary Bureau, which embraces the Peck Home, of this city, we learn that the Home will open October 5th, and will be in charge of Miss Hickman, who was here last session, and Miss A. M. Poppino, Willmington, Penn. Miss Poppino was engaged in the same work at one time in King Home in connection with Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., and teachers and students regretted that the poor health of her sister necessitated her giving up her work there two years ago. Her superior, not to say her equal, as an accomplished, sweet-spirited Christian woman is seldom found. We congratulate Peck Home on the acquisition of her services and bespeak for Miss Poppino and Miss Hickman a pleasant and profitable year's work. It goes without saying that we shall be only too glad to render them any service possible.

At a recent session of the Executive Board of the Society it was decided to so plan the work as to reach as many city girls as possible, and thus give them the benefit of industrial training—cooking, sewing, etc., provided for in the Homes. This will be a rare opportunity for the young girls of the cities where these schools are located. We say this with full knowledge, both of the efficiency of the instruction given and the absolute need of our young women on this line. Our pastors in this city will do the race a great service to impress this matter upon the young women of their congregations. Thus Peck Home will be a mighty force in home building in all its patronizing territory. Help the race by helping these Homes.

**A GOOD LAW.**

The clipping we give below will show the way our Zion brethren are looking at their paper. We take this from the Star of Zion:

Several pastors of churches write to the Editor and Manager at Salisbury, N. C., instead of Charlotte. Such green horns ought to be whipped. One of our ministers who calls himself a leader wrote here since General Conference to Dr. R. R. Morris, who has been dead for ten months, for Sabbath school literature. Dr. Blackwell wrote him that Dr. Morris was dead. He wrote back that Dr. Blackwell was mistaken; that it was Rev. T. A. Weatherington who was dead. This is ignorance; dense ignorance. If that fellow would look at our staff, he would see Rev. Weatherington's name. We do not carry dead writers.

One preacher some time ago wrote a sharp, abusive letter here to Dr. Morris, complaining of not getting his literature. Mrs. Morris wrote and informed him that her husband was dead. He wrote a letter of apology to her for the hard things said. Other preachers and superintendents continue to send orders here to Rev. R. B. Bruce for Sabbath school literature.

These instances show the necessity of every pastor taking the Star, and the wisdom of the General Conference passing a compelling law to this effect. The people ought not to tolerate any pastor in their pulpit who is this ignorant, and who is too stingy and mean to take his church paper and fill his skull with church news. Such men are not capable of leading the white mule we rode a few days ago, much less intelligent people. The preacher who will not keep up, if not ahead, of his congregation will soon be a back number in our progressive Zion.

Several preachers have been heating their brains and working their jaws since the General Conference passed that law saying the bishop shall give no minister an appointment who refuses to take the chief official organ—the Star. Several big-talking preachers have wasted paper, envelopes, stamps, ink and time writing here saying they do not propose to be bulldozed, and will not allow any bishop to make them take the Star; they can live without Zion. Well, they will soon have an opportunity. No man is bigger than the General Conference, and the General Conference does not intend to be bulldozed either. Zion can better live without these big Ikes than these big Ikes can live without her; for she has more horses than stalls in which to put them. Zion can drop or give away 500 preachers of a cer-

tain type, and then have more than she can comfortably provide for.

The Star is here to champion and defend every loyal and active minister and member in Zion; but it proposes to hit, and hit hard, any and every one who scatters seeds of discord and lifts a disloyal and treacherous hand against our grand old Zion. There is too much of this hellish business, talking down the bishops and presiding elders, talking against the general funds and other connectional collections, quietly going on in different sections of Zion by some cowardly and untrue jackleg preachers and grumbling and don't-want-to-pay members, which is hurting the Church of Varick, and it is time to "spot" this rebellious crowd and warn them to desist now and get back into the traces; and if they refuse, weed them out of the ranks.

Every interest in Zion must be supported; Star and all. We are not worried over this big talk about not taking the Star, for we believe Zion's bishops will stand by this law and not allow any red-mouth church anarchist to bullyrag, bulldoze and keep them from enforcing this or any other law.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Mrs. Hartzell will not accompany the Bishop to Africa on his first trip.

Dr. C. J. Little, President of Garrett Biblical Institute, returned from Europe a few days ago.

Mrs. E. P. Taylor, Pleasant Hill, La., knows how to make this office happy. You are right; the way to enlarge the paper is to send in subscribers. If our women get interested the Southwestern will move.

Dr. D. H. Moore, of the Western, has just made a visit to Colorado, after an absence of eight years, and is delighted with what he saw, heard and felt. Women vote out there, and of course the Doctor still wants them to vote in the General Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gary, Galveston, Texas, rejoice in the advent of a daughter on the 11th instant. They are all the more happy because this is their first born, after a union of fifteen years. We extend congratulations.

Rev. D. Matthaei, D. D., for so long pastor of the First German M. E. Church, this city, has been transferred to the German Church in Allegheny City, Pa. He is an able preacher, a devout Christian, and a man of a most excellent spirit in every way. We sincerely regret his removal from this city.

The son of Dr. M. L. Curl was fatally burned a few days since while handling a lighted gasoline stove. Dr. Curl was at one time connected with our work in Arkansas, and succeeded Dr. T. B. Ford as our representative on the General Missionary Committee. He is now in Missouri.

Mr. Harry Rawlins, son of Dr. B. F. Rawlins, assistant editor of the Western, received fatal injuries while attempting to pass between moving cars in Bedford, Ind., recently. According to reports, Dr. Rawlins is shortly to retire from the assistant editorship of the Western.

We take the following note complimentary to Dr. Bowen from last week's issue of the Northwestern: "The Summer Club of Chicago gave a banquet at the Clifton House, Chicago, last Thursday, in honor of Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga. About thirty-five were present, including a number of prominent colored men of our church. Dr. Bowen delivered an address full of encouragement to the young men of his race. Last week Dr. Bowen delivered a very fine lecture at Clark-street Church, Chicago."

There are forty-seven Chinese temples in America.

Sow good services; sweet remembrances will grow from them.—Madam de Stael.

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## NOTICE.

South New Orleans District Conventions are called to meet for the pastors and delegates of the District.

Commencing at Valence Street Monday night, October 26th.

Mullallen, Tuesday, 27th.

Williams Chapel, Wednesday, 28th.

Havens' Chapel, Thursday, 29th.

And closing at First Street with a grand love feast, October 30th. Pastors are called on business of importance.

C. Monroe, F. Walker, W. R. Butler, D. P. Price, Stephen Priestly, P. Landry, P. E. Committee.

The Washington, D. C., Preachers' Meeting has chosen E. W. S. Peck, D. D., President; W. M. Clair, Ph. B., Vice-President; C. A. Leftwich, B. D., Secretary; J. H. Griffin, Assistant; W. R. J. Williams, Treasurer; W. H. Gaines, I. L. Thomas, D. D., J. W. Galloway, Committee on Programme. It also selected Brother Clair as Southwestern correspondent from that Conference.

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## HOT SPRINGS EPWORTH LEAGUE

The District Epworth League Convention of the Hot Springs District, Little Rock Conference, convened in Wheeler Chapel, M. E. Church, Texarkana, Ark., August 9-12, Rev. J. E. Loombs presiding. Miss Eliza Fountain was elected Secretary. Rev. Wallace, assistant. Mr. Breckenridge made the welcome address, which enthused the whole audience; and the pastor responded with well chosen words. The reports from delegates showed increase along all lines of church interest. Notwithstanding the hard times, it was a financial success. This is the residing Elder's first year yet he shows himself a wise and energetic leader. His reports and words of encouragement added much credit to him and the district. The pastor, Rev. G. N. Johnson, had not been here more than two months previous to the time of the Conference. In that short time he had gathered the faithful few, newly papered the parsonage and worked up such an interest with the League and Sabbath school that the Convention was grandly cared for, and all hearts were made glad. The Conference made no mistake in sending him here. He is a Christian, and has the church at heart. The Presiding Elder urged our greatest care for him and his excellent wife. Several worthy papers were read by delegates. Quite a number of visitors were introduced, and several of them gave interesting talks to the Convention. The singing deserves special mention. It was excellently conducted by the pastor; little Naomi Johnson, organist. The pastor had bought some new books, "Songs of the Soul." The sermons preached by Revs. Whitehead, Wallace and Renfro Stephens were full of good thoughts and enjoyable. The Presiding Elder preached an excellent sermon Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. It certainly edified the people, and the amens were heard from many voices. The Lord's Supper was administered to sixty-three at 3 o'clock. Resolutions of thanks were offered to the good people of Texarkana for their hospitality; to the Presiding Elder and Secretaries for their faithfulness. Saratoga was selected as the seat for the next Convention.

Sabbath evening at 8:30 Rev. Whitehead preached a short sermon, after which the closing address was delivered by Miss Shackelford, with a few little remarks by the P. E. and pastor. Thus closed one of the best sessions the district has ever held.

Robert Johnson.

## BRAVE SENORA AGRAMONTE.

Key West, Fla.—Inez, the beautiful wife of Agramonte, the noted Cuban leader, has met death on the field of battle, fighting for Cuba's liberty. Senora Agramonte was an octoiron of great beauty. Dressed as an Amazon she accompanied her husband on his raids, and has taken part in many battles. Advice received here state that the Senora was killed in an engagement between her husband's troops and a Spanish column, which took place July 20th, near San Nicholas. Agramonte's men were encamped near that place when they were attacked by a Spanish column. Although surprised and outnumbered, the Cubans made a desperate resistance. Finally, however, they were forced back. Then Senora Agramonte seized the Cuban flag from the standard bearer, and crying for the insurgents to follow, rode straight at the Spanish column. When the Senora was within twenty paces the Spaniards fired, and she fell from her horse pierced by many bullets. A desperate battle followed for the possession of her body. Col. Agramonte, almost crazed by the death of his wife, fought like a madman, and with the hands of five Spaniards with his machete. The Spaniards could not withstand the desperate onslaught of the Cubans and finally retired, leaving the body of the Senora in possession of the insurgents. Her face was unmarked, and wore a smile, the Spanish bullets having found lodgment in her body.

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Kenderton, Tex.—Sister Hallie Humphrey, after a very serious illness of five days, fell asleep in Christ, August 31. She leaves a husband and nine children to mourn her loss. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. Peace to her dust. J. Jones, Pastor.

Benoit, Miss.—Bro. Frederick Lewis, the old pioneer of Lewis Chapel M. E. Church, and a faithful local preacher lived a consistent Christian. He was 98 years of age, and a member of the M. E. Church 70 years. He built the first M. E. Church in Bolivar County, Miss. He departed this life August 25th, the funeral being conducted by the writer. G. Spencer, Pastor.

Vioksborg.—The following have died in the faith: Floyd Bolton, on Aug. 7th; Finch on Aug. 10th; Frances Hunt on Aug. 25th. Wm. McMorris.

Jackson, Miss.—Sister Julia Young, wife of Bro. Wm. Young, one of our stewards, died in full triumph of living faith. She was a faithful member. J. C. Hibbler.

Ca vert, Tex.—Bro. Willie Foster, the oldest son of Rev. A. Foster, departed this life Sept. 2, in full triumph of faith. His happy death made an impression that will not soon be forgotten. The funeral was attended by the writer, assisted by Revs. W. H. Davis and G. Willson. M. C. Caviness, Pastor.

Columbus Pine Flat.—On Aug. 25th, near the place, Solomon Shelby, a local preacher of our church, a brother of Rev. D. Shelby, of Boyce, La., while out walking with another, Bro. Jeff Steward, went in a gin house near by our church, when it was blown down, and he and his friend were killed. Bro. Shelby was at the District Conference at Boyce a few days before his death in the vigor of manhood. Six days after this, on the 31st, at Boyce, La., Bro. David Shelby's wife died very unexpectedly, while he was at the Le Compte camp-meeting. We hurried to Boyce and gave Bro. Shelby all the assistance possible in this sad hour. We left Tuesday morning, Sept. 1, after having service in the church at 4 a. m., on the cannon-bell for Mansfield, her home, where she was interred. At Boyce, Rev. J. W. Lewis assisted in the service, whilst at Mansfield, Rev. W. R. Butler, of the First Street M. E. Church, New Orleans, preached an excellent sermon, along with Rev. J. O. Brown, the pastor, and this writer. We will miss her. Bro. Shelby has lost a dear wife. Trust thou in God. A Friend.

Marshall, Tex.—To the officers and members of Albert Epworth League and Choir of the Ebenezer M. E. Church: We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. Ben. Williams, submit the following:

"Friend after friend departs;  
Who hath not lost a friend?  
There is no union here of hearts  
That find not here an end;  
Were this frail world our only rest,  
Giving or dying none were best."

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God to take from our midst one of our brightest gems Bro. Ben Williams, who departed this life Aug. 25, 1896; therefore be it

Resolved by Albert Epworth League and Choir. That in the death of Bro. Williams, the League and Choir have lost a zealous and valuable member, the family a devoted brother and son.

Resolved, 2 That the League and Choir tender the family of our deceased brother their deepest sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

"The crown of life he weareth,  
He bears the shining palm,  
The holy, holy sheweth,  
And joins the angels' psalm:  
But we poor pilgrims wander  
Still through this land of woe,  
Till we shall meet him yonder,  
And a joy shall know."

Committee—J. A. Jefferson, Maria L. Jane, Lillie A. Sanford, David Caldwell.

## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

### Atlanta District.

Fourth Round. October.  
Grantville ..... 24 Grantville cir. .... 34  
Hoganville ..... 9 11 Hoganville cir. .... 10 11  
Long cir ..... 8 11 Lutherville ..... 17 18  
Vine Street ..... 15 18 Newsan ..... 15 26  
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November.  
Palmetto ..... 6 8 Cross Anchor ..... 7 8  
F. Irburn ..... 14 15 Gate City ..... 14 22  
University ..... 18 22 South Atlanta ..... 23 29  
St. Luke ..... 25 29  
December.  
East Atlanta ..... 11 3 Fort Street ..... 9 13  
Loyd Street ..... 20 2 Chapel Street ..... 25 27  
University ..... 14 27  
G. W. Arnold, P. E.

### Waynesboro District

Fourth Round. October.  
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Base m ..... 17 11 Ashbury ..... 14 25  
Ugih Eddy ..... 11, Nov. 1  
November.  
Waynesboro Station ..... 7 8 Mill ..... 14 15  
St. Vernon ..... 21 22 Statesboro ..... 18 29  
December.  
Waynesboro cir. .... 5 6 Augusta Station  
Excelsior ..... 19 20 and Mission ..... 12 14  
Thrift ..... 14 27  
January.  
Wadley ..... 23 B. Heville ..... 9 10  
R. R. O'Neil, P. E.

### Gainesville District

Fourth Round. October.  
Duluth ..... 3 4 Suwanee ..... 10 11  
Lawrenceville ..... 17 18 Elberton ..... 14 25  
Elberton cir. .... 31, Nov. 1  
November.  
Gainesville ..... 7 8 Layons ..... 14 15  
Gileville ..... 21 22 Harmony Grove ..... 24 29  
December.  
Center Side ..... 5 6 Decatur ..... 11 13  
Houston ..... 19 20 Marietta ..... 16 27  
J. C. Hunt, P. E.

### La Grange District.

Fourth Round. September.  
LaGrange Station ..... 26 27  
October.  
LaGrange cir. .... 3 4 Harris City ..... 9 11  
Woodbury ..... 10 11 Truitt Factory ..... 17 18  
Greenville ..... 24 25 Zebulon ..... 31 Nov 1  
November.  
Cuthodna ..... 7 8 Harneville ..... 14 15  
Liberty Hill ..... 21 22 Forsyth ..... 28 28  
December.  
Macon Station ..... 4 6 Macon cir ..... 5 6  
Fort Valley ..... 8 8 Columbus ..... 9 10  
Chapley ..... 12 13 Whiteville ..... 19 26  
Hardeman ..... 21  
James Jackson, P. E.

### Meridian District.

Fourth Round. October.  
Meridian & St. Paul ..... 10 11 Meridian & Hav.  
Meridian cir. .... 21 en ..... 17 18  
Chnnkey ..... 24 25 Collinsville ..... 28  
Daleville ..... 31, Nov. 1  
November.  
Ebenezer ..... 4 Landerdale ..... 7 8  
Socoba ..... 14 15 DeKalb ..... 22 23  
Philadelphia ..... 28 29  
December.  
Lake ..... 2 Centerville ..... 4  
Hickory ..... 5 6 Gariandville ..... 9  
Missionary ..... 11 Paulding ..... 13 14  
Lake Como ..... 16 Enterprise ..... 19 20  
Mt. Jordan ..... 22  
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### THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION OF TEXAS.

Knowing that many of our readers are interested in the subject here discussed, we clip the following from the Advance, of San Antonio:

When the Republican Convention closed since the Thursday at Fort Worth, there passed in history the greatest assemblage of that party ever known before in Texas. There were nearly one thousand delegates in attendance, besides large delegations from various sections, whose interest in the party was far above that of selfishness. These delegates were of the very best elements of the party—men from every walk and station in life. It was a noticeable fact that three-fourths of the colored delegates were men of intellectual attainments and ability.

C. M. Ferguson was nominated by the Executive Committee for temporary chairman. N. W. Coney wanted the honor, too, as a vindication from the imputations of Grosvener at St. Louis. Harmony was wanted. Coney was urged by all to withdraw and Ferguson would be taken down. He was assured if he did, he could name any man and he would be elected unanimously. He refused to do it. He thus forced them to fight him and defeat him. His friends subverted their judgment and went with him with courage to the end.

Hons. E. H. Terrell, C. W. Ogden, Drs. Clifford and P. Terrell and T. C. Bell stood nobly by him, with hundreds of others. Many of his friends cast their ballots against him wept with his present supporters when his defeat was manifest.

Coney could have been the hero of that convention had he listened to the pleadings of his friends, when his political enemies magnanimously put themselves practically at his feet in the interest of harmony and agreed to elect any man unanimously he would name. He was firm, determined, and spurned all overtures. The hour came, and with it Coney's defeat.

Grant was magnanimous. He wrote him a touching letter, and afterwards the two chief aspirants for supremacy met, shook hands, wept, and became diplomatic friends. No one questions his great ability and integrity, and no sensible man believes his sin has set. He is forceful still, his friends in victory are still his friends in defeat. The powers of the party still consider him a power and make him concessions. If a corpse, he is the liveliest one in Texas.

His candidate, Hon. E. H. R. Green, was elected unanimously chairman of the State Executive Committee and his policy announced when Grant was diametrically opposed to it was vociferously adopted and a plenary committee, consisting of Hon. E. H. R. Green, Dr. John Grant and Hon. C. W. Ogden, was appointed to vigorously carry it out. This means fusion with Populists and sound money Democrats, by which means the electoral votes, eight at least, will be cast for McKinley and Hobart, while the Populists will be given the Governorship and all other offices.

Many Democrats joined the party at Fort Worth, and a great big love feast lasted to the close.

### THE DEATH OF DR. SWINDELLS.

Philadelphia Methodism, sorely bereaved within the past two years by the death of several of her leading ministers, is again in mourning; and with the grieving people there many throughout the country will join their expressions of sincere and profound sorrow over the decease at Ocean Grove, September 9th, of Rev. Dr. William Swindells, editor of the Philadelphia Methodist, and superintendent of the Book Room and Tract Depository of our denomination in that city. Dr. Swindells died of pneumonia in his fifty-fifth year. At the last General Conference he was in the most vigorous condition, apparently, and in the most cheerful and brotherly mood. We have known and loved him for years, and have admired him for his fraternal, executive, and popular qualities, his zealous devotion, his public spirit, and his manly character. When we last saw him he looked like a man who would live and work for twenty years yet. As a pastor, presiding elder, General Conference delegate, member of the Board of Church Extension, editor, and platform speaker, he was greatly esteemed. In all these relations he made a good record; his brethren honored him again and again by election to the General Conference, where he was a valuable worker, in committees or on the floor. He had more than ordinary pulpit power, and by his courage, candor and wisdom won many friends in his pastoral charges. The whole denomination is in debt for his long, faithful and discerning services on the Board of Church Extension. His assignment to his work as editor and superintendent of the Book Rooms at Philadelphia occurred only a year or two ago, so that he had barely entered in the largest sense upon his new field when cut down by death. His loss will be felt profoundly in the Methodist affairs of the city of Philadelphia.

### CURIOUS STUDIES IN ENGLISH.

A London Periodical recently offered a prize for the best collection of unintentionally amusing advertisements. Here is a part of one list: "Annual sale now going on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here." "A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going abroad on a string iron frame." "Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York, willing to take care of children, and a good sailor." "Respectable widow wants washing for Tuesday." "For sale a pianoforte, the property of a musician with carved legs." "Mr. Brown, furrier, begs leave to announce that he will make up gowns, capes, etc., for ladies out of their own skin." "A boy wanted who can open oysters with a reference." "Bull dog for sale; will eat anything; very fond of children." "Wanted, an organist, and a boy to blow the same." "Wanted, a boy to be partly inside and partly behind the counter." "Lost, near Highgate archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and a bone handle." "Widow in comfortable circumstances wishes to marry two sons." "To be disposed of, a mail man, with moveable head piece as good as new."—Ex.

Many of the sins that shine the brightest will kill the quickest.—Ex.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

Charles Dickens, Jr., the eldest son of the noted English novelist, died in London, July 21st, aged fifty-nine. His death was followed about a week later by that of his sister Mary.

A serial, "The Last Three Soldiers," by William H. Sheldon, has a novel plot. It tells of three Union soldiers who became venerable eastaways in the Confederacy. It will begin in the November St. Nicholas.

Kirk, Monroe, whose books of adventure on sea and land are so popular, writes in the October Scribner's an account of a cruise of the United States supply ship "Armeria," which visits the lighthouses on the North Atlantic coast. He has picked up many anecdotes of incident and adventure that reflect the characteristic life of these unique houses and people.

Our Animal Friends for September has an interesting and valuable supply of reading. As is well known, it is published in the interest of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and serves an excellent purpose. Canvassers are wanted. Address John P. Haines, 10 E. 22nd St., New York City.

That long established and sterling magazine, The Living Age, presents in its weekly number the best fiction, able essays, interesting bits of biography, adventure and travel, and profitable contributions to foreign literature. At least one short story, and selections of recent poetry appears in each weekly issue. The Living Age, Boston.

The Arena (Boston), most heartily espoused the cause of free silver, and can vie with the most radical in that cause, being, withal, quite able. The October issue will have, among many articles from prominent people, one from Prof. Frank Parsons, of Boston University.

Lippincott's Magazine has many good things besides its complete novel, "How Hawkins was Regulated," in the September, and "Jim Bowers' Loss," in the October number, are most entertaining reading.

### SABBATH IRREVERENCE.

One of the things that impelled the Pilgrim Fathers to seek a home in the western world was a pure desire to worship God without the consent or interposition of outside power. Nothing but an unswerving devotion to their purpose could have perpetuated their residence among wild beasts and men more wild. Since that day this nation has been known as a Christian nation, and a large part of the effort to evangelize the world and alleviate the distress of mankind has issued from the descendants of the consecrated founders of the republic. No other nation has such opportunity as this. None owe more to Providence than this. None are more richly endowed. "Where much is given much shall be required." But the growing irreverence of sacred things and the breaking of the Sabbath day indicates that many are forgetting from whence their blessings flow. The bicycle has been added to the steam and electric car as a means of pursuing Sunday pleasure. The thousands of young men and women joining the host of desecrators, betrayed by the allurements of a Sunday wheeling, is alarming. The Young People's Societies of the evangelical churches cannot guard this matter too carefully. The Epworth League is the church of tomorrow. It must reflect the example of the first Epworthians.—Omaha, Christian Advocate.

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Chicago limited	7:30 pm	Chicago limited	8:00 am
Fast mail	7:40 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.			
Fast mail	7:40 am	Fast mail	7:15 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.			
No. 3	7:30 pm	No. 4	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31	9:35 am	No. 32	5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.			
No. 5, Memphis Local		No. 6, Memphis Local	
Fast express	10:30 am	Fast Train	4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg express	6:30 pm	Vicksburg express	8:10 am
No. 23, Baton Rouge	10:00 am	Baton Rouge	3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.			
No. 3, fast ex.	7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail	7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc.	8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex.	9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex.	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.	3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail	8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex.	7:50 am
Sunday ex.	9:30 pm	Sunday ex.	7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.			
No. 53, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex.	6:55 pm	No. 51, Hot Spgs. express	7:20 pm
No. 51, Hot Spgs. express	9:15 am		
Queen & Crescent Route.			
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York	11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York	8:20 pm
No. 3, local	6:20 am	Local	7:30 am
Southern Pacific Company.			
Texas and Mexico		California ex.	9:15 am
fast mail	6:45 pm	Texas & Mexico	
California ex.	6:55 am	fast mail	8:35 pm

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 1896.

## SOLOMON ANOINTED KING.

1 Kings 1:28-39.

Golden Text—"Keep the charge of the Lord, thy God, to walk in his ways." (1 Kings 2:3).

"David was old and stricken in years." He was no doubt older at seventy than was Moses at a hundred and twenty. He was more infirm than many men of to-day are at eighty. Some suppose his feebleness was a result of hardship in early life, others think it was caused by intemperate habits. It may have been the result of some disease that was preying on him. A man with a sound constitution and moral habits ought not to be old at seventy years. The shortightedness of men cause them to do many suicidal things, and enter the grave at a premature age.

"Adonijah exalted himself, saying, I will be king." He knew the throne would soon be vacant. He was the oldest living son of David, and no doubt supposed he had the best right to the crown. He was fine looking and made a grand display. He had been greatly indulged by his father. He was backed in his plan by Joab, the general, and Abiathar, the priest. He had part of the state and church on his side. He knew well the will of God, and the plans of his father but he cared not for either. He was a second Absalom. There are many who can be bought with a fine dinner. They think more of their stomachs than of their liberty. They, like Esau, will sell their interest in heaven for a mess of pottage, or glass of wine.

Nathan, the prophet, knew well whom the Lord desired to be David's successor. He saw the scheme of designing men were about to defeat the plans of Jehovah. He stirred up the king to a sense of his duty through his wife, Bath-sheba. His address to her is very suggestive. He told her Adonijah resigned, and David knew it not; that her life, and the life of her son, were in danger, and that the king had sworn that Solomon should be his successor. He insisted that she should relate these facts to David, and while she yet spoke, he would come in and confirm her story. We may suggest to those in authority over us, their duty.

The manner of Bath-sheba before David is very much like that of Esther before Ahasuerus. Every movement shows her to be a woman of profound wisdom. She observed rules of politeness in approaching David. He asked about her desire. She reminded him of his oath, related the conduct of Adonijah, expressed fear of herself and Solomon, and informed him that the eyes of all Israel were upon him. They were waiting for him to name his successor. There are times when rulers must speak. It is a mother's part to look well after the interest of her children.

While she yet spoke with the king Nathan, the prophet, came in. She withdrew. He desired to know if the king had ever said that Adonijah should reign after him. He related how the son of Haggith had slain sheep, oxen and fat cattle and was holding a coronation feast. The people were eating and drinking before him, and shouting, "God save King Adonijah." The special friends of David had not been called to the feast. By this we know that Adonijah knew the will of God, and the wish of his father. David was too indulgent. Absalom and Adonijah would likely have been better sons if he had been more severe in training them aright. Too much love for our children shows weakness, and too much justice expresses wickedness.

The queen was recalled. The king's address to her is firm and strong. His mind was clear as in other years. He distinctly remembered the oath to have Solomon reign in his stead. He faithfully promised to attend to the matter that day. The queen reverently bowed and as she withdrew said, "Let my lord King David live forever." Bath-sheba was at this time the power behind the throne. She was no schemer, but had the heart of a true woman, a devoted wife, and an affectionate mother.

David called for Zadoc, the priest,

Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the captain, and they stood before him. He gave minute directions for the coronation of Solomon. The king's body guard was drawn up in front of the palace. Soon a large concourse of people assembled. The state mule, richly caparisoned, was brought out. Solomon appeared, attended by Zadoc, Nathan and Benaiah. He was placed on the mule of state and conducted to the valley of Gibon. There Zadoc, assisted by Nathan, solemnly anointed him king, by pouring on his head the holy oil, and placing on his brow the royal crown. They likely put in his hand the roll of testimony. As they returned to the royal court the people shouted, "God save King Solomon." When he was seated on the throne they continued to pipe and shout till "the earth rent with the sound." We are kings and priests unto God, and great will be the joy of heaven when we receive the crown of life.

Those that were feasting with Joab and Adonijah, when they heard the shouting, were filled with fear; they arose and went every man his way. Adonijah fled, and laid hold of the horns of the altar for safety. Solomon told him if he would show himself a worthy man he should not be hurt, but if wickedness was found in him he should die. God says the same to every one of us.

"O, LORD, IT MAKES ME SICK!"

The above, not altogether pious ejaculation, was uttered by an individual who had a good opportunity to test the truthfulness of the sentiment expressed in the lines,

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The rich man in torment calling upon Lazarus and Abraham to interest themselves in his case, is a sad picture from the gallery of eternity, painted by the faithful artist, Jesus Christ.—California Independent.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Pleasure saps high interests.—J. Morley.

God is our father, the men are our brothers.—C. Douglas.

Everything that constrains a man strengthens him.—De Maistre.

Pleasantness of disposition is a great key to good.—G. Herbert.

In individuality is one of the most valuable elements of well-being.—Milt.

The heart has its reasons of which the reason knows nothing.—Vinet.

Life is the best thing we can possibly make of it.—Geo. Wm. Curtis.

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—Phillips Brooks.

For this is your duty, to act well the part that belongs to you, but not to choose the part that belongs to another.—Epistetus.

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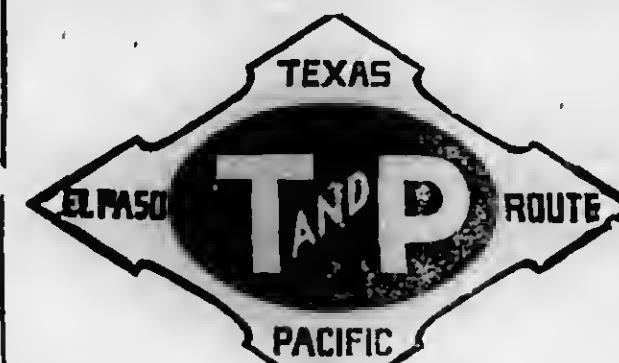
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Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Rock River, Freeport, Ill.	Sept. 30	Andrews
North Minnesota, Anoka, Minn.	Sep. 30	Warren
Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis.	Sep. 30	Walden
Holston, Newport, Tenn.	Sep. 30	Mallallen
Northwest Iowa, Eagle Grove, Ia.	Sep. 30	FitzGerald
West Nebraska, Ogallala, Neb.	Sep. 30	McCabe
N. P. German Mission Conf., Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1	Cranston
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Hurst
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda	Oct. 7	Newman
North Nebraska, Alton, Neb.	Oct. 7	McCabe
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallallen
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9	Foss
Dakota, Vermilion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Oct. 15	Mallallen
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22	Mallallen
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26	Ninde
West Texas, Cuero, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.  
EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.  
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A sturdy little figure it was trudging bravely by with a pail of water. So many times it had passed our gate that morning that curiosity prompted us to further acquaintance.

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"Yes'm."

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"Yes'm, it takes a heap of water to do washing."

"And do you bring it all from the brook down there?"

"Oh, we have it in the cistern mostly, only it's been such a dry time lately."

"And there is nobody else to carry the water?"

"Nobody but mother, an' she is washin'."

"Well, you are a good girl to help her."

It was not a well considered compliment, and the little water carrier did not consider it one at all, but there was a look of surprise in her gray eyes, and an almost indignant tone in her voice as she answered: "Why, of course, I help her. I always help her all the time; she hasn't anybody else. Mother'n me's partners."

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Never ask God for anything you do not want. Tell Him the truth about yourself, however bad it makes you; and then ask Him for Christ's sake to forgive you what you are and make you what you ought to be.—Christian Advocate.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of July, 1896.

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Every sinner reasons that if there is happiness in the heart there ought to be some sunshine in the face.—Ex.

## MARRIAGES.

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## GOD'S WONDROUS WORD.

Thy word, O Lord, how wonderful  
Its wisdom and its power;  
How manifold its mightiness  
To meet our need each hour!

With sound of thy sweet promises  
How longing hearts beat time;  
Thy messages waft melody  
Like bells at evening chime.

Thy warnings sound, how solemnly.  
Alarms deep-toned and dark,  
Like fog bells on the rocky coast  
That guide the storm-tossed bark.

Thy piloting, how sure, how safe,  
Until, all breakers passed,  
We triumph o'er each hurricane  
And anchor, home at last.

—The Standard.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Do not let your subscription run out, renew at once.

Leadville, Col., is passing through a strike. Laborers are being brought in to take the place of the striking miners and trouble is feared.

The Mt. Holyoke College of Massachusetts, an institution for girls was burned last Sunday at a loss of \$300,000. No lives were lost.

Philander Smith College opened on the 23rd of September, with an increase in attendance of 20 per cent. over last year. The outlook for the session is bright.

Epworth Leaguers are to have a Rally Day on Sunday, October 4th, in order to get themselves together after their summer vacation. Good idea! Let the churches rally too.

Every annual subscriber sent in brings us that much nearer the enlargement of our paper. Push the canvass for annuals and do not go below six months if possible to prevent.

A couple walked into our Missionary Society rooms in New York, a few days ago, and stated that they wished to be married. Dr. Leonard did the deed, and now invites any couples wishing to be married to call at his office with the understanding that the fee will go to help pay the debt of the Missionary Society.

We now have the new course of study and will arrange Brush College matters as soon as possible. Meanwhile, let the brethren begin at once on the outline study of Matthew that appears in this week's issue. Now is your chance; if you wish to improve, study!

Take an interest in raising the pastor's salary! You do not like to have him speak of it before the congregation and yet no one seems to care whether it is raised or not. He should not have to speak of it, but when stewards seem forgetful and the members unconcerned, what must he do? Remember this: If you wish to keep things right in the pulpit, be sure to keep them right in the parsonage.

Let our young friends notice that the colleges whose cards we carry are announced to open the latter part of September, and the 1st of October. Crowd in now! Should you be so situated you cannot go now, arrange your matters to go just as soon as possible. Do not be afraid of learning too much! Prepare for the place and God will put you in it. Go to school if you must live on bread and water.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Charlotte, N. C., where the North Carolina Conference was held, claims about twelve thousand inhabitants, and has much of historic interest attached to it. Even though it had no claim to the Declaration of Independence, it is a beautiful and important little city of itself. The third city in size in the State, it is prominent both as an educational and railroad centre.

Among other institutions we find Biddle University, which is evidently doing a great work for our people. Here, too, is published the Star of Zion, the official organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church; here also is run their Sunday School Department, from which supplies are sent throughout their Church.

Bennett College, at Greensboro, is a potent factor in the very life and evident development of the North Carolina Conference. The college has done a great deal for the Conference, and the Conference is doing its best for it. Its influence is shown in every department of their work. Every officer of the Conference, even Brother Hayes, the eldest, had come in contact with the school at some point. The result cannot be concealed; intelligent sermons, thoughtful addresses, comprehensive committee reports, and a ministerial bearing that indicates a realization of the importance of the calling, impressed us as marks of the growing intelligence of the Conference. The point has been reached at which a premium is set on education. President Chavis, Profs. Morris and Thomas, all connected with Bennett, are highly esteemed by their brethren, and are doing much to advance the interests of the Conference.

This was Bishop Mallalien's third time to hold this Conference, and it is an evident fact that he and the brethren believe in each other. He gives his whole time and energy to the work in hand; no item is overlooked, no interest neglected. He is fatherly and sympathetic, but we soon found that when discipline is to be administered he is as stern as a judge, and holds every man to the line. His addresses were full and practical, but his sermon on Sunday was an irresistible flow of spiritual power and convincing argument. The Bishop was entertained by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Baze, of the M. E. Church South, who specially desired to do so. Both he and Rev. Dr. Brooks, the Presiding Elder, visited and addressed the Conference.

Our church, Rev. J. W. Davis pastor, contains some of the best people of the city, and some of them in good circumstances. They have a very neat little building, but have just purchased a lot and are preparing to erect a larger house. They took great interest in the Conference, entertained it nicely, and attended it faithfully, seemingly desirous of getting all the good out of it possible.

The A. M. E. Zion Church is pretty strong in these parts. They have two good churches here in Charlotte. We called at the office of the Star and met Editor Smith and the business manager, Dr. Blackwell. They are both hard at work, trying to make the paper go, and thus prove to the world that the Negro will support a newspaper. We greatly admire their purpose and pluck. There is nothing we like better than to see a fellow jump in and swim out. That is the way men are made, and we sincerely trust these earnest and hard worked servants of the church may succeed in pulling through with the various enterprises they have in hand.

Relative to our work, we wish to say that our reception at the North Carolina Conference was all that we could possibly desire. The brethren gave us everything they could get their hands on, and promised to send the rest. They are going

to pull with us, and we are going to succeed. God helping us.

much that we could not make such arrangements. We stopped at Greenville, S. C., and regret with the roads as would have allowed us to visit other points in that State to which the brethren had invited us. Here we met the modest and scholarly Dr. D. M. Minus the Pastor, and the earnest and intelligent Presiding Elder, Rev. J. A. Brown. Through their assistance, and that of Rev. A. S. J. Brown, our list was given quite a healthy uplift, and we shall hear from the brethren again. Rev. C. L. Logan, of an adjoining circuit, a hard worker for the paper, wants it understood that his part of the Palmetto State subscribes as she votes—early and often.

We are happy over the results of our trip, and hope to go again.

## THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY.

With this issue we greet fifty to seventy-five new readers in the grand old State of North Carolina. We take this occasion to welcome you into our family and sincerely trust we may be mutually helpful to each other. We start in on the most friendly terms possible, and there is no reason why we should not continue so. Should your paper not come regularly, complain first to your postmaster; if he says it does not reach his office, then write us and we will see what the trouble is, if any, at our office.

You will also please notice your address as printed, with your name ought to be found the date to which you are paid up; if this is not correct write us; if it is correct you will know just when to renew your subscription.

In fact, write us about any mistakes made now, and do not wait to complain when we ask you to renew your subscription. Let us have no misunderstanding.

## HIS WARFARE IS OVER.

In the death of the Rev. D. A. Payne, the Mississippi Conference loses a bright and promising young man. He had been sick for several weeks, but was so much better when we saw him at Yazoo City, a few days ago, that all were hopeful that he would pull through. We give elsewhere an excellent sketch of this earnest and devoted man of God, prepared by one of his brethren, which we trust will be read by many.

"Servant of God well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

## WILEY UNIVERSITY.

The devotion of the ministers of the North Carolina Conference to the interests of Bennett College, leads us to feel that the Texas Conference is not doing all it might for their Wiley University. The Bennett College brethren are determined to make their school a success. Let every minister in the Texas Conference push the canvass at once for new pupils and money. Do not expect every one you send to get help, that is impossible. It takes money to run any school.

You will please send President Dogan what you promised on the new bell. That lacks \$53.00 of being paid for and whether you promised or not send something; there is no one to pay for that bell but the Texas Conference. Let each one do his part now for the fall is swiftly passing.

Other schools may have special fields but with you scattered over the State Wiley ought not to need one. Crowd in the student body and do all you can to hold up the new President.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE WORTH OF THE OLD HYMNS.

By Miss L. P. Brown.

That music is a part of divine worship no sane individual will deny. It is the leading element in the ascriptions of praise in the world of light and glory. It soothes as well as arouses the emotions of the soul. It quickens as well as rejoices the spiritual man. It lifts and heightens our joys and relieves our sorrows. It enters into every condition of life, and serves both as an angel of mercy and light.

Its importance is known by the results accomplished. It awakens the dead sinner to see the light and love gleaming before Calvary's summit. It cheers the pilgrim on his journey heavenward. It enlivens the soldier of the cross going in to battle for the Lord. It gives courage to the warrior when putting off his armor to cross the Jordan of death, and lends sweetness and melody to the praise of Heaven's glorious King. The truest and best of the Church's theology is embodied in song. The Trinity, the one in three and three in one, the fall of and redemption of man, the mediation of Christ, the future state, are all set to music in words which challenge admiration and make a knowledge of God and of heaven, of Satan and hell, so plain that a way-faring man, though a fool, should not err.

Such songs have helped to call thousands of sinners from hell's dark door; cheered the old saints, and, together with the Gospel, wrought wonders in the name and power of Jesus.

They are the heritage of the Church, and are as much a part of the Church as the Gospel, because many of them are, in deed and in truth, the Gospel itself. Who will deny the doctrine of God's providence in the grand old hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way?"

Who will dispute the knowledge of death, when he sings, "And Am I Born to Die?"

Who will berate the doctrine of the Trinity, when they sing, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow?"

Who will talk lightly of the sanctity of the Sabbath and the resurrection of Christ, when he hears, "Welcome, Sweet Day of Rest, that Saw the Lord Arise?"

But notwithstanding these and other truths of the sweet old songs of the Church, there are many critics crying for new music. Give us a change; your songs are too old; and to listen at some, the music in our churches, and to see the great praise given in newspapers about such and such a lady's voice, one would think that Christ had ceased to be the theme of the Gospel, or singing designed to praise God in divine worship.

Heaven has no change. The six-winged angels always cry, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty," and the innumerable throng cry, "Praise, blessing, honor and dominion be unto our God forever;" but I fear that when some of our latter-day saints get to glory they will wait upon God and ask for a change. "The songs are too old; we want operative music, and, God, we can assure you that the angels will not wander so much about heaven, but you will have a larger number right around the throne than ever before."

Give me the good old songs that will arouse a sinner so that he will feel that he is lost, and that he will not be ashamed to come down the aisles of the church weeping because of his sins, and then, when he is converted, will shed tears of joy because he is saved from the fires of hell.

Brookhaven, Miss.

## DELAWARE CONFERENCE LETTER

By H. H.

The Delaware Conference, though the most northern of the colored conferences, and, for that reason, farthest away from them in miles, yet is not at all distant in her love and interest and sympathy for all our brethren throughout the length and breadth of our beloved church.

Methodism is a unit. We are, therefore, one in Christian endeavor, in hope, in purpose and in destiny.

That the readers of the Southwestern may form some definite knowledge of us, we give the following brief statistics and facts: Church membership, 20,578; conference roll, 157; numbers of churches, 253; value of church

and parsonage property, \$436,234; Benevolent collections, last year, \$5,918.

These figures speak for themselves. They are the result of struggle and thrift; of well-directed energy and self-sacrifice.

They reflect credit upon the faithful workers, the ministry and laity, without whose united and unstinted labors, the Delaware Conference would not exist.

Our territory is large, embracing work in the State of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Eastern Virginia.

This area is sub-divided into five districts: The Cambridge, the Centerville, the Philadelphia, the Salisbury and the Wilmington.

The presiding elders are men of ability and character, each and all very zealous of good works and about their Fathers' business.

They may be characterized as follows: The faithful and earnest Parker, the noble and unassuming Cox, the honored and scholarly Monroe, the eloquent and robust Shockley, the youthful and promising Waters.

Without disparagement of others, one among these is worthy of special mention, the Rev. H. A. Monroe, D. D., a man than whom none is better for liberality of thought and sentiment, breadth of view and sympathy, good education, large experience, sound morals, equipoise of character, and, one whom we would like to see brought more prominently before the church and people, and pressed into higher service and wider usefulness.

The Delaware Conference has a very promising class of young men. President W. C. Jason, A. M., of the State College for Colored Youth at Dover, Del., is one of our young men. He bears degrees from Allegheny College and Drew Seminary. There are others like him in ability and piety. They all promise large and useful service for God and humanity.

Father S. P. Whittington, one of the honored veterans of the Conference, passed from labor to reward in the month of August.

The Annual Preachers' Meeting of the Philadelphia District, will convene at Salem, N. J., on the 22nd of October, a program of special interest will be given.

It is whispered that this approaching conference is the year for many changes.

H. H. advises every man whose time is not out, to make himself indispensable in his present sphere. Do something great that nobody else has done, so that for your work and worth sake the conference will see at once the unwisdom and folly of a change. More anon.

REV. ALFRED DAVID PAYNE, YAZOO CITY, MISS.

Rev. Alfred David Payne was born December 18, 1853, and died September 18, 1896. He was converted, and joined the M. E. Church in 1876, and was licensed in 1879. He joined the Mississippi Conference in 1881 at Canton, Miss.; was ordained deacon in 1882, at Meridian; admitted as full member of the conference in 1884, at Jackson, and in 1885, at Meridian, was ordained elder. A great standard-bearer has fallen in Israel. During his sixteen years in the ministry he filled most successfully the following charges: Rosemeath and Abbeville circuits, Grenada, Macon, Moss Point, and Yazoo City stations. He was a beloved pastor among his people, possessing that dignified Christian temperament to be observed in a studious servant of God. He ranked among the foremost leaders of the Mississippi Conference. He filled the place of statistical secretary for quite a number of years and at the last session was the conference secretary. As a preacher, he was both philosophic and logical; his hearers always regarding his sermons as "Thus saith the Lord." In his conference and in the Upper Mississippi Conference his brethren and the people regarded him an ideal minister and a growing young man of the church. He acquired his education at Rust University and though not finishing the regular course of study he was above the average preacher. His last words were: "I have been twenty years preparing for this time; I know in whom I trust." And to his wife he said: "You have been true to me seventeen years, and now I am about to leave you, I hope you will raise the children in the fear of the Lord and meet me in heaven. Tell the church at

large to meet me in heaven."

His funeral was attended in Yazoo City by Rev. N. N. Sidney, and the remains interred in the Oxford Cemetery. He leaves a wife and six girls to mourn his departure.

N. H. Williams, P. C.,  
Oxford, Miss.

## OUTLINE STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

## Explanatory.

The object of this Outline Study of the Bible is for those who have not had the opportunity to study the English Bible, guided by competent instructors; for those whose age and the nature of their work prohibit them from making a very extended study of the Bible, with the best available helps; for those pastors and local preachers whose educational advantages have been very limited, yet who are anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity to get a better knowledge of the Word.

These studies are not for critical students. They are not for those who are able and want to make a special study of the Scriptures in the original languages.

In the presentation of these studies we do not claim to be original. The facts are gleaned from many sources and arranged to suit our ideas. The outlines of all the books of the Bible, as used in our theological schools, will, in the main, be used as the basis for these studies.

We will only recommend such helps as are good, cheap, practical, and in the reach of everyone. Use your Bibles in the study of these outlines. Read every Scripture citation. Strive to secure a part or all of the helps recommended.

A thorough mastery of these outlines cannot help being of lasting benefit to those who are striving to be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We will study the four Gospels, beginning with the Book of Matthew.

If we had no other account of the life of Christ and the plan of salvation, save what is recorded by Matthew, man would be left without an excuse. His Gospel is the New Testament in miniature. It is a condensed form. He gives the whole plan of salvation.

## Helps.

The following helps are recommended in the study of Matthew: They can be purchased through our Book Concern. Stalker's Life of Christ. No one can understand the Gospels without an intelligent knowledge of the life of Christ. Stalker is small in compass, low in price and elegant in style. Robinson's Harmony of the Gospel. Harmon's Introduction.

Whedon's Commentary.

Bushnell's Character of Jesus.

Any good encyclopedia.

Hurlbut's Geography of the Bible.

## Personal History.

As to the personal history of the disciples of Christ, our source of information is very limited. In the history of Matthew, like so many other notable Bible characters, we know little of him. They did not write of themselves. Matthew had a message of peace, joy and love for the people. It was not Matthew and him glorified, but it was Christ and Him crucified. What a lesson for us!

But we are not left wholly in the dark. Now and then we get a glimpse of the light by which we ascertain the following facts:

1. Turning to Mark 2:14, we learn that he was Levi, the son of Alphaeus, and a tax gatherer. Luke 5:27, we have nearly the same statement. It is evident that the two citations above refer to the same person as found in Matthew 9:9.

2. It is supposed he changed his name when Christ called him from Levi to Matthew, which means "gift or God."

3. Turning to Luke, 5:29, we learn that his position afforded him enough means to make a feast to Jesus. He also had a number of his old associates present. To use a modern term, Matthew was a custom house officer, stationed on the public highway, where he had seen Jesus pass, and had learned to love Him. When Jesus called Matthew to follow Him, it does not imply that he went immediately, but he first tendered his resignation, settled his accounts and turned over his books. The call of Matthew from the office of a publican (a person detested by the Jews), to be a disciple of the

Son of God, was an occasion sufficient to make this memorable feast.

4. He was one of the twelve apostles and is mentioned as the seventh or eighth in the list.

5. There is a tradition that he went to Asiatic Ethiopia and labored there, as well as in Macedonia and Asia.

6. Matthew is profoundly silent concerning himself. He does not record a word he addressed to Christ. It is enough for him to pen the acts and words of Him who is able to still storms, heal the sick, raise the dead and forgive sin. What a lesson to us as ministers—less of self and more of Christ.

## Authorship.

There has been little controversy as to who wrote this Gospel. It is universally attributed to Matthew, from apostolic times to the present.

## Date.

No one knows the exact date of the writing of this Gospel. At best we can only conjecture. Yet this lack of knowledge as to the exact time, in no wise affects the genuineness and authorship. It stands to reason that it was written before the destruction of Jerusalem, which was A. D. 70. In chapter 24 we find the temple still standing. No doubt he would have mentioned the fact if the temple had been destroyed. We also know that the events narrated were not committed to writing until some time afterwards. The probable date is between 60 and 66 A. D.

## Language.

It is believed by many that Matthew wrote in Hebrew, i. e., Aramaic, as this was in more general use than the old Hebrew. The following arguments have been produced by those favoring a Hebrew (Aramaic) original:

1. It was the unanimous testimony of the early church.

2. Without doubt it was written for the Jews of Palestine.

3. Those portions that are independent quote the Hebrew from the Old Testament.

4. The uniformity of style. Those who favor a Greek original present the following arguments:

1. No Hebrew copy has ever been found.

2. There is a confusion in the character of the testimony of the Fathers.

3. The early Church everywhere recognized the Greek Gospel.

4. The Greek language was most in use at this time.

5. It is similar to the other Gospels.

6. The Gospel of Matthew is not a translation of a supposed original Hebrew copy, but it is original in style.

For all practical purposes we can safely say that while Matthew knew Hebrew, he wrote in Greek. He was conversant with both languages. As this is the word of God, we are not much concerned as to what language Matthew used.

## Characteristics.

Every book of the Bible was written by persons who had different objects in view. Every one stamped his individuality on his message. Here are some of the characteristics of Matthew's Gospel:

1. He wrote for Jews, and especially those of Palestine.

a. He has so many quotations from the Old Testament to prove the Messiahship of Jesus.

b. He emphasizes the Jewish idea of the Kingdom of God.

c. He traces the genealogy of Christ from Abraham and David through the line of kings. The wise men sought him who was born King of the Jews.

d. He rarely ever explains Jewish customs. He knows they were familiar with their own customs.

e. In Christ's sermon on the Mount, Matthew makes special reference to the Law.

f. It is well also to notice how frequently he uses Hebrew words and forms.

2. His treatment is rather by subjects than chronological. Notice the miracles recorded in chapters 8 and 9; and parables in 13-15.

3. Matthew reports more fully than the others the discourses of our Lord.

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

## NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

The thirty-eighth session of this conference convened September 17, 1896, at Charlotte, S. C., Bishop Mallalieu presiding. The brethren were prompt in attendance and organized by electing R. W. S. Thompson secretary, J. P. Morris declining; W. P. Hayes, statistical secretary, and G. W. Moore head treasurer. The roll call showed that W. H. Smith, a full member, and W. H. Harriston, a probationer in the conference, had died.

Dr. J. W. E. Boven, of Gammon, who is a great favorite with the conference, was present in the interest of the school and did heroic service. His addresses and sermons were greatly enjoyed by the brethren, and we are sure when the time came for the doctor to leave he appreciated an opportunity to rest.

Presiding Elders Isaac Wells, Daniel Brooks, Robt. Smith and E. M. Colbert reported their districts and impressed the conference with the fact that they and their preachers had been laboring hard to push the work to its utmost. They have had a year of hard work and glorious triumphs; churches and parsonages had been built and repaired and a number of great revivals, in which scores of souls were saved, had been carried on.

The reports of the pastors showed their great devotion to the work and their spirit of self-sacrifice right through the year. The hard times had pinched them greatly but only one man had deserted his post. Salaries ranged from \$75 to \$200 and \$300, and only two had gone beyond that mark.

The doors of the conference were crowded with those who desired to enter the traveling connection. Besides a goodly number of young men who came up from the local ranks, there were five or six from other churches.

Sandy Cornelius, J. C. Addie, J. W. Murph, A. B. McQueen, J. A. Laughlin, Turner Mills and William Crawford were received on trial. Each was required to sign a pledge that he would wholly abstain from the use of tobacco.

R. P. Hairston and H. L. Smith were received into full connection. They took the tobacco pledge also. A. S. Spinks was dropped.

R. E. Jones was ordained elder; and H. L. Ashe and J. W. Murph were ordained deacons. R. C. Campbell was transferred to the South Carolina Conference and stationed at Gaffney.

Among the many visitors present was a brother of the Bishop, Mr. W. Mallalieu, who was introduced to the Conference and seemed greatly interested in all the proceedings. Rev. E. M. Collett presented the Bishop and his brother a walking cane each, made of native wood. We took it that Bro. Collett meant the Bishop would need a cane after the appointments were read, but he didn't; everybody was happy.

The Constitutional questions handed down by the general conference were voted upon. For the admission of women 51, against 0. For equal Lay Representation 1, against 53.

The next session of the conference will be held at Laurinburg.

A number of bright young men were left without appointment to attend Bennett College, or Gammon Seminary.

A new district was formed known as Raleigh District, and hence a new presiding elder was made, Rev. W. W. Pope being the fortunate man.

This district embraces the section that the conference is working hard to develop, and on account of his activity and experience, Rev. E. M. Collett was changed from the Wilmington to this new field. The conference seemed to heartily approve the organization of this new work, notwithstanding the fact that many of them in the old work had to surrender the missionary money to this purely mission work.

Resolutions thanking the bishop and people, the editor of this paper for sermon, addresses, etc., and pledging most earnest support to the Southwestern Christian Advocate were adopted.

After reading minutes and prayer the bishop announced the following appointments:

North Carolina Conference.—Greensboro District, Isaac Wells, P. E., (P. O. Greensboro); Benajai and Thomp-

sonville, C. W. Blaylock; Caswell (Thompsonville P. O.) Sup. Henry Garrett; Center and Julian, B. F. Thomas; East Greensboro, S. L. Johnson; Greensboro, M. M. Jones; Leaksville, J. E. Cnamplin; Madison, M. Mundy; Madison Circuit, C. Harshaw; Ramseur, Elisha Howard; Reidsville, A. H. Newsome; Rocky Mount and Boones Mill (Va.), J. C. Robbins; South Greensboro, G. B. McLean; Summerfield, W. M. Chavis; West Greensboro, Franklin Allen. J. D. Chavis, president; J. P. Morris and R. W. S. Thomas, Professors, in Bennett College and members St. Matthew Quarterly Conference.

Raleigh District.—E. M. Collett, P. E., P. O. Oxford.—Danville, Va., Sup. Isaac Garrett; Durham, Sup. Isaac Garrett; Goldsboro, M. C. Rogers; Oxford, S. B. Barker, New Berne, J. P. Jones; Norfolk and Princess, Anne, Va., L. Vanda McDaniel; Oberlin, L. G. McDonald; Raleigh, Sup. S. A. J. Miller; Townsville and Henderson, R. P. Hairston.

Western District.—Robt. Smith, P. E., P. O. Hickory.—Asheville, G. W. Morehead; Boone and Jefferson, Sup. C. R. Davidson; Forrest City, W. A. Pryor; Franklin, Sandy Cornelius; Gastonia and Stanly Creek, G. W. Brower; Hickory, Sup. J. N. Roan; Lenoir, S. F. B. Peace; Lincolnton, S. R. McCorkle; Macon, J. D. Deggs; Marion, A. W. McMaster; Patterson, G. T. Johnson; Shelby and Fallston, Dorsey McRae; Sherrells Ford and Newton, J. C. Addie; West Asheville and Waynesville, R. D. Bathea; Wilkesboro, David Connell.

Wilmington District.—Daniel Brooks P. E., P. O. High Point.—Charlotte, J. W. Davis; Columbus, A. B. McQueen; Concord and Monroe, Turner Mills; Fayetteville and Prospect Hill, A. Clark; Hamlet and Southern Pines, G. F. Hill; Laurenburg, W. P. Hayes; Lumberton, J. P. Franklin; Maxton, G. W. Myers; Melrose, Henry Evans; Rowland and Salem, J. D. Murphy; Swan Station and Vass, Sup. A. T. Covington; Wilmington, J. W. Murph.

Winston District.—W. W. Pope, P. O. Winston.—Advance, S. P. West; Ashboro, Sam'l McDonald; Dobson, S. L. May; High Point, H. L. Ashe; Jonesville, J. W. Jones; Kernersville, E. H. McArthur; Lexington, S. M. Haines; Mayhew, J. D. Hairston; Mitchell, Sup. John Wells; Mt. Airy, M. J. Bullock; Saulsberry, Sup. M. J. Bullock; Statesville and Philadelphia, F. L. Bost; Trinity, J. H. Hunter; Walnut Cove, W. G. Alston; Winston, J. A. Rush; Yadkin, S. A. Gibson.

## WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

The third session of the Waynesboro District, Savannah Conference, convened at Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 26, 1896. Rev. R. O'Neal, P. E., was promptly on hand. The calling of the roll showed a large and full attendance.

J. D. Jenkins was elected secretary; and on his nomination Revs. W. H. Brown and A. B. Allen were elected assistants.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. O. N. Samples, of the English Eddy Charge. The sermon was full of unction and power, and indeed proved a time of refreshing from the Lord.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. E. S. Collins, of Statesboro and responded to by Rev. A. B. Allen, of the Augusta Charge.

Rev. M. P. Moore, the popular and efficient pastor, his estimable companion and noble corps of assistants, showed great tact in providing comfortably for all who came. Good homes and well cooked food were abundant. The church had been beautifully refitted at a cost of \$80, an organ purchased for the use of the conference and everything made as comfortable as could be desired. The collections during the conference session amounted to \$90.

Among the distinguished visitors were Rev. Dawson, of the A. M. Church; Dr. J. B. Anthony, of the M. E. Church South; and Rev. Dr. D. C. John, President of Clark University; Dr. John entertained the conference Thursday night with an able address on general education and in the interest of Clark University. The address was highly appreciated by every one present.

The district seems to be making marked progress under Elder O'Neal's management. The benevolent collections are largely in advance of any previous year. There is peace and harmony throughout the work. Sev-

eral new church houses have been built and others in course of construction; revivals have swept over the district in many places and Epworth Leagues are being organized rapidly. At the present rate, the Waynesboro District will soon take her place among the leading districts of the Savannah Conference.

Every local preacher and exhorter on the district reads the Southwestern. No one can have his license renewed, or receive license to preach or exhort without subscribing for the paper. Our watch-word is, Onward. Respectfully, J. D. Jenkins, Sec'y.

## CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

To the Ministers of the Upper Mississippi Annual Conference: Dear Bros.: A great many of the brothers have sent in applications for aid to me, as President of the Church Extension Society, and was refused on the ground of our Conference not raising her pro-rata share of the church extension money appointed to our Conference. So let each charge in the Upper Mississippi Conference collect every cent assessed to it and forward to Dr. Kynett, or bring to the Annual Conference with you without fail. Now brothers, if you fail you cannot draw on the board for aid.

W. McDonald,  
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#### THE NEGROS' CRIMES—ONE WAY TO STOP THEM.

So long as the Negro who commits a crime is considered a "fiend," while the white man who commits a similar crime is known and published as "a gentleman," just so long will white men who break the law feel free to break it at will, and Negroes consider it useless to appeal to the courts of the law to right their wrongs. And more, so long will banks be looted by "trusted employees," defenseless men shot down like dogs, and every law of God and man violated with impunity.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are some good people in every community, who deplore violations of law in any form, their influence is not felt nor their indignation dreaded because they are silent. The people who express themselves openly are too often, by business or other considerations, led to condone the violations of their class. But crime is crime, who ever commits it, and a criminal is a criminal, let him be black or white. Our section must learn this similarity, and deal with crime accordingly, or else suffer in future worse than it is suffering now.

If asked how to check the era of crime through which we are passing, our reply would be: Let every man who commits an offense against the law, suffer the penalty, regardless of race; and let every Negro learn by actual experience that the white man who commits a crime against him or his family is as sure to be punished as is he for a crime against a white man or his family.

There is no denying the fact that such conditions do not obtain with us at present, and our fear is that just as long as the weaker man feels it is useless to appeal to the courts and to law to redress his wrongs, so long will he be guilty of doing the deed of the maniac in his attempt to be avenged. We do not pretend to deny the fact that Negroes do commit some of the outrages of which they are accused; to claim they do not would be to claim they are better than white men, which we do not believe; but the fact that they do commit even some of the outrages is both painful and humiliating to the better class of Negroes in this country, and they are willing to do, or help do, anything they can to stop it. But what can they do? What can anyone do?

Those accused, have been burned to death, hanged, shot, cut in pieces, and in a few cases legally executed; and yet outrages, or to say the least, supposed outrages, continue.

In this connection, to our mind, there are two things that are significant: One is that according to the testimony of those who are old enough to know, the charges of outrage have increased right along since the war; the other is, that in the vast majority of the cases where innocent, helpless victims have been the objects of outrage, the accused have stated they did it "for spite." And aside from this class of cases, take those who go by midnight and commit such butcheries as startle the whole country. Consider how many of them claim to be getting even.

We do not call attention to this phase of the case to justify crime, but to account for it, and if possible, suggest a remedy. We know there is no way whatever to justify such a crime as that of the man who was burned at Paris, Tex., who wreaked his vengeance on an innocent babe simply to "get even" with its father. We make no excuse for such; we deplore the whole transaction, and we deplore also that state of society that leads any man or woman who may be a member of it to feel that it is useless to appeal to the law for protection or redress.

Crime seems to beget crime in spite of the threatenings of the law and the absolute certainty of death.

Take the boy Green, who, together with his father, was shot in a suburb of this city a few days ago by some "gentlemen" who were out "nigger hunting." The man they wanted had

passed Green's house and they thought he went in. The "gentlemen" demanded admission; this Green with more spirit than discretion, refused. He told them there was no man there and attempted to defend his home against them. They shot him and then shot his boy for attempting to protect his father. Everyone knows that nothing will be done with them; the boy and his father may be punished, but those who shot them will not. Now then, if there is any way to keep that boy, should he live, from seeking revenge in some way we should be glad to learn it. A boy who possessed spirit enough to go to his father's rescue in the face of four armed men, will neither forgive nor forget his unavenged wrong.

Our thought is, and we think it the real remedy, for all the great evils from which we suffer, enforce the law on every man alike. In the present state of affairs, both the white man and the Negro are being driven to crime and barbarity. The white man has little to fear; the Negro has little for which to hope. The one is constantly decreasing the value of human life and degrading the youth by whom he is surrounded, while the other, Sampson like, is pulling down the temple upon himself; his race and those he considers his enemies. The situation is appalling, the outlook discouraging.

We are here, and here to stay; but if the breach continues to widen and the white man continues to think that the best preventive of crime is to overpower the accused and add crime to crime, only God can tell where it will all end. We believe the pulpit and the press hold the key to the situation, and that less than a decade of faithful work by them would leave only professional highwaymen to rob, and the most desperate characters to commit murder. Our position may or may not be correct, and yet the fact remains that the enormity of the white criminals' offense is too often measured by the color of the individual against whom the offense is committed; and that many of the worst crimes committed by Negroes are prompted by a spirit of retaliation rather than lust.

May the laws of the land be executed without fear or favor, and homes and life rendered sacred and secure.

#### RECEIVING THE NEW PASTOR!

Our bishops are engaged in holding conferences every week and sending out hundreds of preachers to their fields of labor for another year. Many are going to new fields—a stranger among strangers. It is about this class that we wish to speak. While we believe in every pastor continuing in one field just as long as he can, yet, as Methodists, we all know that changes must occur; hence we had as well adapt ourselves to this condition and be prepared for a change when it comes.

Perhaps you did not wish a change of pastors, and did all you could to prevent it; but it was made any way. Now it will not do any good to spend the next six months grumbling about it and trying to stir the members up to rebellion; you may do both your church and yourself great harm, and, after all, have to submit to the change. Better leave some things with the Lord. But you have just heard of the appointment of a new pastor; let us advise you as to what to do.

First, go and pray for him; pray that he may be a good, useful man, a blessing to you and the church. Then go and get some of the members to join with you and see that the parsonage is cleaned and put in as good shape as possible with what furniture you have in it; appoint a committee of one or more brethren to meet the pastor and family at the train and see them to the place arranged for them to take their meals till they are fitted at the parsonage, and make them as comfortable as possible. Stewards ought to see to this, but may not.

Let the sisters give the pastor's wife special attention. As a rule, she does not get the attention due her, notwithstanding the pleasure it affords her to have her husband honored.

Few people realize how much the success or failure of their charge depends upon the pastor's wife. Let her be a good, useful woman and she will help him succeed, but if not it is almost impossible for him to achieve success.

Well, here is the pastor settled and ready for

work. Give him a hearty reception; if you can, have refreshments, no objection; if not, have a reception any way. Let the church, the League Chapter and the Sunday school all welcome him. Through their representatives we meet, and let him respond. Call on his wife for a little talk, too; but let her use her pleasure.

The whole thing will do him good and do the whole work good.

Should you decide to have a surprise for them, all right. But do not let your surprise mean what they sometimes do. Sometimes there are three surprises in one; first, they are surprised to see how much you bring; second, to see how greedy you are to eat it all yourselves, and third, that you were filthy enough to go off and leave the whole house in a muss for one little tired woman to get up and clean next morning. We tell you the truth that, under those circumstances no one at the parsonage is glad to have you come unless it be the very small children. We are sure you understand us.

In conclusion:

1st. Do not be one of the kind who sulk for six months when the new pastor comes, and another six months when he goes.

2nd. Learn to appreciate worth whether the pastor be faithful and slow, or quick and brilliant. One may tell you what you ought do for him, while the other never will.

3rd. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell is expected in this city on or about Nov. 5. Prepare to welcome him.

Bishop Foss has been holding conferences out on the Pacific coast. The brethren seem delighted with him.

Senator J. M. Pahner, the Democratic Sound Money candidate, says McKinley will be elected President.

Bishop Joyce writes from Japan: "Bishop Walden did great work when he was out here, and he is everywhere spoken of in the highest praise and with brotherly affection. All I have to do is to follow in his steps."

Dr. Thos. Mason, secretary of the Little Rock Conference, informs us that J. W. Lewis has been suspended from the ministry and privileges of the church till the next session of the Conference.

Rev. G. N. Johnson, Texarkana, Ark., a graduate of Central, Tenn., College and Gammon Seminary, writes us words of appreciation for the Southwestern and sends fifteen new cash subscribers. Who can beat that? Going to school did him good.

Mrs. Ernest Lyon, wife of Dr. Lyon, of St. Mark's M. E. Church, New York, will sing at the great Zion Centennial celebration in that city next month, as will Sissieretta Jones, Madame Selike, Flora Batson and others.

The Northwestern says: Mrs. W. J. Mason, a daughter of Bishop Arnett of the African M. E. Church, and her children were recently ejected from a Pullman sleeping-car on the Iron Mountain railroad, the railroad people acting under the law for a separate coach for colored people, which exists in Texas and other Southern states. The legality of the ejection is questionable, and Bishop Arnett may test the matter in the courts.

We learn from one of our exchanges that the "Phillis Wheatley Club," of this city, is to have charge of the Nurse Training School, announced to open October 1st, in connection with our Medical College. This club is an organization composed of a number of the leading colored ladies, regardless of denomination, who are making themselves felt in their efforts to relieve the suffering and supply the needy. We are certainly proud to find these women of the race employing their spare time and excellent gifts in the performance of such sorely needed deeds of charity. Mrs. S. F. Williams is president. It is not our good fortune to know her, but we learn she is a lady of rare intelligence and great devotion to the work she is doing. The hospital will be for both sexes, and contain both free beds and those to be paid for.



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Elberton, Ga., September, 1896.—  
Dear Editor: I now write to you for the first time since you have been elected editor of our paper. I highly congratulate you and shall do all I can to help you to make the paper a success. I have not forgotten our school days in old Clark. Hope you will publish this in the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Respectfully yours,  
G. W. Lamas.

### NOTICE.

South New Orleans District Conventions are called to meet for the pastors and delegates of the District.

Commencing at Valence Street Monday night, October 26th.

Mullalien, Tuesday, 27th.

Williams Chapel, Wednesday, 28th.

Havens' Chapel, Thursday, 29th.

Ann closing at First Street with a grand love feast, October 30th. Pastors are called on business of importance.

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Meridian, Miss.—The informal opening of Meridian Academy took place on Monday, September 21st. An unusually large number of patrons and students were present. This informal opening was the largest in the history of this well known institution. New students from places two hundred miles away were present; and the speeches and hearty "God-speed you," from nearly a dozen speakers, caused much enthusiasm, which will result in much good for our school. The actual enrollment was one hundred and two, the largest, by far, in its history. The only thing that troubles us now is a place to put the on-coming scores from whom we hear daily. Patrons, trustees, teachers, and principal are greatly encouraged. Rev. A. M. Trotter, of the Meridian District, and his ministers, many of whom were present, give us hearty support. Most truly,  
J. L. Wilson, Principal.

### DISTRICT GATHERINGS.

The religious and literary exercises of the Twentieth Session of the Gainesville District Conference, to be held in the M. E. Church, at Fort White, Fla., October 15, 1896. Printed program sent out.

J. P. Patterson, P. E.

The Third District Epworth League Convention of the North Baltimore District, will be held at Belair, Harford county, Md., October 14, to 18, 1896. Distinguished speakers will be present. Free entertainment to pastors and delegates. All pastors and presiding elders of other districts are cordially invited. Speeches in discussion of papers will be limited to seven minutes. All papers are subject to discussion. All ministers having an interest in the work of the district will show it by attending the convention. All delegates whose names have not been sent will please report now. Printed Program sent out. Committee on Program: Rev. G. W. Jenkins, President; Rev. M. J. Naylor, Secretary.

The District Conference of the Navasota District, Texas Conference, will convene at Navasota in Lee Tabernacle, Wednesday, October 14th, at 9 a. m., 1896. Each pastoral charge must send \$1 to defray expenses. Special to Pastors—Come prepared to report your entire apportionment. Bring your vouchers and cash to Navasota. We forward money from District Conference. We must report before Parent Board close their fiscal year in order that we may be properly credited for amounts raised. The following are the committees on examination: On examination of candidates for license to preach, M. M. Muldrew, P. H. Jenkins and J. K. Loggins. On local preachers' course, first year, Thos. Cole, L. S. Blakeny and J. A. Tillory. Second year, R. J. Campbell, I. Snell and T. Word. Third year, F. Gilmore, S. D. Brown and C. M. Singleton. Fourth year, H. S. McMillan, E. Lee, and H. C. Watson.—Printed programs sent out.  
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### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Forrest City District Conference convened at Scotts Valley M. E. Church, near Marianna, Ark., Aug. 26, 1896. Rev. J. W. Jackson, P. E., in the chair.

T. R. Wamble, elected secretary; L. G. Hodges and T. F. Carter, assistants.

Every pastor and many of the local preachers and exhorters were present and made their pointed reports. This district has undergone some hard times. Small-pox has greatly hindered many of the pastors.

The Presiding Elder who has the work of the church at heart, full of push and go-ahead, has suffered much with sickness in his family; yet when he made his report all hearts were made glad to know that he had stood all for Jesus and Methodism. The elder mentioned each one of the stations and circuits and at most of the places much hard work had been done. New churches had been built, old ones repaired, lots bought and the whole district is alive. We have some increase in membership, but some of the charges and circuits had not held their meetings. We find ourselves too large for one district.

The financial reports were very good: Paid Presiding Elder, \$206.25; Pastor in Charge, \$706.30; making a total of \$912.55, besides many other collections.

The collection for Missions, \$76.22; church expense, \$15.55; children's Southern Education, \$10.50; Sunday School Union, \$2.40; tracts, \$2.40; ed-funds, \$52.48; Freedmen's Aid and education, \$2.00; total, \$191.65. A grand total of \$1,104.30.

We find ourselves taking hold of a few places where for some time we have been struggling for life.

Notwithstanding the hard times each brother remains at his post. The place where we held our conference, Scott's Valley, a grand time was had. The people gathered from everywhere. The doors were open to the preachers and members of the conference. All reports of district stewards, class leaders, Epworth League presidents and Sunday school superintendents showed that they had been at work in many parts of the State. We are the youngest of the four districts, but we mean to be heard and felt.

There is one thing that came to us this year more than ever before: where we have no church at all the people know but little of their church and nothing of any other church. But we now rejoice that this district is covering the northeastern part of this State. And God is helping us to act our part well.

Since times have been so hard many of the preachers from other churches must quit the ministry on account of hard times; but we are living better and longer now than ever before. The conference closed with a good meeting on Sunday. Eleven members joined. We hope to meet at the conference.  
T. R. Wamble, Sec'y.

### MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Shreveport, La.—Mr. James Dargis to Miss Patsy Die, September 16, at the U. B. of F. Hall. J. A. Threut officiating.

Wills, Texas.—Mr. William Bone to Miss Estelle Lee, on Sept. 19th. M. Q. A. Fuller officiating.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Joseph Stone to Miss Mary E. Polk, Sept. 21, at bride's residence. Rev. T. A. Brown officiated.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. John H. Henderson to Miss Rosa Gray, at Scott's Chapel. Eugene Baptiste officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Lizella, Miss.—Bro. Andrew Robert, one of the stewards and a class leader of our church, and who had been for twenty years, departed this life at his post. His last words were: "Glory, glory." He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. Sister Eliza Cheater departed this life at the age of 59 years and for twenty years was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. She died in full triumph of faith, and leaves a husband and seven children to mourn.  
S. McDavis.

Wills, Texas.—Bro. Mark Bell, a faithful member and class leader of Thomas Chapel M. E. Church, passed from labor to reward on September 11th. He was one of our most faithful members, and had paid every assessment that was put on him for ten years, and on his death he offered his pastor 25 cents which was not due until ten days later.  
M. Q. A. Fuller.

Slaughter, La.—Sister Sarah Davis, a faithful member of Marshall Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life September 14, in the full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, several children, a father, mother, and six brothers and sisters to mourn her departure. Peace to her ashes!  
H. A. Sorrell, Pastor.

Lodi, Tex.—Bro. George Waites departed this life Wednesday, Sept. 16. He leaves to a daughter, four sons and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.  
J. S. Ferguson, Pastor.

Willon, La.—Sister Rachel Nemo, a faithful member of Wesley Chapel for a number of years died on September 9th, in the triumph of faith, and was buried by Rev. J. H. Ryland and the writer. She leaves a husband and quite a number of children, most of whom are members of the M. E. Church.  
A. J. Proctor, Pastor.

Falmouth, Ky.—We mourn the death of Sister Abigail Warner, who departed this life Sept. 6th, in Cincinnati, O., at the residence of her daughter, Mr. Jane Riley. She was 67 years of age, and had been a member of the M. E. Church forty years. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves two daughters, four sons and a host of relatives and friends to mourn. Services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. F. R. B. at.

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### THE WHOLE FIELD.

Oskaloosa, Kas.—Central Missouri Conference: Our new church at this place will be ready to go into about the 15th of October. We will need seats for our new church. Every one wishing to help us, it will be thankfully received. We expect to seat it with chairs, and ask one and all to help us. Who will be the first to send us a chair? Yours in Christ,  
D. D. Cole, Box 25.

Lodi, Texas.—The work is in a spiritual blaze, and increasing in financial activity. All departments of the church are being looked after. Subscriptions to the Southwestern are being taken weekly.  
J. S. Ferguson, P. C.

M. Q. A. Fuller, P. C.—Willis, Texas.—My fourth Quarterly Conference was held at Willis, Texas on the 5th and 6th instants. Reports show that much work was done during the quarter. There had been thirty-four conversions and fifty-one additions to the church.

The Presiding Elder preached two good sermons. One hundred and one partook of the Lord's Supper. We had at night a regular old-time Methodist love feast. We have several pledges for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The money will be sent in just as soon as it is paid to the pastor.

Two of our best members died during the quarter.

H. Heslop, Anguilla, Miss.—The Rev. S. A. Cowan, P. E., was with us on the 13th and 14th of this month, and we had a grand time. The brethren all had good reports. On Sunday the Elder preached a fine sermon, and then administered the sacrament to thirty-four. Collection, \$10.35. One person joined the church.

J. Irvin, East Waco.—Dr. H. Swann rendered us good service Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Collection, \$33.70. Communion at the Lord's table, ninety. Rev. J. A. Hall, our pastor, is holding in the fort.

P. S. Bowie, P. C., Como Charge, Miss.—My Quarterly Conference convened September 3rd and 4th, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair. Reports showed that the work is in a growing condition. We had a grand time on Thursday in the quarter. Thursday night, love feast. Friday night the Elder preached a soul stirring sermon, which made our hearts burn within us. Sixty-seven communion with us. Collection for the day, \$12.00. Pray for us.

P. Blue, P. C., Meridian, Miss.—We have just closed a very interesting meeting at Tabernacle, on the Meridian Circuit, in which ten persons were brought to God and the church. The members greatly revived on the night the meeting closed, and gave the pastor a very appreciative pound- ing. Each member or friend brought one pound of something eatable, and others made up a very decent little purse. Thanks to the good people of Tabernacle.

W. C. Conwell, P. C., Cotton Plant, Miss.—I have just closed my revival at two of my churches, and there were thirty-five sinners brought to Christ. Also I had one new church dedicated by Rev. G. W. Washington.

Collection, \$100. I am filling E. M. Byrd's unexpired term.

M. K. Jackson, Birmingham, Ala.—St. Paul's Church is in a most prosperous condition. We have just finished a new and beautiful parsonage of five rooms. It is beautifully painted, and our pastor is now happily domiciled in it.

Another thing that seems worthy of mention is that we are ahead in paying our pastor's salary. Isn't this a rare thing for Southern Methodism?

We have raised already on Benevolence about \$70.00.

The Sunday school and Epworth League, under the control of Prof. W. C. Davis, are doing finely. He is one of our rising young men, and a main stay in the church.

Great crowds come to hear our pastor, Rev. P. G. Goins, and under his control, we are moving on to marvelous success.

(Good, Brother Jackson, but how many subscribers to the Southwestern?—Ed.)

D. F. Dudley, P. C., Ellisville, Miss.—My third Quarterly Conference convened at Sandersville August 8th. Our Presiding Elder was on time. We raised in the quarter \$17.10. Paid to the Presiding Elder \$17.10. Paid pastor, \$13.00. Total, \$60.10. Raised for Missions, \$3.30.

My protracted meeting, that took place right after the quarter, was a success. Eighteen joined our church at Sandersville. We shall, in short, start a new church at Laurel, where we hope to pull through. Cotton is coming in, and I hope to collect for the Southwestern Christian Advocate to comply with my pledge.

D. R. Gibson, Bremond Charge, Tex.: We are moving nicely along under our great leader, A. Johnson, who is not leaving a stone unturned. We made our report in the District Conference and now we are on our way to the annual Conference; but if we are called to the Great Conference, we are preparing to make a round report to the Great Bishop of the world.

### ATTENTION!

Memphis, Tenn.—Editor S. W. C. Advocate: We noticed in the personals of "The Woman's Messenger," published here, the following: "Misses Pearl A. Crawford and Clemmie Childress left with Messrs. Tollison and Cassell's Sensational Concert Company, for the benefit of the Centenary M. E. Church." We wish you to say for us, we know nothing about that company. Centenary is finished and furnished and all is paid for. It can be far nothing but personal benefit, and if any have received them for our sake, let it stop where it is. We have not received one cent outside, nor authorized any one to solicit outside of the city. Besides, we are unacquainted with the parties named.

C. E. Alexander, Pastor Centenary M. E. Church, by request of trustees of same.

Our daily life should be sanctified by doing common things in a religious way. There is no action so slight or so humble out it may be done to a great purpose and ennobled thereby.—George McDonald.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

The publishers announce with much regret their decision to discontinue the publication of The Pansy magazine after the October number. They have, however, arranged with the Golden Rule Company of Boston, for the transfer of all subscriptions that do not then expire, to The Junior Golden Rule. As Mrs. Alden (Pansy) is one of the special and most valued contributors to The Junior Golden Rule this transfer will in a measure continue the pleasant personal associations.

The October Forum will contain under the caption "What Free Coinage Means," four noteworthy articles on the Silver Question: "Compulsory Dishonesty," by Hon. Benj. Harrison; "Free Coinage and Life Insurance Companies," by John A. McCall; "Free Coinage and Trust Companies," by Edw. King; "Free Coinage and Farmers," by John M. Stahl. General Harrison's paper is probably the plainest, clearest, most powerful and most convincing argument against the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 that has yet appeared. \$3 per year. The Forum, 111 Fifth Ave., New York.

### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Brethren: Let the people know all about our great church—let them know they make the church, and must support it in all its departments. Remember, you are to "feed the Church of God, over which the Holy Ghost has made you the overseer." Let not any of the Benevolent causes fail.  
A. M. Trotter, P. E.

#### GREENWOOD DISTRICT, MISS.

The Second District Conference of the Greenwood District, Upper Mississippi Conference, will meet in Durant, Miss., October 7, 1896, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is expected. We cordially invite Drs. Scott and Mason. A full program will be published later.  
W. E. Mask, P. E.

#### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, LA.

Dear Brethren: Let every one do something for Mission Debt Paying; do your share for Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and send in the money promptly. Work to the best advantage for Church Extension Society, Episcopal Fund, Conference claimants and all other collections. Have no blanks in your report; let us push to the front with all our might. Yours truly,  
S. E. H. Morant, P. E.

#### STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We can only repeat our advice of the past to you in a few words. Work, Work, Work! Annual Conference is now at the door, in a manner. We want to lead on all lines. Bring full benevolent reports and a good list of cash subscribers to conference. Please meet me with conveyance at a convenient place on railroad. God bless you. Yours for success.  
B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.

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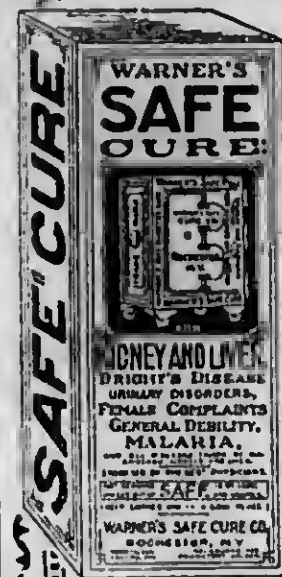
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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 11 1896.

## SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE.

1 Kings, 3:5-15.

Golden text—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalms, 111:10).

After David had given his last solemn charge to his son, he slept with his fathers, and was buried in his own city. The first three years of Solomon's reign are stained with blood. Adonijah, his half brother, was put to death for intrigue. Abiathar, one of the high priests, was deprived of his authority, and banished to his own fields, because he was worthy of death. Joab, David's uncle, and the Commander in Chief of his armies, was slain because he had shed innocent blood. And Shimei was killed for breking the oath of the Lord. Jehovah will destroy all who labor to defeat His plans. We must remove every foe that opposes God in our heart.

Solomon likely expressed more policy than love when he married the daughter of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. He no doubt feared the influence of Hidad, the Edomite. This Egyptian wife, along with others, "turned away his heart after other gods." It is no doubt hard to serve the true God while we live with an ungodly wife. He also offered sacrifices in high places. The idolaters and this way: supposing they were nearer heaven when on hills than when in villages. It would have been better if the King had offered all his sacrifices before the ark. We cannot serve God as well in one place as another; neither can we be as devotional in one assembly as another. We should worship the Lord where we can do His cause the greatest good.

Shechem was not mentioned in the New Testament. It is supposed to have been about six miles north of Jerusalem. Solomon went there to offer sacrifices unto God. Within seven days a thousand whole burnt offerings had been consecrated to Jehovah. The design of this was to establish the new reign, acknowledge transgression, implore forgiveness, and seek divine guidance. The sacrifice the sinner should make is a contrite spirit. The entire life should be dedicated to God. At the close of this religious feast the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. He often revealed Himself to men in that way. With every appearance of this kind the impressions were so clear and strong that every doubt was swept away, and the person knew God had spoken to him. The Lord speaks to us through His written word, which is sufficient to make plain and enforce every branch of external and internal godliness. God said to the young King: "Ask what I shall give thee." This is an exhortation to pray. It is the Lord's will that we pray. By our petitions we prepare our heart for the blessing, and influence Him to bestow it.

Solomon likely decided at once what he most desired, but he saw fit to give his reasons before stating his request. God had shown mercy to David according to the King's truth and uprightness of heart. He had made good His promise to give David a son to sit on his throne. Solomon acknowledged that God alone had made him King over Israel in his father's stead. He confessed his weakness; he was as "a little child," not knowing how to conduct his public life or private affairs. The children of Israel, who were too many to be numbered, were God's chosen people, and that He should govern them through Solomon, their King. God's mercy is shown to us, and all His promises are made good. Every person should be ruler, and govern well his mind, soul and body. All who are unable to do this, let them ask God, who will be strength in weakness, to help them. The world, like Absalom and Adonijah, realize no want of ability, but the saint-like Solomon feels his weakness.

Long life, riches, honor, and earthly power, likely swept through the mind of the King. He could have made choice of any one of these, and if he had been for self alone, would most surely have done so. There was

nothing selfish in the motive that prompted him to choose wisdom. He did it that he might be of greater use to others. The happiness of the nation was the great desire of his heart. We increase our joy by acts of kindness to others. The "understanding heart" which Solomon so much desired was a true kingly heart; a sense that was common to all of them; a power of entering into that which was peculiar to each individual; a faculty of distinguishing the person most fitted for any particular service; a judgment that was not determined by any thing external; a wisdom whose principles were in a world not seen by the natural eye. Good and evil are before us, and the power of choice is ours.

God was well pleased with the choice the king made. Our conduct may add to, or detract from, the joy of heaven. The Lord did as the son of David desired. Solomon's power of discernment was greater than that of any other man. If we seek first the "kingdom of God and its righteousness," all other things that contribute to our earthly happiness, will be given. Long life was also promised on the condition that he would keep the "statutes and commandments" of the Lord. This he failed to do, hence he entered the grave in premature life. God's laws are their own executors. Solomon returned to Jerusalem and offered sacrifices to God. The burnt offering was dedicatory, and the peace offering signified the forgiveness of sin, and fellowship with the Lord.

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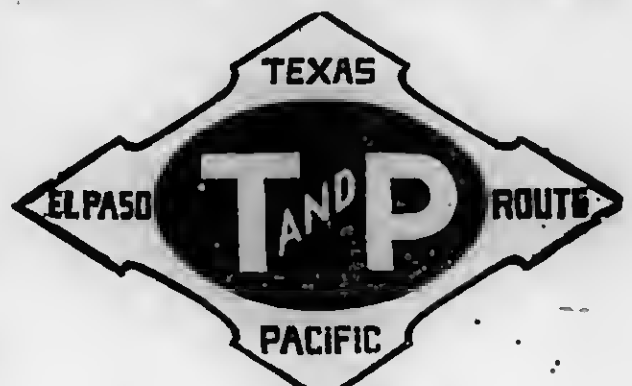
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## Holly Springs District.

Fourth Round.	October.
Fourth Round.	October.
Pat's Camp.	10, 11
University ch.	10, 11
Oxford circuit.	17, 18
Abbeville.	23, 25
College Hill.	24, 25
November.	
Elliot.	7, 8
Grenada sta.	13, 15
Grenada circuit.	14, 15
Henna do.	28, 29
December.	
Senatobia and Cold Water.	1, 2
Batesville.	4, 6
Como.	5, 6
Water Valley.	12, 13
Victoria.	19, 20
W. McDonald, P. E.	

## Natchitoches District.

Fourth Round.	November.
Colfax.	9
Kateland.	11
Chopin (Red riv.)	14, 15
Pleasant Hill.	20, 21
Co umbus.	28, 29
December.	
Allon.	1, 2
Lake End.	8
Cashala.	9, 10
Naberton.	11
Bedford.	12, 13
Compe.	19, 20
Black Lake.	21, 22
Ca e River.	25
Natchitoches.	26, 27
Belmont.	29, 30
January.	
Marthville.	2, 3
Parhamout.	9, 10
Boyce.	11

Dear Brethren If there be any changes, you will be notified. Please cut this out for reference and paste it in your memorandum book.

H. J. Wright, P. E.

## Ohio District.

Third Round.	October.
Yellow Springs.	1, 2
Springfield.	3, 4
De Sware.	5, 6
Rushsylvania.	7
Luraine.	9
Cleveland.	11, 12
Oberlin.	13, 14
Bridgeport.	15, 16
Stenberville.	24, 25
Cardiz.	26, 27
Flushing.	29, 30
Alt Pleasant.	31
the gate town.	21
Newark.	27, 28
Zanesville.	29, 30
Co umbus.	31, Nov. 1.
November.	
Portsmouth.	2, 3
London.	4, 5
Louis.	6
Vanderburg.	9
Mayaville.	7, 8
Aberdeen.	10
Ripley.	11
Dover.	12, 13
Augusta.	14, 15
Laurel.	16
New Richmond.	17
Lindsey Chapel.	18
Milford.	21, 22
Batavia.	24, 25
Wesant Hills.	27, 28
29, 30	
December.	
Cumminsville.	3, 4
Westwood.	6
Cleves.	8
Cincinnati (9th st.)	16, 17
Rising Sun, Ind.	18
Covington (9th st.)	12, 13
Madisonville.	19, 20
College Hill.	21
Pendleton.	27, 28
London.	29, 30
M. S. Johnson, P. E.	

## Dadeville District.

Fourth Round.	October.
Alexander City.	17, 18
West Point.	24, 25
Jackson Gap.	30
Dadeville.	31, Nov. 1
November.	
Wedge.	6
La Mara.	7
Lincolne.	7, 8
Rivers (Chapel).	14, 15
Malla.	16
Newville.	17
Electic.	18
Chapel.	19
Rehob.	20, 21
Tallassee, Wright.	22
December.	
Sylacaug.	5, 6
La Fayette.	12, 13
Five Points.	19, 20
Tipelika.	26, 27
January.	
Roanoke.	2, 3
H. N. Brown, P. E.	

## Paris District.

Fourth Round.	September.
A thur cir.	19, 20
Gibson cir.	26, 27
October.	
Whitewright cir.	3, 4
Paris cir.	10, 11
Paris.	11, 12
Texarkana.	17, 18
Greenville cir.	21, 22
Cooper.	27, 28
Wolf City.	31, Nov. 1
November.	
Brookston.	7, 8
Honey Grove.	14, 15
Bonham.	15, 16
Clarksville cir.	22, 23
Giddings.	25, 26
Clarksville.	28, 29
December.	
F ee Hepe.	5, 6
Blossom.	9, 10
Glry.	13, 14
C. C. Munigan, P. E.	

## Greenville District, S. C.

Fourth Round.	October.
Almwell circuit.	3, 4
Lowdesville.	7, 8
Liberty.	11
Wahala.	13, 15
Rev. Se ca station.	16, 18
Genoa circuit.	17, 18
portallo.	21, 22
Ro k Mill.	24, 25
grov Bottom.	31, Nov. 1
November.	
time andleton.	4, 5
Eastley.	7, 8
Thurs Williamson ct.	14, 15
Martetta.	21, 22
nigh Greenville.	28, 29
December.	
ring Anderson sta.	4, 6
Greenville mission.	9, 10
bur Greenville station.	11, 13
J. A. Brown, P. E.	

## Starkville District, Miss.

Fourth Round.	October.
Louville.	7
H Ackerman.	14, 16
French Camp.	17, 18
Chester.	20, 22
Liberty Hill.	24, 25
Rock Hill.	27, 28
Sturges.	31, Nov. 1
November.	
McCool.	4
District Conference, 4th at 7:30 p. m.	to 8th
Cedar Bluff.	10
Kdmichael.	14, 15
Matheson.	14
Belfontaine.	21, 22
Empora.	28, 29
December.	
Starkville ct.	5, 6
Starkville.	12, 13
B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.	

## Western District, N. O.

First Round.	October.
Forrest City.	10, 11
Shelby & Falston.	17, 18
Lincolnton.	20
Gastonia & Stanley.	24, 25
McPalmbach, 21, Nov. 1.	24, 25
November.	
Newton.	7, 8
Marion.	14, 15
Asheville.	21, 22
West Asheville.	28, 29
December.	
Wesboro.	5, 6
Lendr.	12, 13
Patterson.	16, 17
Lickory.	19, 20
R. Smith, P. E.	

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"About the first of March last I read an article on Pink Pills, and while very dubious as to the result, I concluded to give them a trial. I used one box without deriving any benefits as I could see, and was about to abandon them, when, at the earnest solicitation of my wife, I concluded to try one more box anyhow. Before the second box was used up, I thought I could experience some slight improvement in my condition. Like a drowning man, I speedily grasped at the one straw of hope. I ordered other boxes and continued the systematic use of the pills as directed, my relief, from the beginning of the third box, being most marked and rapid. The rigidity and stiffness soon began to disappear from my leg, the excruciating pains became gradually less, my drooping spirits revived under the prospects of getting well, and before a great while I was able to go to work. I have not yet discontinued the pills. I have just ordered the sixth box, which I think will be the last. I feel that I owe my life to this extraordinary preparation, for I don't see how I could have lived under the almost incessant torture I was enduring. It is not strange, under the circumstances, that I should lose no opportunity to tell my friends about this remedy, and to urge upon all afflicted as I was, to give it a trial."

(Signed) "A. J. Nicholson."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th of May, 1896.

J. Pettus, Notary Public.

The physician who attended Mr. Nicholson is Dr. Jas. S. Chenoweth, one of the most distinguished in the city. His office is at 205 West Broadway, where a reporter found him and asked about Mr. Nicholson's condition while under his treatment. The doctor remembered the case, and corroborated what Mr. Nicholson said in regard to the latter's deplorable condition, and about the operation performed on him at the hospital. The doctor seemed surprised to learn that his former patient was now almost entirely well, since he did not believe when he last saw him, that he would ever be well again.

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## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Genesee, Corning, N. Y.	Oct. 7	Horat
North German, Red Wing, Minn.	Oct. 7	Walden
Upper Iowa, Independence, Ia.	Oct. 7	FitzGerald
Central New York, Towanda.	Oct. 7	Newman
Pa.	Oct. 7	Motabe
North Nebraska, Alon, Neb.	Oct. 7	Mallallen
E. Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 8	Mallallen
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 9	Foss
Dakota, Verol, S. Dak.	Oct. 14	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huotington, Tenn.	Oct. 15	Mallallen
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22	Mallallen
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19	Ninde
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26	Ninde
West Texas, El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 2	Ninde
Anslin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10	Ninde
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16	Ninde

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I. B. SCOTT, D. D., Editor.

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## THE ALL-SUFFICIENT.

As I sail over life's troubled waters,  
Mid dangers and storms of the sea,  
I oftentimes wonder if Jesus  
Still loves a poor sinner like me.

Sometimes I grow weary and lonely;  
Sometimes I grow faithless and cold,  
And then I remember that Jesus  
Is able to comfort my soul.

Alas, in the hour of trial,  
My Saviour unveils his face,  
And whispers to me so gently,  
Sufficient is my grace.

—Selected.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Of what have you ever denied yourself?

If you follow Christ you are to deny yourself.  
The Master says so.

Your religion is the poorest kind to be had if it does not lead you to make some sacrifices for the good of others.

Afro-Americans in many Northern and Eastern cities celebrated Sept. 22nd as Emancipation Day.

A liberal list of annual subscribers will surely bring an enlargement of the paper. Is not that inducement enough? Then notice our offer of the balance of this year free to yearly subscribers!

The White House and other buildings in Washington were damaged by the wind storm which recently visited that section. A number of other Eastern towns suffered more or less severely.

Cincinnati is to abandon the old mail wagon system for conveying mails to and from the various railroad depots. Special electric cars will be used for that purpose and also for distributing to the different sub-postoffices in the city.

It is rather remarkable that all the schools are opening with increased attendance over last year's opening. Hard times go for nothing. When people really want to do anything, they are apt to find some way to do it.

Because of physical infirmities Bishop Foster was unable to preach the opening sermon at the A. M. E. Zion church celebration. Bishop Fowler served in his stead.

The "Epworth Herald" is making a determined effort to run its subscription list up to 150,000. It has now more than 100,000. Marvelous! for we remember the time when the Book Committee used to hold inquests over this same lively Youth. They finally pronounced it dead; then they Berry-ed it, and evidently that is what it needed, for there has been no end to it since.

The colored work in Iowa, hitherto attached to the Iowa Conference, has in accordance with the action of the last General Conference been transferred to the Central Missouri Conference. The presiding elder, Rev. W. E. Wilson, exhorts his brethren to do their utmost that they may be considered worthy of their new relation to the Central Missouri.

## DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

We consider it unnecessary to do more than mention the fearful butchery of the Cotton family, in a neighboring parish, by the 15 year old Negro boy, Johnson, and an accomplice, perhaps. No excuse can be made for it; in fact there is no way to account for it, except as he says, that he was forced to do what he did by a man who was brutal enough to select this mode of getting even with Cotton about a hog scrape.

We must, however, commend the sheriff and deputy who saved the boy from the angry mob. True, they came near being mobbed themselves for their pains, but we are glad they saved themselves by calling for troops. They are well worth saving and the State can afford every expense necessary to do so. Such officers are angelic in comparison with the worthless set who suffered the negro, Hawkins, to be taken from the death trap across the river from this city and be lynched for striking or threatening to strike a white boy who, with a number of others, was annoying him while at his work. In fact it we rightly understand the reports in the daily papers, it is more than likely the officers concerned were parties to the crime.

Let the murderers in both these diabolical crimes be sought out and punished according to law. We are confident Johnson and his crowd will be, and regret that the sense of justice to all is not sufficiently strong in our community to compel the same in the other case. However, we take comfort in the thought that God has somewhere, even in Louisiana, a man or set of men who will eventually come to the front and cry out, as that class has in some other Southern States, that lynching must cease. God speed the day and the man!

## TAKING THE COLLECTION QUICKLY.

Some weeks ago we invited correspondence on methods of taking the collection quickly and have received some very excellent replies, three of which you will find in this issue, page 2. Read them thoughtfully and then read them again. Two of them suggest a similar method, but you will find certain features about them that cause us to publish both.

Now, brethren, we must work a reform in this collection business. A half hour or more is too long to be expended in taking an ordinary collection. Situated as most of our pastors are, they feel compelled to take the collection after the sermon; if it could be done quickly the effect would not be so demoralizing, but by our present method the good effect of the sermon is almost wholly destroyed.

Read what our correspondents say and then start right in to train and educate yourself and your congregation up to it. Just as they say, you may lose a little something for a collection or two, but if you explain your purpose fully to your people and then start in and stick to it you will soon have the matter straight. The people will like it after they see the advantage in it. Talk the matter over with your officers in their meeting and get them to help you by setting the example when collection is called.

Since the matter was first suggested we have been surprised to find what strong feeling there is on the part of many of the brethren all over our territory. Many of them say: "Push the matter, we must have a complete reformation

on this line; we must learn to take the collection decently. Religion and morality demand it."

After you have tried some new plan a few weeks, let us know how it works.

## THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The great Baptist Convention which was so thoroughly advertised and from which we expected so much, met in St. Louis 16th ult., and has passed into history.

Something was done for Missions, and the matter of a Publishing House was discussed and according to the best information we can get referred to a Committee. We are pleased to note that there were a number of really brainy men present and that Dr. A. S. Jackson was elected Vice-President for Louisiana and Dr. S. T. Clanton, Assistant Secretary—both of this city.

To our mind, however, the most encouraging feature that seems to appear as one of the results of this meeting is the fact that the young educated Negro is coming to the front in the Baptist Church. This is encouraging both for that Church and the Negro race. For without any doubt, and with due respect for the old men who have held most of the churches at the South, Christianity and the Negro race have greatly suffered at their hands. We really do not mean to be uncharitable nor unkind, but the fact that most of these old brethren have been so situated that they could the better hold their pulpits by placing a premium on ignorance, religious superstition and bigotry, this they have not failed to do. There are a few noble exceptions, of course, but it will take years for even the class of men who are said to have attended the St. Louis Convention to swing their church into line for intelligent worship and the true progress of the race.

## BISHOP NEWMAN AND THE SILVERITES.

Bishop Newman is annoying the Silverites no little. What he thinks would follow the election of Mr. Bryan to the presidency he will say whether any one likes it or not. He says the Republicans are on the side of honesty and that God will so far control in the affairs of men as to make sure that Major McKinley is elected. He has spent some time in New York lately and has this to say for the New York farmers:

"The farmers of New York are the best of citizens, and they can no more sanction dishonesty than they can any crime. They will vote for Major McKinley and honest money. Another reason why the popocratic wiles have no effect upon them is that they know what the Wilson bill has done for them, as do all farmers. The tariff upon hay and other products was removed, and Canada sends her agricultural produce into the markets that would otherwise be those of the United States farmer. The farmers who cannot favor dishonest money will not look upon the free-trade policy of the democrats.

"Bryan may carry Colorado—possibly Utah—but there is too much good sense among the people of Kansas. Iowa? There isn't a particle of a doubt as to the State of Iowa. It will be solid for McKinley. To my mind, Major McKinley is one of the cleanest and purest of men, and also one of the most intellectual. He puts the greatest variety of thought and expression in his speeches and appears to be master of each situation as it is presented."



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## TAKING THE COLLECTION QUICKLY.

We desire to have our readers notice what some of the brethren think of taking the collection quickly. Read and help secure a reform in your congregation!

The following is a practical and successful way of taking collections:

1. Always have definite, systematic methods and plans and train and educate the people constantly into them.

2. Take the collection in so many minutes, say five or eight, as the case may be, and, by all means, stop when the time expires whether the desired amount is realized or not. You may get fewer dollars at first, but more in the end; and above all you will have taught your people the lesson that promptness and business-like principles even in taking a collection, are more important and more desirable than a few more dollars taken in the old tedious, demoralizing way.

3. Get the people to feel that taking the collection is a very important part in divine service and that prompt, intelligent response is a great necessity and a virtue.

4. Get all the officials, those who take the collection and those who do not, to set the example by giving first their own offering and that promptly. Let them lead off at once, and let the pastor also fall right into line with his contribution, and the people are always ready and willing to catch the spirit and follow the example of this kind of leadership in taking the collection.

A. P. Camphor.

a. Lay your plans and stick to them—envelope, table or otherwise.

b. Have your people understand that five or ten minutes is the time—the limited time given to the service for taking the collection. don't solicit another penny to make it "even money."

d. Have the people to learn that giving to the cause of the Lord is as much a Christian's duty as earnest praying and devout living; that giving is as much a part of the divine service as preaching or any of the means of grace which we are required to attend.

e. The trustees or officers of the church should always lead in giving—not in a dull, careless sort of a way, but willingly and with an impulse that would electrify and stir the whole church to quick response.

I hear some say: But if we follow this method we will fall short twenty-five per cent in our collections. Our people "are used" to being "begged" and if we don't beg them and let them have their own time and way to give we won't get what we ask for and will be sure to fall short in the amount needed." Yes, they will if they have never been truly converted and have not the love of God in their hearts; they will as long as you are content with and encourage the old unnecessary custom; they will as long as you say, "I am satisfied just so I raise all my benevolent monies and get my salary; they will if you try but once or twice and because you fail abandon the new method without proving the result.

Another says: "By begging and coaxing we get big collections." True, but they are often if not always given unwillingly and therefore frequently come from dishonest hearts. The time has come when the Church ought to start out on a new plan of taking collections and stop training the adult members and Sunday School children to give unwillingly, hence dishonestly.

I have been on my present charge for two and a half years, and have the first time to set out the table. We have the envelope system here and consume not more than three minutes taking our collection. Try it, brother, try it. W. T. Hemsley.

I will say in the outset be governed by the discipline. If the collection is for the minister, apply paragraph 274-276. Let the amount be collected directly by the leaders through the classes and thus do away with this unnecessary ding-dong, shag-song story-telling plan. Here is where the time is consumed. If the money is for the Church or incidental expenses paragraph 28 in the weekly class meetings is the plan for that.

The discipline is the only proper way. The leaders can collect the money from the members either for the

minister or for incidental, accidental or for any emergency. Down with any other than the disciplinary. We have a plan already. Ten minutes will execute it. A. Brown.

## CHRISTIANITY IN EARNEST.

This is the great motto of Methodism. The baby of Methodism was created in 1889 and her motto is, Look Up and Lift Up. Her name is Epworth League of the M. E. Church, and her purpose is none other than to save fallen humanity. Her light has reached this section so that we have two local chapters on the Mexico circuit and are doing our work well. Chapter No. 14806 was visited and greatly refreshed by the presence of our district manager, Prof. C. D. Johnson. He left a lasting impression on our minds. Every Methodist preacher should be sufficiently concerned to organize his young people into an Epworth League Chapter or the devil will keep them engaged for himself. We cannot expect our Church to grow without seeing after the young people. By so doing we are simply keeping the rules according to our vow at the conference. When we fail to do so we disregard paragraph 325 of the Discipline. Brethren; the League is a medium by which we can take the world for Christ! In our work we need help from all around us and we will get it if we organize Chapters and put our young people to work. L. H. Richardson.

Mexia, Tex.

## A WORD FROM THE REPAIR SHOP.

All machines wear out or rust out. Men are God-made machines and are fearfully and wonderfully made. How long some of them last, enduring the wear and tear of a busy life! Gladstone, Bismarck, and Li Hung Chang, all over seventy years of age yet in comparative vigor. Sometimes the most excellent machinery has to be repaired. So of mankind. Every doctor's sign, every drug store and every hospital are simply the tell-tales that men need repairs. What else can we say of the hot springs, mineral springs, the medicinal properties of herbs and minerals, but that they are the Almighty Creator's notice that men will be laid up for repairs. Saratoga is known for its great variety of springs and also for their medicinal value. The people who visit this place are usually great drinkers. They drink before breakfast and after breakfast, before dinner and after dinner, before supper and after supper, and before going to bed. The waters of these springs is usually pleasant to the taste, so that those who drink it, even for their health, find it not unpleasant.

Saratoga is noted as a summer resort. For a few weeks it is a crowded city. The hotels, which are both large and numerous, and hundreds of boarding houses are usually well filled with visitors. They come with the heat of summer and depart with the closing days of August. They are not birds of passage but birds of summer season.

People who come here for treatment usually consult a physician as to what springs they shall use, as the variety is so great and the effects of the water so different that it is hardly proper for a sick person to test all the springs to find out which is best suited to his ailment. Saratoga is a gay place during the summer season. Many come to have amusement. They find it in riding in the splendid turn-outs, in socials, in hops, in festivals of various kinds, in races, in balls, in parades. The three notable parades in the past few weeks were the Republican clubs from various parts of the state numbering some thousands of members, the Firemen's parade, a splendid showing of the old and new machines for putting out fires, and the Floral Fete, a very elaborate parade of floats, carriages, wagons and bicycles trimmed with a profusion of flowers and with exquisite taste. The first carriage at the head of this parade was occupied by Bishop Newman and Rev. Dr. Snyder. The bicycle is popular here; boys and girls, young and old, men and women use the wheel.

The churches are quite well attended, but the larger part of the people seem to be busy with that help to the desecration of the Lord's Day—the Sunday newspaper. J. Braden.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1896.

## EQUAL LAY REPRESENTATION.

(By Rev. J. H. Reed, A. M.)

This is one of the constitutional questions submitted by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the annual conferences of 1896-1897 to be voted upon by said bodies in order to obtain a consensus of opinion as to whether the laymen of the Church shall have equal representation with the clergy in our General Conference, the greatest ecclesiastical assembly in all Christendom. In 1872, when laymen were admitted to the General Conference, it was regarded by many strong men in the Church as an innovation and even a dangerous precedent, but the subsequent history of the Church from that date, quite a quarter of a century, proves the wisdom of those who contended for the measure and weaved it into the constitution and organic law of the Church. Now comes another phase of this question, the passage and adoption of which means more than a passing notice, the results of which are fraught with tremendous significance to the future of Methodism. The Methodist ministry stands to-day as one of the greatest organized forces for the salvation of the world. Back of this stands the Church, the sum total of which is the laity, making up as it does the very bone and sinew of this vast religious organism. Through all the years, from the organization and establishment of Methodism, until 1872, all legislation has been delegated to the clergy, which virtually made a part greater than the whole, a thing which is contrary to all logical conclusions and mathematical demonstration. The laymen now have a partial representation and no loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church would deny them this religious right; for if "Taxation without representation is tyranny" in governmental affairs, it is ecclesiastical robbery in the Christian Church. The question then presents itself for our careful deliberation and final decision, shall there be equal lay representation in the Methodist Episcopal Church? Our annual conferences by their votes will answer this question and the answer will reverberate throughout the world with a positive advance or a negative retrogression. Among the many reasons that may be advanced why laymen should have equal representation, they can be reduced to the following: First—The laity makes up the aggregate of our entire membership and since these two orders, lay and ministerial, exist in the constitutional make-up of the Church, it is not just to give one a larger representation at the expense of the other. When we consider this point candidly and squarely there can be no dodging the issue, for the facts are too plain before us that ministerial representation should rightly have an equal counter force of loyal representative laymen in order that an equipoise in legislative enactments may be obtained, so that the Church may hold a steady equilibrium upon the vexed and intricate problems presented from time to time for solution. As it is, the chances are unequal and when voting by orders in our General Conference many an important measure may be determined contrary to the real will of the Church. The laymen being in the majority in the Church, as the become more and more versed in the polity and doctrines of Methodism, there will naturally arise an unrest throughout the rank and file of our membership for larger recognition. To palliate this spirit would be nothing more than attempting to crowd oak forests back into acorns, which is contrary to the law of universal development. Men are thinking, sentient beings, and their rights they will finally demand at the peril of ecclesiastical assemblies or governmental power. Numerical strength when controlled by thought carries with it a mighty force and the Church might sooner or later concede to the bulk of her membership full equality, not only in General Conference representation but in all the departments of our vast connectional interests.

Second—The laymen should have equal representation because of their permanent membership in the local Churches. This fact becomes important in that our itinerant system does not permit the minister to fully comprehend the needs of the local Church by his short stay of one year as is generally the case in our conferences. No argument is intended against the faithful pastor, for he grasps the sit-

uation as best he can according to the time limit, but the truth is the local Churches make up the general Church and it is perfectly reasonable to suppose that an intelligent laity, as ours is rapidly becoming, with a permanent membership, should at least possess a sufficient knowledge of the Church and her needs to guarantee them equal representation with a transient ministry. We do not presume to say in this particular that the ministry is the least wanting in breadth of information concerning the many questions to be settled by judicious deliberation, for they have directed the polity of our world-wide Methodism for almost a century with admirable wisdom and no question seems to have been wrongly interpreted in its final solution, but the times demand that there should be co-ordinate powers delegated to clerical and lay representatives. There are many important phases of our Church work discussed among the laymen which never rise above the surface of logical sentiment or find expression through our Church journals, simply because the laymen have felt that all legislation was in the hands of the clergy. When we unshackle them and make them feel that the responsibility and destiny of the Church rest equally upon their shoulders, the local Church will be stronger and a greater interest manifested in the highest welfare of every department of Church work. Many a dormant thought that now slumbers in the breast of intelligent laymen will be aroused and their permanent membership within the local Churches will make their utterances paramount as to the things most likely to build up the general Church.

Third—Equal representation will bring the pastorate and the laity upon terms of closer harmony and mutual sympathy. The honest layman will be made to feel that what is of the highest interest to the pastor will equally benefit the laity and there would be a consensus of opinion and unanimity of effort that could not otherwise obtain as long as the one looks upon the other with distrust. Give the laymen equal representation, admit the women, and Methodism will march forward with glad hallelujahs for the conquest of the world.

Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

## NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the Tennessee Annual Conference: I presume you have not forgotten the resolution passed at your last session. All committees on examinations will meet at Centenary Church October 21, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. All applicants will have to pass a written examination and the lowest average accepted is seven. All questions will be presented in writing and you will have time to think. Let every secretary of the four districts bring in writing the name and postoffice address of each local preacher, exhorter, Sunday School superintendent and Epworth League president. Now, brethren, reduced rates have been applied for and in due time you will be notified. Ask your agent before you enter the train about rates. You will save money by waiting a few moments. You need not expect the secretary to do you any good at the Conference. Yours in Christ,

John A. W. Moore, Sec.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Central Church, Detroit, on Wednesday, November 11, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

(Signed)

A. B. Leonard,

A. J. Palmer,

W. T. Smith,

Corresponding Secretaries.

## FADS IN MEDICINE.

There are fads in medicine as in everything else and a "new thing" frequently sells for a short time simply because it is new. But in medicine, as in nothing else, the people demand and will be satisfied only with positive, absolute merit. The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla has stood its ground against all competition, and its sales have never wavered but have remained steadily at the top, demonstrates, beyond any doubt, the intrinsic virtues of this medicine. The new things have come and gone but Hood's Sarsaparilla rests upon the solid foundation of absolute merit and its power to cure, and its sales continue to be the largest in the world.



## A WORTHY AIM IN LIFE.

Closely connected with the subject above mentioned is this: Even though a man may possess the most brilliant talents they are useless if they are not directed in some one channel. There must be a full concentration upon the subject in view. The true marksman should never scatter his fire, but aim at the object to be brought down.

The God of Nature has not misapplied his gifts to man, but adapted them to the needs of the times and circumstances. He has given each man something to do which each can accomplish better than any one else. It is your duty to seek out that one thing and do it with all your might.

True greatness is connected with every avocation that an honest man should follow. In its formation the soul is moved by the grand promptings to duty within it; and has no place for the flimsy expectations of the future. It does what it has to do in the present with no thought of the glory to follow but from very necessity. Demosthenes, bawling to the roaring sea with his mouth filled with pebbles, was not dreaming of the position which awaited him. His only motive was to overcome his unfortunate stammering and be able to attack Philip of Macedonia. Patrick Henry did not consider the honor of posterity but fired with a noble patriotism poured forth the tide of eloquence which aroused his countrymen. Shakespeare wrote not for the ages, but to supply the demands of his times, and produce plays for his own stage. Hannibal did not think of glory when he was hemmed in by the Roman army and tied burning fire brands to the hames of the bullocks and drove them bellowing like mail through the enemy's camp, completely routing and scattering them. He only thought of getting out of the valley of death. The immediate demands of the present are enough to inspire the noblest actions and achieve greatness without the prompting of future glory. May we stand together like men and push the battle to the gate for Christ and humanity.

Rev. William B. Harris.

## VICKSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Programme of Sunday School, Epworth League Convention and Literary Exercises of Vicksburg District Conference, held October 13-20, 1896, Fayette, Miss.

"The M. E. Church in the South—Seen Through Work F. Aid and S. Ed. Society," Revs. J. I. Garrett and H. Heslop; "The M. E. Church in the South Seen Through Work of Missionary and Church Extension Society," Revs. N. Cannon and W. H. Mims; "Benevolences of the Church—Best Plans for Raising," Revs. R. McAlpin and N. W. Ross; "Why Local Preachers and Exhorters Should Attend Sabbath School," Revs. J. T. Knox and G. W. Longmire; "The Model Steward," Revs. A. H. Lathan and R. T. Thomas; "How Local Preachers and Exhorters Can Assist Pastors in Charge," Revs. M. Cooper and G. W. Arnold; "Model Class Leader," Revs. S. Jossell and Jollie Lovings; "Best Plans for Circulating Southwestern Christian Advocate," Revs. I. C. Rucker and D. D. Goodwin; two minute speeches by presidents of Epworth League chapters; "How to Organize Epworth League Chapters," Fayette; "The Epworth League as a Spiritual Helper to Church," Natchez; "The Epworth League as a Financial Factor of the Church," Vicksburg; "Advantages or Disadvantages in Working All Departments of the League at Same Time," Bolton; "Three minute speeches by superintendents of Sunday Schools," "Model Superintendent," Natchez and Vicksburg; "Model School," Harrison and Meadville; "Model Sunday School Teacher," Aguilla and Bolton; "Advantages or Disadvantages of Grading Sunday Schools, Union Church and Vicksburg Circuit; "Alms of Sunday School," Bovina and Carey; "Organization of Sunday School," Gloster and Hamburg; "Relation of Pastor to Sunday School," Edwards and Fayette; a general discussion on organization of a District Sunday School and Epworth League convention.

A letter to each pastor has been sent giving full information concerning conference and convention and it is hoped each person will be prepared.

S. A. Cowan, P. E.  
Committee—Wm. Morris, J. J. Garrett and W. P. C. Moison.

## FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

The second District Conference of the Greenwood District, Upper Mississippi Conference, will be held in Durant, Miss., October 7, 1896.

W. E. Mask, P. E.

To Presiding Elders and Pastors of the M. E. Church:

I desire to warn you against one George W. Beaman, who may impose himself upon you and your people. He has been dismissed for good and sufficient reasons from work in the Iowa District. He is a medium-sized smooth faced man and wears glasses. He holds ordination papers as a deacon but is a disgrace to any people. Yours for the right, Wm. E. Wilson, P. E.

## HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

To the Ministers and Members of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi Conference:

Thanksgiving Day is set apart by the Freedman's Aid Society, and approved by the Bishops, to take a collection in every church for the above named society. Please let all the brethren of my District observe the day and take the collection.

W. McDonald, P. E.

## NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We are now on the home stretch; our annual Conference is drawing near. At the District Conference you came up short, let it not be the case at the fourth Quarterly Conference. The appeals of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and that of the Missionary Society should be the most interesting along with the Church extension. The appeals of the former two ought, to say the least, touch the hearts of all our pastors. If you are going to do, do it now, and do not let the appeal go unheeded. Those who did a little last year do more this. You have done fairly well in other things, may I not urge upon you the great necessity of raising your benevolent collections? The local preachers and exhorters ought to take the Church paper; unless they do they cannot have their licenses renewed by me. This is one of the injunctions of the District Conference. I go further, I think they ought to procure a Discipline, for I find out of them all there are not 20 Disciplines. A man ought not to be set apart as a preacher without a Bible, hymn book and a Discipline, then the paper to cap the climax. These are indispensable. Yours, H. J. Wright, P. E.

## MARION DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Don't forget debt paying day in October for the Missionary Society and Thanksgiving Sunday morning for the Freedman's Aid. We can and we must do something for each cause. Let each pastor write Dr. J. W. Hamilton for programmes and envelopes; you get them free for Thanksgiving Sunday morning. The way to build up yourself is to build up the cause you represent. By your works ye shall be known. F. L. Teauge, P. E.

## SHUBUTA DISTRICT, MISS.

To the Brethren of the Shubuta District: You are hereby notified that the Second District Conference for this year will convene in the new Methodist Episcopal Church in Shubuta November 26-30, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. Please let every member of the Conference be present at roll call, and don't forget that it is expected that the full amount of our apportionment for benevolent purposes shall be raised and reported. The Southwestern should have a large circulation in our district. Let each brother do his duty and we shall have a grand report for the district and Annual Conference. Fraternally yours, J. M. Shimpert, P. E.

## NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Remember that work brings men into prominence and not talk. Some of us expect to become great without doing anything, but the way to be something is to do something, and the way to be nothing is to do nothing. The time has come when the people are looking and calling for men who can work. They want progressive men. Let us wake up and go to work. The year is passing; the general Church expects each

one of us to do our whole duty, both presiding elders and pastors. Some men think they cannot do anything with a small congregation, but give them a large one and they will show what they can do. Remember the Master said: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Now if a hen cannot hover five chickens, why give her ten? So it is with some preachers; if they cannot take care of a Church with twenty-five members, how can they take care of a Church with a hundred? Let each one in the district do well what he has in hand, and when the Lord and the Church see the need is too small for us they will call us to a larger one. Brothers, let each of us bring up our benevolences and work up the The Southwestern in our Churches. We have a good chance to show the world what we can do for ourselves, as the North New Orleans District is the first in the history of this Conference which has been left to support itself. Pray for us and we will make it with God's help and the preachers'. The time is here when we ought to help ourselves. Our people will do what the ministers say. If all of the preachers would just lead on willingly the people would follow. S. Duncan, P. E.

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## THE SCOLDING PREACHER.

We clip the following from the Michigan Advocate, and trust it may be read with profit:

Probably there is no scolding in heaven for two reasons: No one there deserves it, and if there was no one would have the disposition to indulge in the exercise. Scolding is an abomination. The sooner it becomes obsolete the better. It rasps nerves, begets ill-feeling, drives children further into bad habits, causes unhappiness and accomplishes no good. In one place there is but little of it, that is the church. Most preachers have found "a more excellent way" of speaking. A few preachers still indulge, but like the tobacco users, it is not easy to find places for them. How they are regarded is stated by a plain woman of fifty years' membership in the Methodist Church:

Our preacher is doing no good—we're afraid to go to hear him—we know that we will get a scolding. We get no credit for anything we do—we're discouraged. He does not get a support, and will not, because he does nothing but scold us. He finds fault with everything and everybody. We would be glad to have one preacher who could give some encouragement.

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## A MISTAKE THAT MANY MAKE.

Mt. Sterling, Ala., Sept. 28, 1896.

Dear Editor:—I wish to know what is the matter with my paper that I cannot get it. I am moved from Greenville, Ala. to Mt. Sterling. Please send my paper to this office, for I cannot do well without it. Yours truly,

J. B. Webb, P. C.

Strange to say that so many of our ministerial brethren will move without notifying this office to change their address. Not knowing of the change we continue to send their paper, and finally the postmaster notifies us that the party is not there and the paper is not taken from the office, hence stop the paper. Now if our brother had just sent us the postal card printed above, as soon as he moved, it is more than likely he would not have lost a single paper. We regret to say that just such little understandings cause most of our troubles here at the office. However, if they would all be as patient with us as we are with them everything would come out all right. All subscribers will please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

## AN OLD HERO LAID UP FOR REPAIRS.

Our readers will, no doubt, be greatly interested in "A Word from the Repair Shop," by Dr. J. Braden, who writes from Saratoga Springs. He has stood at the fore front in our educational work for considerably more than a quarter of a century. His name is a household word in all our Southern field. His boys and girls in all the churches and professions among our people honor him as their benefactor, friend and father. We are glad to announce that he is improving right along and expects soon to be at his post. We pray for his speedy and entire recovery.

Short letters, plainly written; if not we shall be compelled to throw them into the waste basket or else trim them unmercifully. Then you will get angry and say "I shall never have anything to do with the 'Southwestern' again." See?

We thank those presiding elders who are having their District Conference programs printed and simply ask us to make the announcement for them. It leaves so much more room for us to give the people good reading matter. Now if the presiding elders will cut down their love letters to their districts they will help us greatly.

Presiding Elder Landry is well pleased over the success some of his brethren are attaining on the South New Orleans District. He attended the cornerstone laying of a new church at Schriever last Sunday, collection \$80.

A tidal wave on the southeastern Atlantic coast has been playing havoc with that portion of the country. Cedar Keys, Florida, is reported almost wholly destroyed. A number of lives are reported lost at that and other points as well.

We acknowledge a copy of the address delivered by Rev. A. M. Trotter, on the sixth anniversary of the Central M. E. Church at Jackson, Miss. The building is a splendid brick edifice and was built by him as pastor. Rev. J. C. Hibbler is now pastor.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. G. W. Nevils, of Columbus, Texas, pledged 5 yearly subscribers and has filled it.

Rev. A. J. McNair, of State Line, Miss., desires his correspondents to address him at South Atlanta, Ga., Gammon Theological Seminary.

Dr. A. E. P. Albert and his oldest daughter, Miss Laura, were in the city last week and called at the "Southwestern" office.

Rev. Dr. S. T. Clanton called and gave us a few points about the great Baptist Convention which was held recently in St. Louis.

Rev. M. Q. A. Fuller sends in two subscribers and says: "I am preaching for the 'Southwestern' now as well as for souls, for I think it will help me win souls for Christ and His Kingdom." He is right, too, and his preaching is telling.

Rev. F. G. Browne, of Huntingdon, Ind., succeeds Dr. B. F. Rawlins as assistant editor of the "Western Advocate."

Bishops Hartzell and Thoburn expect to sail from New York together November 18th, and go as far as England in each other's company.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Rawlins, for a number of years assistant editor of the "Western Christian Advocate," has gone back to the pastorate, and is now installed as pastor at Rising Sun, Ind.

Bishop C. C. Petty, of the A. M. E. Zion church, is quite sick. His friends entertain very grave fears that he may not recover.

Rev. J. H. Anderson has been elected President of Hearne Academy, Hearne, Tex. We wish him success.

Rev. W. M. Langford, of Bellaire, O., writes us that Rev. J. H. Hargraves, pastor at North Vernon, Ind., Lexington Conference, a veteran 73 years of age, is quite sick at Bellaire and fears are entertained that he may not recover.

New Orleans University had its formal opening last Monday morning. Addresses were delivered by the editor of this paper, Rev. L. H. Reynolds, pastor St. James A. M. E. church, and others. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and Dr. Adkinson is greatly encouraged with the outlook.

Prof. T. A. Fortson, A. M., who taught for a number of years at Bennett College, Clark University and the Texas State Normal and City Schools, has been appointed to the Chair of Mathematics in Central Tennessee College. He is an alumnus of Central, class '81, and is thus called to a position in his Alma Mater after fifteen years experience elsewhere. If he is as conscientious and faithful a teacher as we know him to have been as a pupil, he will do great credit to the position he now fills.

It is with deepest sympathy with the bereaved that we record the death of Sister Bell, the wife of Rev. L. J. S. Bell, pastor at Meridian, Miss, and Sister May, the wife of Rev. H. May, pastor at Crystal Springs, Miss. While they are thus deprived of those who were near and dear to them, and who have been so faithful in travelling with and helping them in their ministerial labors, we commend them to Him whose Gospel they preach and whose power to comfort is without limit.

The "Northwestern" says: "Bishop Hartzell spent September 22 and 23 with his aged parents in Moline, Ill. It will be his last visit to them before sailing for Africa. His father is eighty-six and his mother eighty, and both are remarkably strong and active. They dedicate their son to Africa in the name of the Lord. On the evening of the 22d the Congregational and Baptist Churches united with the Methodist Church in tendering the bishop a farewell reception. It was a delightful and interesting occasion. Dr. W. A. Spencer, of Philadelphia, who, with the bishop, was born near Moline, Dr. Cumming, pastor of the church, Hon. William Jackson, of Rock Island, and other prominent ministers and laymen were present. Mrs. Abbie A. Gould read an original poem. The music and addresses were excellent."

## THE NEW DISCIPLINE.

This important and long looked for little volume has at last reached this office. In appearance it looks just about like the last one, and yet what with the many additions and minor changes made by the last General Conference, not to speak of the vast improvement in the index made by Bishop Andrews and his excellent commission, this edition is so very different from the last, that every preacher and official member will need one. Those who desire one or more, can secure them at 25 cents here at this office, or postpaid 30 cents. You can also obtain the Hymnal with tunes, containing the new Order of Service, at 30 cents; postpaid 40 cents.

## THE GREAT CHINAMAN ON CHRISTIANITY

While Li Hung Chang was in England his interpreter, who is of no mean ability, expressed in a newspaper interview some important views on Christianity from the native Chinese standpoint. He says that he considers Christianity a very moral and beautiful religion, and although not himself a Christian he is very fond of the greater part of the New Testament. As to the Old Testament, he says he has been told that many Englishmen do not believe it although they do not dare to acknowledge their unbelief. He says that without doubt there are many genuine Christian converts among the Chinese. However, he adds, there is no use in disguising the fact that with many it is merely a matter of self-interest, as they hope to get work in connection with the Missionary society. Moreover, continues this observant oriental, Chinese Christians assume a certain offensive manner with their non-Christian countrymen. If they quarrel or have any misunderstanding with non-Christian Chinese, they annoy them by applying to them the name "heathen." This, he thinks, at least partly accounts for massacres in China. Whether this criticism of the missionary work be true or not, it is of interest as coming from an educated Chinaman of the better class.—Northwestern.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the First M. E. Church, Springfield, Ill., Wednesday, October 21st, 1896, and continue in session one week. A large attendance of delegates and friends interested in the work is requested.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Rec. Sec.

It now turns out that the affairs of the Bank of Commerce, this city, are as rotten as those of the Union National which failed a few days before the Bank of Commerce. After all the difference between the white thief and the black one is a difference of quantity rather than quality. One steals a whole bank, the other a chicken.

The pastor of Green Hill circuit, wherever that is, who sent us the long list of persons who had contributed to seat the church, will please send us his name and address, as we wish to write him.

We are glad to say to the credit of the authorities of this city that a determined effort is being made to enforce the Sunday Law, and in a measure they are succeeding. Yet there is a strong and determined element against it, led on by at least one of the local dailies. We certainly trust every Methodist will be found on the side of law and order and the proper observance of the Sabbath.

The political situation of the Country is to say the least interesting just now. Mr. Bryan is still traveling over the Country and speaking to immense throngs, and Major McKinley is talking away to his visitors at his home. The friends of each claim his election sure, and yet all hands keep busy for fear of a possible miscarriage. Mr. Bryan says those who control large companies of men are trying to control them against him and he doesn't think it fair. Poor fellow! Wonder if he is uneasy.



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There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

#### Cash Remittances.

From Sept. 28 to Oct. 5.

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W. H. Jones, 1	L. B. Singletary
W. McNeil	W. R. Butler, 1
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Wm. Porter	E. H. Holmes, 1
W. H. Scott, 1	I. G. Poin, 5
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Wm. Bell, 4	M. M. Mulrow, 1
A. Middleton	A. B. Venable, 3
D. G. Pharris, 1	G. W. Nevils, 2
M. S. Goin, 2	B. M. Taylor, 2
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J. T. Cannon, 6	M. Adams, 1
J. G. Smith	J. H. Wylander
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James A. Sanders	H. A. McClan
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M. Q. A. Knier, 2	J. H. Thompson
L. H. Reynolds	A. J. McNair, 2
C. B. Wilson	A. B. Blewett, 2

#### NOTICE.

South New Orleans District Conventions are called to meet for the pastors and delegates of the District.

Commencing at Valence Street Monday night, October 20th.

Mullalien, Tuesday, 27th.

Winnans Chapel, Wednesday, 28th.

Havens' Chapel, Thursday, 29th.

And closing at First Street with a grand love feast, October 30th. Pastors are called on business of importance.

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#### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

September 27th was Soldiers' Day at First M. E. Church, New Orleans, and one hundred and thirty marched out at 7:30 p. m. and charged upon the enemy, and when the smoke had cleared away from the battlefield we found one hundred and thirty-six dead. Each shot signified one dollar. The enemy is debt. We propose to make a raid upon the enemy once a month. Rev. T. A. Wilson, P. E. of St. James District of the A. M. E. Church, preached for the soldiers and made a great impression upon them. One annual subscriber for the Southwestern was taken. Public collection \$19.35. Committee No. 2, of which Mrs. M. Sherepley is chairlady, reported through its secretary and treasurer, Mrs. B. Bunch and Susan Davis, \$53.35. October 25th—Committees No. 3 and 4, under the leadership of the old Church veterans, Mrs. Thompson and S. F. Green, will report nothing less than \$120. W. R. Butler, P. E.

Simpson Chapel had a large attendance Sunday evening and 250 took the sacrament. The communion was administered by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Price, Dr. Adkinson, Rev. Thos. McCary and the editor of this paper.

#### THE WHOLE FIELD.

Rev. A. A. Lacy, Shady Grove Circuit, desires to return thanks to a long list of good friends for their kind treatment and brotherly care. We regret that we cannot publish the list, but we say with him, God bless them. —Ed.

S. M. Bolden, P. E., Conroe and Montgomery Circuit: The M. E. Church in the above named Circuit is in a very good condition, both spiritually and financially. Our Church at Montgomery has now reached completion, and is beautifully situated near the town. Four years ago very nearly when coming to this work, I found the good members of Methodism out two miles in the country worshipping in a very poor house; but now they are graced with a good edifice and in a more desirable place. Our Sunday Schools, Epworth League Chapters and the Woman's Home Mission Auxiliaries at each point are in a flourishing condition. Each of the four years our revival meetings have been attended with success. The Master has greatly blessed His cause under our administration. I have not failed in persuading the people to take the Southwestern, our Church paper, and not only so, but have urged the necessity of securing all reading matter published by our own Church. We are still working along this line and the Southwestern is not forgotten. The fourth and last quarterly Conference was held September 12-13 with pleasing results. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, our presiding elder, was found at his post as kind and good as ever. Collection during the quarterly Conference was \$19.50. The pastor, being called to Patterson to see the last remains of his youngest sister, could not be present till Sunday evening. She died shouting and praising the name of the Lord.

J. H. Craig, Olive Branch, La.: Rylander Chapel, M. E. Church, is spiritually alive. We have just closed a glorious revival meeting which resulted in thirteen accessions to the Church. Seven souls were happily converted to God. Sunday, September 13th, was a grand day at Olive Branch. Seven were baptized at the altar and two of them in the Cammitte River. Now we are ready to say that God has blessed this year and under the old Methodist flag we are triumphing over every foe. The old reliable Southwestern paper is not forgotten. We will send some subscribers for it next week.

H. Bright, P. C., Hensley, Ark.: Our Tribe dinner on September 12th was a grand success. The head of each Tribe raised the amount that follows: No. 1, Mrs. Sua Williams, \$7.10; No. 2, Mrs. Hannah Tiggins, \$2.15; No. 3, Mrs. Catty Thompson, \$10.05; No. 4, Miss Sarah Curtis, \$4.20; No. 5, Mrs. Rebecca Joiner, \$1.00; total, \$24.50.

A. Taylor, P. C., Clarksville, Tex.: The year has almost gone and we are getting ready for the Annual Conference at Paris, Texas, December 16th. In the midst of hard times and many conflicts this year the Lord has been with us and brought us safe thus far.

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The following figures show our financial standing: Raised for all purposes, \$471.75. We are hoping to raise all of our claims before the next Conference, as this is the full of the year. We also expect to send the number of subscribers for the Southwestern that we pledged the first of the year. We had a rally for the pastor last Sunday and raised \$50.00. I can say that we are moving on slowly but surely.

(Sorry indeed to be compelled to cut out your long list of names who contributed so liberally, but as you say to us so we must say to you, you know how it is.—Ed.)

Special collection, \$40.40; \$10.85 from the congregation, and \$8.75 from an entertainment. We hope, Mr. Editor, that we are not asking too much of you as we have not been heard from this year we thought to say it all at once, so we hope you will indulge us in this matter for you know how it is.

The following is the itemized account: Paid pastor, \$246.75; paid presiding elder, \$36.30; trustees, \$40.00; Sunday School, \$25.00; class collection, \$12.00; benevolent, \$30.00; other collections, \$50.00; grand total, \$471.85. The Southwestern will not be forgotten. Will send five or six subscribers by the first of October.

C. W. Ivy, Lake, Miss.: My Quarterly Conference was a grand success. A. M. Trotter was on hand, and many of the brothers with full reports. Paid pastor this quarter, \$74.25; paid elder, \$7.10; benevolent money raised this quarter, \$9.50; conversions this quarter, 30. Total money for the quarter, \$90.75, and the work is doing well.

J. W. Davis, P. C., Garlandville, Miss.: The third Quarterly Conference of this charge was held on the 12th and 13th. Presiding Elder A. M. Trotter on time. All reports showed the work to be in splendid condition. Thirty souls have been added to the Church. The elder preached three sermons to the delight of all. Money raised during the quarter, \$81.10. Pray for us.

Wm. Johnson, P. C., Coal Creek, East Tennessee Conference: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held at Coal Creek, Tenn., September 5-6. Rev. Owen Hyspher, P. E. The quarter was held on Saturday and the elder preached us three very able sermons on Sunday. All three of these sermons were full of thought and it seemed that all were benefited who heard them. Thirty took the Lord's Supper. We are glad that we were able to pay every dollar that we owed the elder this year. Collection was \$12.

Pray for our success in the work. We have only been here four months filling out another brother's time, and our first time as a pastor.

A. J. Pickett, P. C., Washington, La.: Our campmeeting was a success, spiritually and financially. The seed was sown, and many souls desired prayer. We thank our white friends for their kindness to us; they gave their money to assist us to build a shed and they attended the meeting by hundreds. Last Sunday was a high day in Washington, La., for Christians. Many souls at the altar took the Lord's Supper, and one was baptized. We shall meet our pledges for the paper as soon as cotton comes in. Our Church and Sunday School are alive. I was one of the boys that was at the altar at Franklin when Bishop Peck put his hand on your head. Pray for us.

A. B. Venable, Bastrop, La., Mt. Nebo Charge: We had a fine time during the District Conference. We have made some improvement on the Church, have ceiling it very nicely overhead with an arched ceiling, and also put in a new floor. This work was done by the stewardess sisters. The King's Daughters have purchased two nice chairs for the pulpit. They are doing very well with Miss Attie Lee at the head. The Epworth League is getting along very well. The president is O. B. Chestnut. Everything begins to look up for the better.

L. H. Grant, Forsyth, Ga.: Our third Quarterly Conference, La Grange District, Savannah Conference, was held on Saturday. Rev. J. S. Jackson, presiding elder, is much beloved by everybody. We have received in the Church for 96. Conference collection, \$52.00. Peace and harmony prevail all over this entire District.

A. W. Turner, P. C., St. Martinsville, La.: The rally at Mallien Chapel on the third Sunday was a grand success. Class No. 1, Andrew Patterson leader, \$10.50; class No. 2, Gifford Drake, \$11.55; class No. 3, V. B. Drake, \$15.00; class No. 4, Joseph Jones, \$10.00; class No. 5, W. G. Drake, \$11.90; class No. 6, W. Liverston, \$18.00; class No. 7, H. Gant, Sr., \$9.80; class No. 8, W. Francis, \$8.00; grand total, \$94.80. Revs. A. H. Banks and A. J. Johnson were with us and rendered good service. The Lord is with us.

P. Bibb, P. C., Badeau, La.: The membership of the Church gave a grand rally for the benefit of the pastor and raised the sum of \$22.70. (We regret our space will not allow the publication of the long list of names sent.—Ed.)

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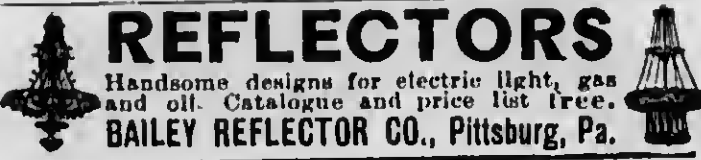
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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

Of startling interest is the paper on "The Opium Traffic in California," by Frederick J. Masters in the October number of "The Chautauquan." It is accompanied by flashlight views of opium dens in Chinatown and is a forcible protest against our national crime of nationalized opium selling.

There are more than thirty contributions in the October number of St. Nicholas. This is the last issue of the twenty-third volume, and two of the serials, "The Swordmaker's Son," and "Sindbad, Smith & Co.," are brought to a conclusion. St. Nicholas has offered a number of prize puzzles to its readers, and this month they take the form of fifty charades by Carolyn Wells. They are very hard to guess, but the crisp new bills offered as prizes will stimulate the boys and girls to make their best efforts.

In Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for October the leading facts concerning acetylene, the new illuminant, are set forth by V. J. Voumans. Henry L. Clapp writes on the Educational Value of Children's Questioning, which his experience leads him to rate high. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

Among its many strong, attractive features, the October Ladies' Home Journal presents Paderewski's long-mind. Ex-President Harrison's promised composition for the piano, a "This Country of Ours" paper deals with the Secretaries of the Navy and of the Interior, and pays high tribute to the officers and seamen of the Navy. Dr. Parkhurst forcibly dissects "The Young Man at Play," emphasizing the value of healthful diversion. The Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia; one dollar per year, ten cents per copy.

Golden Days for boys and girls, published by James Elverson, Philadelphia, is popular with all its readers and worthy of a place in American homes; \$3.00 a year with lower club rates. Parties desiring to set up clubs should send for sample copies.

Fifty years ago, in 1846, the American Missionary Association was founded, and in October of the present year the semi-centennial is to be celebrated by a great series of jubilee meetings in Boston. The Negroes and poor whites of the South, the Indians and the Chinese have all profited by it, and the work was never so broad and vigorous as now. It is most opportune that it should appear in the October number of the New England Magazine, a thorough illustrated article upon its history and present activities. The article is by Rev. Charles J. Ryder, and his article is greatly enriched by the pictures illustrating every phase of the work. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

The October number of Scribner's Magazine is strong in American subjects, including in its contents a powerful and satirical essay by E. L. Godkin on "The Expenditure of Rich

Men." A description of the romantic and picturesque features of the Light-House system along the North Atlantic coast. The Americanism of this number is its most pronounced feature. The foreign element, however, is not neglected. Scribner's Sons, N. Y.

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Since the election of Bishop Hartzell our people are taking a more lively interest in everything pertaining to Africa. The Century for October gives some extracts from the diary of its lamented correspondent, E. J. Glave, who found the "Livingstone Tree," that will be read with interest.

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Mrs. R. O. Speers, Assistant Teacher, McMinnville, Tenn.: Our school at this place opened August 31st, with bright prospects, with an enrollment of 100 pupils, the largest opening we ever had. The pastors of all the Churches were present as well as several patrons of the school, who gave us many words of encouragement and pledged themselves to support as in our work. We have an excellent superintendent in the person of Prof. Jas. G. Meadors, who takes a very great interest in the school and sees that all our wants are supplied. Dr. R. T. Hart, our faithful principal, is not sparing any pains in pushing the work forward. The present enrollment is 141. This is the largest number enrolled since the school was organized on a "High School" system in 1886. The community at large is proud of the school as everything at present bids fair for success. We feel very much encouraged in this the beginning of our year's labor. Yours for success.

H. Dunlap, Atoka, Tenn.: I have just closed my revivals on the Atoka and Pleasant Grove Circuit, and we had a grand success. We had twenty-two converts, among which was the worst of gamblers. The Church is highly revived spiritually, and is moving along nicely. We are trying hard to raise all our assessments.

J. O. Richards, P. C., Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Clinton, La.: We have just closed a glorious two-weeks revival which resulted in twenty conversions and five reclaimed, making in all twenty-five added to the Church. We are doing all we can for the Southwestern. You may expect some subscribers from us soon.

T. J. English, Oak Grove, Newbern, Ala.: Editor Southwestern—We have just closed our revival with nineteen conversions and the Church is alive in every respect. Collection last Sunday was \$19.00. We are now working up a list of new subscribers while the farmers are harvesting cotton. The young people of Oak Grove Church are doing a good work. They have just bought a new clock for the Church. Miss Maria Carr is the leader of this movement. The members of Oak Grove will give the Marion Institute a good patronage this year. Prof. Johnson is our educator and has the whole Marion District worked to its highest point. Look out for a list of new subscribers soon.

R. A. Swan, P. C., Drapers, Va.: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held at Drapers Church September 12th. The business moved off nicely. The reports from the various officers showed that the work was in a prosperous condition. At the close of the Conference our dear beloved presiding elder, W. H. Pleasants, presented the claims of the Southwestern. He preached two noble sermons. On Sunday sixty-one communed. Collection during the quarter, \$57.55. Just put up a nice belfry and put up a new bell in it.

L. W. Price, Bay St. Louis, Miss.: St. Paul Charge is yet in the race for success. Sunday, the 13th inst., was a day of much rejoicing for pastor, members and friends. It was rally day at our Charge. We had an indebtedness of \$80.00 on the parsonage, due the 15th inst. We asked the Lord to give us the amount, instead He gave us \$86.50, which frees us from debt. So we have built the parsonage, paid for it and the pastor is now resting happily in it. The little children in the Sunday School rallied our friends and the Lord gave us more than we asked for. Let the praise be unto God.

H. V. Saulters, P. C., Goodman, Miss.: My fourth Quarterly Conference was held September 19-20 at Goodman. Rev. W. E. Mask, presiding elder in the chair. He ably conducted the Conference. All members present with good reports. Amount raised this quarter, \$40.00. paid the Pastor; paid the presiding elder, \$54.00; raised at the Conference, \$32.50. The good old Southwestern was not forgotten—one cash subscriber for the paper. Ninety souls happily converted and joined the Church.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCT 18 1896.

## SOLOMON'S WEALTH AND WISDOM.

1. Kings 4. 25-31.

Golden Text.—"Them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." (1. Samuel 2. 30.)

Solomon's power of discernment was soon tested. Two women came to him the one with a living and the other with dead child. Each claimed the living babe. The king called for a sword and ordered the living child divided, and half given to each woman. The mother whose babe was dead favored this, but the woman to whom the living child belonged, opposed it. She preferred having the child raised by another to having it put to death. The king then ordered the living child given to her. A profound knowledge of human nature will help one out of many difficulties.

Judah and Israel were brethren, and from Dan in the north, to Beer-sheba in the south, they dwelt together in peace and safety, all the days of Solomon. There was freedom from war between them and all surrounding nations. They rested in security, out of their walled cities, beneath the vine that clustered about their porch, and the fig tree that grew in their garden. Solomon was a type of Jesus, and his kingdom an emblem of the Spiritual reign of Christ. God's anointed was the prince of peace; He was ushered into this world with the song of peace; when He returned to Heaven He gave the farewell of peace; He left to the world the doctrine of peace; which works in the heart of man a peace that passeth understanding.

In the reign of Solomon, we see the kingdom of Israel in its highest maturity. The king had twelve officers, each of these had his class of helpers, whose duty it was to provide vituals for Solomon's table. The amount of provisions used at Solomon's table, was not greater than that required by some of the kings of Persia, or Sultans of Turkey. Display is rooted in extravagance. The court was a scene of riches, gaiety, magnificence, and splendor. In their midst stood Solomon who was perfect in form and feature, clad in gorgeous robes of bright color, and highly scented with the perfumes of India. On his brow rested the royal diadem, and in his hand the scepter of gold. When he drove out in the early morning, he was likely robed in white robe in a chariot overlaid with gold, and drove horses of unequalled swiftness and beauty. He was accompanied by a train of archers, all young men of magnificent stature, and dressed in purple. Their long black hair powdered with gold-dust, glittered in the sunlight as they galloped after their royal master. The throne of heaven is a place of greater splendor than the court of Solomon, and Jesus, our king, is a more important Potentate than the son of David.

The wisdom of Solomon was God given. There was a largeness of mind and soul about him that no other man possessed. He had no doubt received that wisdom which comes down from above which is pure and peaceable. His love for God and man was unbounded; his joy was not disturbed by any sufferings of life; his peace swept on like a great river into the mighty ocean of God's love; his truthfulness was stamped in his features and seen in his conduct; he was temperate with regard to the use of alcohol, and said to the people—"Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging," and his faith in God was never shaken by the wickedness of the world. Solomon was wise and good, but not firm. He suffered his wives to lead him into idolatry. We know not how his life ended. The wisdom of the world is that which is shown by heathen nations. The wisdom of God is that which is possessed by highly civilized peoples.

When Solomon was compared with others he had no equal. The children of the east were composed of Chaldeans and Arabians. Both were distinguished for scientific research, and sage utterances. The wisdom of Egypt held a high place in the ancient world. It included magic, geometry, medicine, astronomy, architecture, and a dreamy philosophy. The profound wisdom of

the Greeks did not come into use until four hundred years after Solomon's death. Jesus is greater than the son of David, and the wisdom he bestows superior to what Solomon has given. Grace is better than art. With an increase of knowledge there is a growth of responsibility.

Solomon spoke ten thousand proverbs. Of these wise sayings less than one thousand has come down to us. "The song of Solomon" is the only one of the thousand and five songs spoken by him, that has been retained. Two or three of the Psalms have been attributed to him. Many of his songs and proverbs were likely not inspired, hence they did not find their way into the canon of the Scripture. Solomon was no doubt the first writer on natural history. There were but few things in the vegetable and animal kingdoms about which he did not write. The world has lost much by being deprived of his works. We have likely received, through unseen channels, some benefit from them. Solomon was gifted in utterance. His thoughts had the weight of logic and the sparkle of rhetoric. His fame went abroad. Kings of other countries sent ambassadors to his court. The Queen of Sheba journeyed far to learn of him. Many traveled over land and sea in search of gold, silver neither hand nor foot to find the wisdom that is better than rubies.

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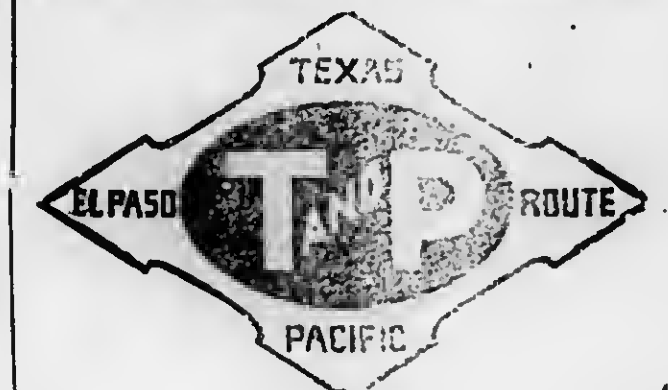
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## CONFERENCE NOTICES.

## Tupelo District.

Fourth Round. October.  
 Pontotoc..... 34 Pontotoc cir..... 7  
 Pontotoc..... 10 11 Ripley..... 17  
 Pontotoc..... 18 18 Osolona cir..... 17 18  
 Osolona..... 21 25 Cotton Plant, 31, Nov. 1  
 Tupelo..... November.  
 Ripley cir..... 4 Corinth..... 6 8  
 Corinth cir..... 7 Shaubon..... 14 15  
 Amory cir..... 18 Amory..... 21 22  
 New Albany..... December.  
 Belle..... 56 Udon Grove..... 12 13  
 Dear Brethren—Push your benevolent collec-  
 tions, and remember the Southwestern by send-  
 ing subscribers. P. O. Jamison, P. E.

## Aberdeen District.

Fourth Round. October.  
 Athens..... 10 11 Caledonia..... 17 18  
 Columbus cir..... 20 Crawford..... 24 25  
 November.  
 Brooksville..... 12 Aberdeen..... 7 8  
 Aberdeen cir..... 7 8 Gatman..... 10  
 Mashuville..... 14 15 Macon cir..... 21 22  
 Ashoka..... 17 Hickory Grove..... 29 30  
 Macon District Conference..... 25 30  
 December.  
 Shuquak..... 56 West Point cir..... 12 13  
 Columbus..... 12 13 West Point..... 19 20  
 Moa Valley..... 19 20  
 H. R. Revels, P. E.

## Wilmington District.

First Round. October.  
 Swan's station..... 17 18 Fayetteville..... 23  
 Wilmington..... 24 25 Gum Swamp, 31, Nov. 1  
 November.  
 Lumberton..... 7 8 Rowland..... 14 15  
 Maxton..... 21 22 Melrose..... 28 29  
 December.  
 Laurensburg..... 56 Hamlet..... 12 13  
 Monroe..... 16 Charlotte..... 19 20  
 District Stewards' meeting will convene at  
 Maxton, November 21st, at 11 a. m. Let all the  
 stewards be present. D. Brooks, P. E.

## Savannah District.

Fourth Round. October.  
 Savannah..... 17 18 Savannah cir..... 17 18  
 Jeap..... 24 25 Waynesboro 31, Nov. 1  
 November.  
 Valdosta..... 7 8 Thomasville..... 10 11  
 Blackshear..... 14 15 Camden..... 21 22  
 St. Mary's..... 28 29  
 December.  
 Brunswick cir..... 56 Brunswick..... 12 13  
 Darien..... 12 13 Waycross..... 19 20  
 Baxley..... 26 27  
 January.  
 Eastman..... 23 Cordele..... 9 10  
 Americus..... 9 10  
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 ranged plans by which you will raise all of your  
 benevolent assessments, and have it ready for the  
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## MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Denton, Tex.—Mr. Joshua Wilson to Mrs.  
 Easter Pruitt, at the residence of the bride, Sept.  
 18th; also, Mr. Alexander Harlow to Miss Mary  
 Stanford, at the residence of the groom's brother,  
 J. W. Wormley officiating.

Shady Grove, La.—Mr. Eugene Morris to Miss  
 Viola Harry, and Mr. H. D. Henry to Miss Eliza-  
 beth Wilson, Sept. 12. A. A. Lacey officiating.

Benton Circuit.—Mr. Jim McKinney to Miss  
 Mahalay Coleman, at Mt. Pleasant, on Sept. 9th.  
 B. L. Crump officiating.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Memphis, Tenn.—Sister Ellen Reeves, a young  
 lady 24 years of age, and a member of Centenary  
 Church and Sunday-school, died September 26th.  
 She was the adopted daughter of Ellen Reeves,  
 and a graduate of Lemoyne School. She has been  
 teaching ever since her graduation, and was very  
 prominent. The church was crowded to witness  
 her funeral. Her mother jumped into the grave,  
 saying she must follow her heart's delight.  
 C. E. Alexander, Pastor.

Benton Circuit.—Within the last two weeks we  
 have lost two of our best members at Double  
 Spring church—Sister Hannah Weaver and Sister  
 Ooppy Daniel. They both died in full triumph  
 of faith. B. L. Crump, Pastor.

Brandon, Miss.—Bro. Charles May departed  
 this life in full faith in Jesus Christ. He leaves  
 a wife and several children to mourn his loss.  
 J. B. Brooks, Pastor.

Hamburg, Miss.—Robert Harrison and his two  
 daughters, Jennie Whitten and Katie Harrison,  
 departed this life; also, Bettie Collins died in full  
 triumph. They were not so long ago converted,  
 and passed away telling friends to meet them.  
 Their funerals were attended by the pastor,  
 G. Longmire.

Shreveport, La.—Sister Ellen Jones, wife of  
 Bro. Willie Jones, and a faithful member of St.  
 James M. E. Church, departed this life Sept. 21.  
 "Servant of God, well done." The funeral cere-  
 monies were conducted by Rev. Hampton James,  
 P. E., and the pastor, R. M. Hubbard.

Wilke, Tex.—Little Eddie Young, son of Bro.  
 and Sister Peter Young, of Conroe, Tex., died  
 Sept. 28th; also an infant child of Sister Julia  
 Bethel. Both were buried by the writer.  
 M. Q. A. Fuller.

Before God made man, He first made  
 a world.—Ex.

## ECZEMA.

One Physician Pronounced it Ring-  
 Worm and Prescribed for That  
 Ailment, But the Patient  
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 Pink Pills and  
 was Cured.

(From the Free Press, Cuning, Iowa.)

"I was afflicted with what physi-  
 cians assured me was eczema and be-  
 gan doctoring for that disease about  
 two years ago." Said Mrs. Eva L.  
 Evans, of Harris, Iowa, to a reporter  
 a few days ago "The first doctor I  
 consulted did me no good at all. He  
 pronounced the disease ring-worm and  
 gave me remedies for that ailment, but  
 soon found out his error.

"I then tried another physician, with  
 some better success but did not suc-  
 ceed in obtaining permanent relief. On  
 the contrary, I got worse and my face  
 and body broke out badly and a severe  
 itching sensation constantly accom-  
 panied it. This physician pronoun-  
 ced the malady eczema and I believe  
 now that his diagnosis was correct.  
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 Williams' Pink Pills in the county pa-  
 pers and at his solicitation I tried  
 them.

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 dy and am now entirely relieved. I  
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 sign of this disease since August, 1895.  
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 the worth of this excellent remedy. It  
 not only cured me, but my father tried  
 it for la grippe and was materially  
 benefited—in fact he insists it re-  
 lieved him at once. Many of my neigh-  
 bors are using this remedy at my re-  
 commendation and are enthusiastic in  
 its praise."

(Signed.) Mrs. Eva L. Evans.

To conform this statement beyond  
 all doubt, Mrs. Evans signed the fore-  
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## POPULAR IGNORANCE.

The New York Tribune tells these  
 facts concerning an examination of  
 candidates for the police force recent-  
 ly held in that city:

"As a rule, the men who present  
 themselves for this examination  
 would be classed as fairly intelligent  
 men; certainly they do not belong to  
 the class of illiterates. And yet, the  
 questions which are given them to  
 answer are elementally easy, only 35  
 per cent, who do not pass show an  
 amazing ignorance of every-day sim-  
 ple facts—an ignorance which can  
 only be explained by assuming either  
 that these men cannot think, or that  
 they were not taught to think. In a  
 recent examination, for instance, out  
 of 210, forty-three could not tell in  
 what State Chicago is, one of them  
 declaring that 'Chicago is a State by  
 itself.' Forty could not name one  
 New England State. One named five  
 of them as follows: 'Inglen, Ireland,  
 Scotland, Wales, and Cork;' and an-  
 other gave the same list except he sub-  
 stituted Belfast for Cork. Ninety  
 could not name one of the Confederate  
 States, and one wrote down as five of  
 them, 'New York, Pennsylvania, Mas-  
 sachusetts, Maine, and Vermont.' One  
 hundred and twenty-six could not  
 name the law-making body of the  
 United States, one of them declaring  
 it to be 'martial law.' Forty-five did  
 not know the name of the chief execu-  
 tive officer of a State."

Europe took 105,494,123 pounds of  
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A mistake is apt to attract more at-  
 tention to us than a virtue.—Ex.

## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

## CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Conference and Place..	Time.	Bishop.
Arizona Mission, Phoenix, Ariz.	Oct. 4, 9.	Foss.
Dakota, Vermillion, So. Dak.	Oct. 14....	Vincent
Central Tennessee, Huntingdon,		
Tenn.....	Oct. 15..	Mallison
Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.	Oct. 22..	Mallaieu
Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter.	Nov. 19.....	Nude
Southern German, Cibola, Tex.	Nov. 26.....	Nude
West Texas, Uvero, Tex.	Dec. 2.....	Nude
Austio, Fort Worth, Tex.	Dec. 10.....	Nude
Texas, Paris, Tex.	Dec. 16.....	Nude

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EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The editor left last week for the East Tennessee Conference at Cleveland, Tenn.

Why are you too angry to work for subscribers? Write us your grievance.

We acknowledge an invitation to the reception given for the President and Faculty by the Alumni of Wiley University.

Owing to circumstances over which we have no control, some of our editorial matter will have to go over till next week.

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Dr. Albert thus writes of the opening of his school: "The opening of Gilbert College, at Winstead, Monday, Oct. 5, was the grandest ever witnessed here in years. The session before last, the school opened with twelve students; last session it opened with thirteen. Last Monday we opened with nearly one hundred. Our boarding family numbers nearly fifty. We have now over a half dozen more girl boarders than we had the whole of last session. Actual correspondence and interviews lead us to expect an enrollment of over three hundred students. All of our departments are in operation, both literary and industrial; the latter includes agriculture, horticulture, carpentry and cabinet making, printing, wheelwright, blacksmithing, baking, needle work, etc., besides shorthand, typewriting and music, both vocal and instrumental.

Rev. Ross Taylor, son of Bishop William Taylor, requests us to say: "It should be understood by Bishop William Taylor's friends, that he is not opening or operating mission stations, and therefore is not accepting contributions for that purpose. His personal needs are provided for by a regular salary from the Church, and also by the sale of his books. He has made earnest public requests that his friends rally to the present pressing financial needs of the work in Africa to which twelve years of his life was devoted. He would be grateful if our African Missions are now generously sustained. Do not remit money to him or to me, but send all contributions to Bishop J. C. Hartzell, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, his worthy successor, and beloved co-worker."

## AID THE STRICKEN.

Cedar Keys, Fla., Oct. 7, 1896.

Mr. Editor:—This will inform you of our deplorable condition after the terrible hurricane that visited us on last Tuesday, Sept. 29. Among the seven churches in our town only the Episcopal and Presbyterian are left standing, and many of our people are homeless and destitute and are objects of charity; and we ask that you solicit aid for us through your columns. Donations may be sent to Rev. F. M. Spicer, pastor M. E. Church, Cedar Keys, Fla.

Respectfully,

Wm. Canty,  
F. M. Spicer,  
A. C. Porter,  
H. S. Sparks,  
D. Golden.

Committee.

## THE IMMEDIATE DUTY OF OUR NEGRO MEMBERSHIP.

We are extremely grateful for the unselfish prompting that led the Christian people of the North to come to our rescue after the close of the war, and the emancipation of the slave. Not only so, but we greatly appreciate the fact that this help has been continued to such time as we begin to feel able to help ourselves in a measure, and to look about and reason to some extent how much more there is to be accomplished. On this line our Church has been untiring in its devotion and has done a work for the race that will tell throughout all time. Its effort on our behalf and our corresponding development have so nearly kept pace together that we supply qualified representatives on the various boards charged with the regulation of the benevolent movements of the church. Such representatives are to set forth the conditions and needs of our work and thus regulate the appropriations made for the support of the same. Without any doubt whatever, these appropriations for the most part have been well and wisely made and have tended to the better development of our work as a whole. It is evidently the settled policy of the Church to make these wise appropriations, as far as the funds will allow, according to the needs of the conferences and mission fields. This we approve most heartily; no other would be just. Most of our conferences have adjusted their work accordingly and are rapidly bringing it to self support. We could cite districts that used to receive as much as \$800 to \$1,000 missionary money to support their presiding elder, that have been gradually cut down till some of them are self-supporting. There are hundred of charges that are self-supporting and others being dropped from the list of missions every year. Just here we desire to suggest that those parts of our work that are farthest behind and are most dependent in this particular, are those that were started, or were for years directed, by such persons as constantly preached the people's poverty and the Church's great ability to help them. In such sections the members think they are doing exceedingly well to pay five or ten cents each quarter for the support of the presiding elder, while in others, which have not been weakened by the influences mentioned, they pay twenty-five cents and more and are really disappointed if anything should happen to curtail their ability to do so.

The thinking men in many of our conferences, and we have reasons to believe the same is true in all of them, are laboring to bring our people up to self-support as rapidly as possible. They recognize the fact that portions of our work need some help and will need it possibly for years to come. Their idea is, not that we should help the Church carry on our work, but that we carry it on with such assistance from the Church as may be needed. In other words, they desire help in the same sense in which our Northern Conferences do; help for the weak points that are not able to support a pastor without it and for new work. The colored conferences collected for three causes last year; Missions, Freedman's Aid and Church Extension, \$26,775.00, not to mention what was raised for our benevolent organizations. If the Church can present any other mission field that has developed to the same extent in a quarter of a century, we should be glad to hear of it. And yet we call attention to these figures simply as an evidence of the fact that our purpose is to be producers as well as consumers. We recognize the fact that self help leads to the highest development of manhood. No man is so conscious of his ability to do a certain thing as he who actually succeeds in the accomplishment. We are constantly calling for increased official recognition, which we should be well

aware carries with it increased responsibilities and a larger share in supporting the whole work. One of the objects of this article is to call the attention of our brethren to this, and urge upon them that one and all unite in impressing upon our people everywhere the important lesson that the Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church must rise up and do something for himself. If we have any hangers on connected with our work who are in the Church simply for what they can get out of it, we must get rid of them. That class of preachers are not trying to lead the people upward. They do not help us in any sense. Moreover, we must either teach them better or else get rid of those pastors who tell the people that the Missionary Society will support their presiding elders. Along with these must be classed those who go about preaching that the Church Extension Society will erect our houses of worship. They make such statements with no other purpose than to feather their own nests; they care nothing for the Church nor the people except what they can get out of them. The people whom they serve will never be imbued with that spirit of independence and self-confidence so necessary to their highest development. What we need and must do is to instill in our people everywhere the true idea of self support and manly independence. Let self support be our watchword; and the highest development of our territory our constantly abiding purpose.

## ARE YOU AN EXCUSE MAKER?

If we accept the oft repeated truism that "There are two sides to every question," there is not a single duty incumbent upon us but that we can frame some excuse for its non performance. Men make excuses or not doing some duty they ought to do, with as great a flourish as though they had done something great in making an excuse. Why that's nothing, any fool can make an excuse, and the more fully one is identified with that class the more excuses he makes. The other class of persons is so busily engaged with the duty which lies next to them that they do not have time for excuse making. A person could in many cases do what is expected of him while he is making excuses for not doing so. Hence, you see, one loses time making excuses.

There are, of course, some legitimate excuses; that is, some things do at times intervene to prevent our performance of certain duties. Under such circumstances one does not need to "make up" an excuse; the excuse is evident. But what about those cases in which a fellow stammers and hesitates and finally gives an excuse that is so thin you can see through it; or possibly he has thought it all out and practiced on one of the same kind, so that he can give it without any hesitation. Regarding such, one of two things is true, either such an one is mistaken and really thinks he has a legitimate excuse, or else he is trying to deceive, in which case, of course, he is telling a falsehood out and out. So that in the second place one commits sin making excuses. The excuse maker does so much harm, both to himself and others. He neglects duty, he weakens his own character, he injures good causes, he tells lies, and after all deceives himself oftener than any one else. If you are an excuse maker stop now. Many of this class are hindering the Southwestern. Are you one?

We publish elsewhere a clipping from one of our exchanges relative to the return of a party of Negroes from Liberia, Africa. They are some of Bishop Turner's deluded disciples. Of course many persons have gone to Liberia who have done well, but no one ought to go who does not fully understand the conditions and go prepared to meet them. Then let them take what comes.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Tam.

The Rev. W. M. Moorman, of Marlboro, is holding camp meetings that are a blessing and a credit to the Church. God blesses a soul each day.

The Methodism of Washington is spreading. A new work was started Sunday, September 20th, on Sixteenth street S. E., with a shout. The new Mission is being pushed on by the Twelfth Street and Ebenezer Churches. The building was informally dedicated on the 20th at 3 p. m. Speeches were delivered by Rev. I. P. Thomas, W. H. Brooks, P. E., and W. G. Cassard, of Baltimore Conference. The collection was \$54.46. Rev. C. A. Leftwich, B. D., has charge of this new Mission. It will grow rapidly we trust.

Rev. L. J. Valentine, P. E., Alexandria District, reports progress for the District.

A society of Daughters of Conference of Ebenezer Church was organized September 23, with the following officers: President, Miss Ida E. Duckett; secretary, Miss Lettie Alexander; assistant secretary, Mrs. Mintie Lee; vice president, Mrs. Carrie Dade; treasurer, Mrs. Francis Fletcher. This society is interested in poor, worn out Methodist preachers.

The District Conference of the Washington District was held at Shiloh, Md., Rev. L. E. S. Nash, pastor, September 9-13. The Conference was a most pleasant one and full of interest. The work was prosecuted in a way that exhibited the ability of the members and their zeal for the cause. The pastor, Rev. Nash, delivered the address of welcome in which he convinced the Conference that he and his good people would spare no pains to make their stay a pleasant one and that the blood of chickens, geese, ducks and pigs would be shed in no small quantity. When we sat at the table we could truly see the force of Bro. Nash's remarks. The response was delivered by Rev. Joshua Barnes.

The following papers were read and discussed: "The True Spirit of Christian Offering in Worship," by M. W. Clair; "District Unity," by E. W. S. Peek; "Christian Fellowship," by W. R. Davis and G. H. Booze; "Inadequate Ministerial Support," in the absence of J. F. Chestnut, C. A. Leftwich, by request, led off; "Advantages of Graded Sunday Schools," W. R. J. Williams; "Our Schools," by J. H. Griffin. The reports presented by the Presiding Elder, pastors, local preachers, exhorters, District stewards, Sunday School superintendents, Epworth League presidents and class leaders showed that the entire field was in a prosperous and a good working condition.

The Conference made a very favorable impression for Methodism in Charles county, Md. Strong resolutions were adopted, among which were two of special importance: "The State of the Country," and "The Southwestern and Freedman's Aid and Southern Education."

The Rev. Noble E. Stewart, of Ashbury, was recommended for admission on trial.

At the installation of the new District officers of the Epworth League the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. C. A. Leftwich, B. D. The prospects for a successful year of the League work on the District are very encouraging indeed. The new officers are full of zeal.

## SOME CHANGES THAT MUST COME.

By L. M. Hugood, D. D.

No matter how much progress has been made morally and spiritually in this work in the past, some mistaken notions must be corrected and practices changed, or we can never hope to hold our own or acquire more.

The question as to whether our present happy relation is tenable will be found not to rest so much on our ability to make demands, as upon whether we will measure up to the standard. With true Christianity character cuts more figure than color. The weakest excuse or argument that can possibly be made is that "we are colored people." There are many re-

forms needed among us, many mistakes to be corrected, but we now call attention to methods of public worship and judicial administration. That we must reform on these lines—probably the word improve would be better—goes without saying, if we hope to hold our own amongst intelligent Christians. There are many reasons but we mention only a few: Our people, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, are nearer in touch with the best element of Christianity than any other body of colored Christians in this land; the higher the position occupied the more conspicuous the occupant, and therefore mistakes among us are looked upon with the same intensity as among those with whom we are in touch, and hence we are expected, both in the case of mistakes and crime, to apply the proper remedy, our chief ministers are, and have been for years, leaders in the best circles of society and must bear their proportion of the brunt because of carelessness or wickedness on our part. The public worship among us must be so conducted that ministers properly educated in our schools and sent forth, after being endowed with power from above, will not find their success dependent upon their ability to adapt themselves to the order, or disorder, of things as they find them, but may spend their time bringing their people up where they have been taught to stand. He who disputes the wisdom of this proposition argues that our school and colleges are not properly training our young people. This can only be, it seems, when pastors and Presiding Elders have both been properly trained. Where this is true the uniformity of our public worship growing out of the proper observance of the order of the Discipline, will preclude the possibility of a change of pastors necessitating a change in the order of our public worship. Then no minister among us will be at a loss as to what comes next when a visitor in another pulpit of his own denomination. The prayer meeting should not be conducted by any one who is not qualified to lead it. For if the meeting is to be conducted by strangers or visitors who are permitted to sing what they please, as they please, when they please and to pray the same—the prayer consisting principally of vociferous ejaculations and vain repetitions—those who came to pray may remain to laugh or become disgusted. Noise and commotion never yet made a prayer meeting where two or three met together in His name, touching and agreeing upon that which is needful. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of the Lord." The class meeting must be so conducted that those who came to relate some miraculous story, to chastise some one or to offer advice to those who are their superior in every respect, will feel that their service is not wanted. To conduct class meetings now in our churches after the order of before the plantation services does two things: Drives all the hoodlums of the vicinity to them and drives far from them those who desire to worship God in the beauty of holiness. Our elder people must be taught how to worship God by ministers who, themselves, have been properly taught, or else our young people will never be properly trained, and, becoming disgusted with the services, will refuse to attend them. Our young people must be held strictly to the observance of the rules and regulations of the church if we would train them for the Master. You can not put an old head on young shoulders without dwarfing the latter. The answer to the question, how can we retain our young men and women? will be, use common sense and the Discipline in conducting church services and prohibit the service from partaking of the characteristics of the Howling Dervishes of the Orient.

We need hardly speak of camp meetings. In the Northern and border States they have done more to scandalize our work than most anything else. It is disgusting to think of a Christian minister conducting such a meeting where "the Prodigal Son returns," "the Ten Virgins go out to meet the bridegroom," or "the march around the walls of Jericho." If such is not sacrilege there is none. Such gatherings are a snare, a delusion, a disgrace, a disgusting nuisance. A

change must come or we will soon see our churches deserted by all except the hoodlum element. It used to be our boast that no one could climb high enough in office in our church to get out of the reach of the rod of correction. However, so far as our judicial administration is concerned we are hampered. It may be partly owing to the fact that we have too much red tape. But in all probability many of our failures to correct members for crimes grows out of too much inclination toward "the benefit of the doubt" for the accused. Our German brethren could teach us something at this point, doubtless. From the Probationer to the Presiding Elder we have grown wonderfully, indeed, fearfully lenient. The brother who told a Bishop that he wanted to be appointed Presiding Elder because he knows, all the Bishop knows, because the Bishop only knows what the Presiding Elders tell him, was a crude logician. A great many changes along these lines will come when it becomes generally understood that every colored Methodist preacher is not dying to be appointed to the Presiding Eldership, or that all changes brought in are not the outgrowth of jealousy, and that all colored ministers are not alike; and when we learn, not only how to draft bills of charges, but learn that immorality includes lying, dishonest business transactions, using spirituous liquors as a beverage, as well as crimes between the sexes. A brighter and better day is ahead of us if we continue moving toward it with the understanding that we, the colored members in the great Methodist Episcopal Church, are to-day on trial as no other class of our race are, and that in some instances our judges are neither peers nor friends.

## TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Office of the Sunday School Union,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City,  
October 1, 1896.

The Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church is the only benevolent society having charge of all the Sunday Schools in every portion of the world. It aids in establishing new schools and supporting old ones. Last year, of the 646 Sunday Schools established by our Church—more than twelve for every Sunday throughout the year—240, or more than one-third, received assistance from the funds of the Union in order to enable them to begin their existence. It gives thousands of dollars every year to supply literature for the Sunday Schools of our Church abroad, and thousands more to assist the needy schools in our own territory. There are many strong churches in the West and South, which would not be in existence but for the hand stretched out to them years ago by the Sunday School Union; and there are whole empires in other continents where the Sunday Schools of our Missions depend upon the Sunday School Union just as fully as the Missions themselves depend upon the Missionary Society.

At no time in the history of our Church have the demands upon the Sunday School Union been so great as they are now. The field of our Church's effort is twice as vast, in our own country as it was a generation ago, and with the advance of population in the West, and progress in the South comes a call for help in the establishment of Sunday Schools. Wherever a community is settled, the first religious entertainment is a Sunday school, and in almost every instance it must be helped from without. Moreover, in these times of financial stress, many schools which have hitherto depended upon themselves are now compelled to appeal to the Union for support.

Yet, from the same financial causes, our revenue from the churches seems to be in danger of a decline. Although the income of our Union is small as compared with the number of churches, this year it threatens to be smaller still. We are confronted with increasing demands and lessening abilities at the same time. In this hour of need we appeal to the Sunday Schools of our Church to help us. It is fitting that the Society which helps the schools should be helped by the

schools. We ask for one collection in the year in every Sunday School of our denomination, for the treasury of the Union. We ask for just one Sunday out of the fifty-two, to be given to the Society which exists all the year for the interest of the Sunday Schools. We ask that the collection on that day be not made an omnibus for all collections, but wholly given to the Sunday School Union.

As an appropriate day for this occasion we recommend Christmas Sunday, December 27th. On that day so near the time that commemorates God's unspeakable gift to the world, let the scholars of the Sunday Schools bring their offerings, that the blessings of the Sunday School may be extended among all lands of the earth.

Let the schools present their gifts, let the treasury of the Union be filled, and let us answer the calls that come to us for help in the needy Sunday School field. In behalf of the Sunday School Union, Jesse L. Hurlbut,

Corresponding Secretary.

## LEXINGTON CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. A. Booker died September 15th. He was a genius of his own kind. He served one term as Presiding Elder. He was admitted in 1876.

Rev. Wm. Johnson is dead. He was admitted in 1880. Because of his large size his nearest friends called him "Baby" Johnson. He was, like Rev. Booker, a preacher beyond the ordinary of his class, and was a great singer. Thus "we cross the river one by one."

Rev. Statesman has gone to school. We have twenty more that ought to go who are younger men.

Rev. J. H. Jackson, of Falmouth, Ky., is doing well in his work.

Rev. T. L. Ferguson, at Jackson street, Louisville, is having his usual success.

Chicago is being held down by the Rev. R. L. W. James.

Why can not colored Conferences of our Church build a \$20,000 church in Chicago? Think of it! Two hundred dollars per year from each Conference for five years will do it.

The Second M. E. Church of Connersville, Ind., was reopened by Dr. Lewis Curtis, Sunday, September 27th. A big day in Zion.

Rev. J. T. Leggit, of Shelbyville, Ind., is doing his best.

The Rev. J. W. Russel, of Versailles, Ky., is a hustler, and pushing that church to the front.

Rev. W. H. Rollins, of Walnut Hills, Ohio, has got things all stirred up.

Rev. F. Hinton, of Hardinsburg, Ky., is popular.

Rev. W. H. Renfro, of Auburn, Ky., succeeds Rev. Booker at Owensboro. He ought to put that church on wheels and move it into the city.

Rev. Wm. Evans, of Covington, can't go back there the next year, no matter what the Presiding Elder may say. Reason: his five years are out. How would it do for the Presiding Elder to drop into that charge?

Affairs at Augusta are not august nor were they in August.

Shaking hands don't settle things. The "Pope" helped Rev. E. Miller in his meetings at Shelbyville. Popes, you know, believe in celibacy. See?

Ought a Methodist preacher invite a Methodist woman into his pulpit to preach? Lawful?

Rev. Robinson and wife, of Bloomington, Ind., are pushing things.

Rev. H. W. Simmons, of New Castle, Ind., entertains the First District League Convention October 22d.

Rev. T. L. Williams, of Hawesville, Ky., is one of the tidest preachers of the Conference. Everything about his church must be clean.

Rev. L. Robinson, of Owensburg, attended the G. A. R. reunion at Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. A. A. Woolfork, of Princeton, Ind., tries to govern his church according to instructions received at school. That's right.

"Dean" Riley is getting the local preachers into line for study.

Rev. H. W. Tate, of Cleveland, O., compliments the late General Conference for many things.

Presiding Elder Courtney's otherwise creditable article in Western Christian Advocate, of September, is marred by that "chestnut" pang that many aspirants for leadership among us are using to gain popularity; it is that colored people do not want to



intermarry. It's as false as popular in some quarters. The man or woman that marries another simply because of color is a dupe. If they can't marry whomsoever they wish to they are not free. If they object to marrying because one party is white or red or black, per se, they are not worthy of American citizenship and unqualified for social rights. Lux

#### A GREAT LEAGUE MEETING.

The Starkville District Epworth League and Sunday School Conference convened in the M. E. Church at Starkville August 26-30, 1896. On account of the absence of the Presiding Elder, Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

This Conference was looked forward to with unusual interest, for it was to be the beginning of a new era upon the District. Representatives from nineteen Leagues and all the pastors except three were present.

Two daily sessions were held, presided over by the different vice presidents. At night vast audiences listened to the sermons and exercises. From the welcome addresses delivered it was found out that Starkville, and especially our Methodism there, was to be given over to the Leaguers. Each day there could be seen in all portions of the city, young men and young women hastening on to church wearing an Epworth League badge, which commanded the respect of every one.

The delegations representing the various Leagues was of the best talent upon the District.

The papers read and addresses delivered showed careful preparation and were forcibly delivered.

The young people under the leadership of our wide-awake and indefatigable Presiding Elder are alive to every interest of the League and are doing a grand work for humanity and for Methodism.

Saturday night was a memorable night. Instead of the regular sermon, excellent papers were read by Misses Belle Hughes, E. L. Hughes, Alice Edwards, V. Clark, Mrs. P. Coleman. Messrs. Rogers, Ashford and Hartorn, after which Mrs. M. E. Ferguson, editress of the Chip Basket, read the gleanings of her paper to the hearty amusement of all present, giving to each Leaguer his chips in due season.

Sunday was truly Epworth League day. Sunrise prayer meeting opened the exercises. And it was evident that the Spirit was present, for later on, in the consecration meeting, lead by Sister Houston and the Presiding Elder, many persons testified their allegiance to the Cross of Calvary and the motto of the League. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. H. Everett preached an able sermon. At 3 p. m. Rev. N. L. Lackey, and at night Rev. G. Orange.

Too much cannot be said of, nor can too much praise be given Elder Ferguson for his untiring efforts and great success in League work upon the district. Having attended the Chattanooga Convention, he is prepared for the work. His splendid addresses manifest his interest and preparation. Fred. A. Bunton, Cor. Sec.

#### HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

To the Ministers and Members of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi:

The second Conference session of the above named District will meet at Abbeville, November 18, 1896. We expect all members to be present with full reports. Please remember that the seat of the Conference is four miles out from Abbeville at Providence M. E. Church. All the delegates will be conveyed out to the seat of the Conference. We will want every cent of Rust University collection. Pay over to Dr. Libby, at the District Conference. W. McDonald, P. E.

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#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Rev. Wm. Bartley, P. E., called the Houston District, of the Texas Conference, which was well attended, to order Wednesday morning, Sept. 16th, in our new church house at Orange, Texas. The Conference was organized by electing Rev. F. Parker secretary, with Revs. C. G. Curtis and Jas. I. Gilmore his assistants. Rev. J. F. Cozier was elected treasurer, with Rev. L. J. Hogan, assistant.

The regular committees were appointed and they did their work well. Presiding Elder, Bartley, reported as to the condition of the work under his charge, and his own work as P. E. His report showed that good revival meetings had been conducted in all the circuits and stations of the District with a large number of souls saved. The financial interest is being kept up as well as could be expected.

The pastors, local preachers, exhorters, District stewards presidents of Epworth Leagues, Sunday School superintendents and class leaders presented written reports of their respective work, which were encouraging.

Revs. F. Gary and W. B. Pullum were detained at home on account of their wives being sick, but sent in their reports. Rev. G. M. Stewart was not heard from. The literary programme was taken up each afternoon. The District Epworth League and Sunday School convention met in connection with the Conference. The ministers and delegates read well prepared papers on the subjects assigned them. Revs. M. W. Dogan, O. I. Jones, J. Perkins and A. Robinson were among the visitors.

Rev. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, spoke to the Conference in the interest of his work, as did Rev. O. I. Jones on Sunday School Work.

Revs. Jas. I. Gilmore and W. A. Parks were recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference and for orders. Resolutions were adopted in favor of a more extensive circulation of the Southwestern and endorsing the able manner in which its new editor is doing his work; also endorsing President Dogan and his work; and thanking the pastors and people for their cordial entertainment; the secretaries for their efficient services, and to Elder Bartley for his wise management of the Conference business. Revs. J. Jones, W. Hamilton, W. W. Brown, C. G. Curtis, O. I. Jones and F. Parker preached and several persons joined the church on probation. Rev. F. Parker was elected president of the Houston District League, and L. J. Hogan president of the Sunday School convention, with vice presidents and secretaries as provided for by the constitutions of these young people's societies.

Rev. Wm. Bartley dedicated our new church house at Orange to God in an impressive manner. Rev. Felder and his members are praised on the completion of their beautiful church. The collections taken during our stay in Orange amounted to \$52.15, which is considered good these hard times. The treasurer's report showed that \$506.00 had been raised on our benevolences. Liberty, Texas was selected to hold the next District Conference. Thus closed a prosperous session.

F. Parker, Secretary. Wm. Bartley, Presiding Elder.

The Griffin District Conference met at McDonough, Ga., July 2, 1896, Rev. J. B. Wragg, the progressive Presiding Elder of the District, in the chair. Rev. E. H. Oliver was elected secretary. All of the pastors on the District were present, and more than three-fourths of the other members answered to their names. More than \$300.00 had been raised for benevolent purposes on the District and the pastors better paid than ever before. About 500 souls happily converted and added to the church. Stirring resolutions were passed in the interest of the Southwestern, Clark University and the Freedman's Aid cause.

The Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, Rev. D. C. John, president of Clark University, and Rev. J. C. Murray, of Gammon Theological Seminary, were with us. Each of them made strong addresses, and we were made to see

clearer our relations to the different departments they represent. The Conference was greatly stimulated by the addresses and counsel of Rev. C. O. Fisher, D. D. Rev. J. P. Wragg is succeeding grandly on the District.

Sunday services, 11 a. m., E. H. Oliver; 3 p. m., R. B. Laster; 7:20, V. D. Jenkins; at the court house, Rev. E. E. Cosby. Under this sermon the sheriff was converted. It is said that McDonough never heard such preaching before. V. D. Jenkins, Reporter.

The Hot Springs District Conference convened at Center Point, Ark., September 17, 1896. The Presiding Elder being detained a few hours, Rev. M. H. Foster was elected president pro tem. G. N. Johnson, secretary; C. W. Whitehead assistant. The Presiding Elder arrived early enough to hold the evening session.

Mrs. Steele and Nelson, of Hot Springs, were quite helpful to the Conference in song service and taking subscription for the Southwestern.

G. N. Johnson made a strong appeal for the Southwestern, which resulted in fifteen subscribers to the paper.

Center Point is a pleasant little town nine miles from the railroad. (Nashville, Ark.) At this place is situated one of our best churches. The people are intelligent, work their own land, gin their own cotton and in many cases weave their own cloth. Their hospitality cannot be surpassed. Chickens, hogs, geese and turkeys abound. Miss Mary and E. A. Whitmore presented the writer with a fine turkey gobbler, which was highly appreciated. They also gave the cash for the Southwestern.

We will let you know how that turkey gobbler goes further on, girls. Our Presiding Elder is a wide-awake man to all the interests of the church. Rev. Whitehead, of Beardon, brought charges against him as being a dignified Christian gentleman, a fine executive officer, and an impartial presiding elder. The charges were sustained, but he was permitted to go on with his work.

M. H. Foster preached the opening sermon. Revs. Whitehead, Renfro, Johnson and Elza Roberts, the organizer of the church over twenty-six years ago, preached.

Among the many successful farmers of this community we name Ross Whitmore, Harvey Furgerson, Duckett Whitmore, the three Wesson brothers, Samuel Young and others. This is the place where Prof. Cox has been teaching two or more summers, hence the progress of the young people.

Rev. A. T. Stephens, the pastor, is doing a good work. His people love him. The reports show \$230 benevolence and 235 accessions to the church. The interests of Philander Smith College were looked after by the writer. Sunday was a feast of good things. The Presiding Elder, Rev. Renfro, and Rev. Johnson preached; six joined the church.

The Conference adjourned and the brethren returned to their work for the Master. G. N. Johnson, Sec.

The Little Rock District Conference convened in Ebenezer M. E. Church, Conway, Ark., from August 26th to August 29th, 1896, the Rev. W. O. Emory in the chair.

B. H. Johnson was elected secretary and J. W. Lewis assistant. All the ministers of the Conference were present but three.

The business of the Conference was conducted in order and with despatch. All the discussions on various subjects were free, friendly and to the point. The Presiding Elder made an inter-

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We do not care to say it just as Bishop Turner does, for his modes of expression are peculiar to himself. But if we are ever to make a truly representative paper of the Southwestern you must be more careful in the preparation of what you send us for publication. Some letters do not need correcting and pruning, but it requires more time to prepare those that do need it than it takes to write our editorials. Some we cannot read and consign to the waste basket; others we try to save to keep from breaking your heart. Learn to write or get some one to write for you. It's terrible!

Why do you not work for the success of the Southwestern? "Because I——" Stop, brother, you need not answer for fear you may not tell the truth.

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4. Be honest in all your dealings with the book concern, as you aim to be with your fellow-men.—Michigan Advocate.

We clip the above for the consideration of our territory; it is good advice, and some of our conferences might do well to adopt it.

Put aside five cents per week and you will save during the year money enough to pay for the Southwestern and some good secular paper besides.

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**THANK-OFFERING SUNDAY!**  
Our Debt. We Must Pay It.

Now, brothers, please hear us.

The secretaries of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society are not less interested in the payment of the debt of the Missionary Society than the Missionary Secretaries, and if the Missionary Society were to take the Freedmen's Aid collections or stop them to pay its obligations, it would menace its own usefulness. The great need of Missionary money in the South compels the two Societies to share their responsibilities.

The Freedman's Aid Society has waited patiently for the Missionary Society to make the first appeal and get its response, but all the while the Freedmen secretaries have been obliged to answer 'Yes' to the question of each of the bishops in the Fall conferences, "Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in the work of the ministry?" Is not the debt of \$200,000 or \$225,000 embarrassment enough to two Methodist preachers who have nothing except what they beg.

The Society can only stagger under such a load. Unless relieved it will lose its leadership in the South; close a number of its schools; recall the teachers; neglect the greatest Home Missionary movement of the Christian world. Let no such humiliation be whispered. It was the chosen honor of Wesley that his best service should be given to the lowliest poor. The poor in America will yet make many rich in Africa.

Please, brothers and sisters, ministers and laymen, hear us for our cause.

Every dollar of this indebtedness the present administration has inherited. It is the accumulation of a quarter of a century, but millions of dollars have been expended in the work of the Society during the time, and it now possesses property worth two millions of dollars.

Entire Conferences manned with a young and educated ministry have sprung up like magic: A whole race has been set to aspirations inspiring and uplifting. A war-smitten and embittered people are being revolutionized with Christian learning. The clouds have been crossed by many ascending martyrs, but heaven is many fold richer with saints in white, many of whom were once sinners in black.

The past quadrennium was devoted to searching inquiry in every school and in the office to know the obligations of the Society. It was found that the interest-bearing debt exacted more money each year than the sum of all the salaries now paid to the secretaries and all their employees added to the other expenses of the office. Retrenchment was begun on every hand. Rigid and even painful economy was practiced. Subsidies were suspended, and parts of salaries relinquished until the lowest living was reached. The collections of the Conferences, nevertheless, grew less continually.

As the debt is now equal to the debt of the Missionary Society, the secretaries have believed that when their appeal was made that the generous response would lift the mill-stone from their necks and permit them to accomplish a work in the South during the quadrennium worthy of the Church and the Society which has so much already to show for its toil and sacrifice during thirty years.

After having reduced the salaries of the teachers 25, 30 and 40 per cent, taken \$500 from the salaries of the employees in the office, the secretaries cheerfully agree to take \$1,000 from their own salaries toward paying the debt. They are now trying also to do with three men, what four men were required to do before the General Conference.

Every possible reduction having been made, and plans for such severe administration having been adopted, it only remains to ask all our united societies for help. After consultation, therefore, with the officers of the Freedman's Aid Society, all the bishops, and with the approval of all the Fall conferences, the secretaries now appeal to the entire Church to make an offering on the next Thanksgiving Sunday for the payment of the debt of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. They beg the pastors not to suffer this extra special collection to diminish the never more needed regular Freedman's Aid collection for the support of the schools.

The day has been selected which can be observed appropriately and in a patriotic manner to recognize something of the obligation which the nation owes to the people of African descent

and the poor and ignorant white persons scattered with them throughout the Southern States.

A new programme is now being prepared to be used by the Churches on this Thank-Offering Sunday, and envelopes for taking the collections are being printed, which will be furnished to pastors without cost if they will write to the office and state how many of each will be needed.

Whatsoever more ye shall approve by your letters, that will we send, to bring your liberality unto Cincinnati.

Now concerning the collection, furthermore, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you, to comfort us. Your brothers in bonds but as bound with you,

J. W. Hamilton,  
M. C. B. Mason.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Mrs. B. J. Jackson, who spent several days in the city, the guest of Presiding Elder and Mrs. Pierre Landry, has returned to her home at Schriever, La.

Rev. A. B. Camphor, B. D., a graduate of New Orleans University and Gammon Theological Seminary, is doing post graduate work in Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He is making a specialty of Church History and Sociology.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, of New York, the great church statistician of this country, says the Methodists are stronger in Delaware than all the other denominations combined. The Baptists have one-half of all the church members in Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi. The Methodists lead the 143 denominations with a membership of 4,589,284. and the Baptists come next with 3,712,468. The Baptists have over 300,000 members in Georgia and North Carolina, over 200,000 in Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Kentucky, and over 100,000 in Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and New York. This shows the Baptist strength to be largely in the South. The Methodists have over 200,000 in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

Bishop John J. Keane, who has for three years presided over the Catholic University of America, has been requested by the Pope to resign. The reason given is that it is not customary to allow those who preside over Catholic Universities to hold the office in perpetuity. Bishop Keane is to be elevated to the rank of archbishop, and is given his choice between remaining in this country or going to Rome, where the Pope lives. He resigns with apparent alacrity and asks to be permitted to remain in this country. His was a great position with plenty of money to sustain the work, and yet Bishop Keane says:

"I welcome my release from the office of rector of the University with profound gratitude, both to Divine Providence and to the Pope. While I always regarded its duties as a labor of love, they had grown to be far beyond my strength and abilities and the deliverance from the burden is a response to my many prayers."

Did you notice that we reported very many more than 100 subscribers for last week? Thank you, brethren, get all the annuals you can this Fall.

Isaac Fisher, of Tuskegee, writes us:

"Recently, Principal Washington, of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, gave the students and teachers an account of his labors in the North raising funds for the school. He impressed upon the students the necessity of their proving themselves worthy of the help which came to them by being thoroughly in earnest. One of our teachers has been employed by the school to go out among the graduates and undergraduates who are teaching and help them to organize conferences, educational clubs, etc."

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All annual subscriptions received between now and January 1 will be credited to January, 1898.

Let the pastors announce this offer in their pulpits and push the canvass to the utmost. No time of the year is so favorable as this.

There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

### Cash Remittances.

From October 5 to 12.

J O Pitts	Sandy Thompson
W O Bryant	A D Jones
O O Grifun	E L Wilson
Joe Johnson, 4	Gabe Felder
J F Marshall, 3	S A Cowan, 2
N H Spright, 3	J L Gibson, 3
A S Williams, 1	Arthur Hasdind
W G Deas, 1	J O Richards
A B Venable, 1	C L Logan
J W Turner, 1	H T Willett, 3
L G Adkinson	M H Viel, 4
E Foster, 1	John Tintson
A H Banks, 1	A N Jackson
G W Johnson	F H Benton
W W Green	J H Giles
Chas. Monroe	H J Wright, 1
J W Wimbush, 1	J M Brynn, 2
V D Jenkins, 2	J + Augustus
E B Edwards, 2	W M Latson
A J Pickett	Joe Vital
J H Rylander	Louis Kold
E Michaux, 1	J W Jackson, 1
Mrs L Amos	J E Beal
Thomas Thompson.	

### NOTICE.

South New Orleans District Conventions are called to meet for the pastors and delegates of the District. Commencing at Valence Street Monday night, October 26th.

Mullalien, Tuesday, 27th.

Williams Chapel, Wednesday, 28th.

Havens' Chapel, Thursday, 29th.

And closing at First Street with a grand love feast, October 30th. Pastors are called on business of importance.

C. Monroe, F. Walker, W. R. Butler, D. P. Price, Stephen Priestly, P. Landry, P. E., Committee.

Rev. Walter S. Chinn, graduate of Gannon Seminary, while awaiting the session of the Louisiana Conference, has engaged in the wood and coal business with his brother, F. T., Jr., and a Mr. Jones. Their card can be found in another column. The firm will promptly fill all orders.

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The American Line steamer Waesland, which arrived at Philadelphia last Sunday, landed the first detachment of a small Liberian exodus. Negroes who went out to try the milk and honey of Bishop Turner's Canaan, and who are hurrying back again. The milk and honey were not there. The party of returning Negroes included Taylor Swift, a farmer of Forest City, Ark., his wife Kate, his sons, Frank, Benny and George, and Mrs. Ada Scott, a widow. They came by the way of London, that being the only route home. Though they went to Liberia direct, from Charleston, S. C. A number of other Negroes came with them as far as Liverpool, but stranded there for want of money and will be sent home by the American consul.

They are sick and discouraged and most pitifully broken in spirit. They found themselves fooled by the government, roofless, hungry, and saw their numbers decimated by the miasma that spread over the land every night—the John Bull fever, as it is called.

"We were lled to, fooled, taken out there on contract between the emigration society and the Liberian government, just as the slaves were taken from Africa a hundred years ago," said Swift. "The country, oh, it would take too long to describe it. It's a hell; either get out or die. Three hundred and fifteen of us went out on the Laurada last spring and forty of them are dead already. The Horsa took out about 400 a year before. We didn't see them, and I heard half of them died with the fever. Other people said they were all dead. There was no way to earn a living or to get money."

Liberian emigration has been promoted by the International Emigration Society for four years past. The company has contracted to supply five thousand emigrants a year to government. The society has its offices at Birmingham, Ala.

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Centre Point, Ark.—Mr. Pickens Oldry to Miss Oren Walker, Sept. 25, at the home of the bride. Also, Mr. John Oldry to Miss Ida Scott, on Sept. 26, at the home of the bride. A. F. Stephens officiating.

Limestone Co., Ala.—At the residence of Joseph Kellogg, Esq., the Rev. Wesley Prettyman, M. D., Presiding Elder of Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference, and Miss Adella Peck. E. B. L. Elder officiating. (We offer congratulations; may you enjoy years of happiness.—Editor.)

### CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Greenville District:

Fourth Round.	October
Belld	10 11 Indianapolis..... 17 18
Greenville.....	24 25 Clarksdale..... 31, Nov. 1
	November.
Helen.....	7 8 Lula..... 14 15
Luman.....	18 19 Jonestown..... 21 22
Itta Bena and cir.....	28 31
	December.
Webb.....	5 6 Shelby..... 12 13
Monroe Bayou.....	14 15 Rutledge..... 16 17
Benolt.....	19 20 Arcola..... 22 22
	I. W. Davis, P. E.

#### Shubuta District.

Fourth Round.	October
Heidelberg.....	29 30 Ellisville..... 31, Nov. 1
	November.
Fstabntchee.....	3 Lumberton..... 4
McNeill.....	5 Hattiesburg..... 7 8
Angusta.....	7 8 Quitman..... 14 15
DeSoto.....	16 17 Shubuta cir..... 18
Waynesboro.....	19 20 State Line..... 21 22
Shubuta.....	24
	December.
Basin.....	3 Perkinson..... 5 6
Illoxi.....	8 9 Ocean Springs..... 10
Moss Point.....	12 13 Escatawpa..... 12 13
Henderson.....	15 Pass Christian..... 16
Bay St. Louis.....	18 Pearlinton..... 19 20
	J. M. Shumpert, P. E.

#### Alexandria District.

Fourth Round.	October
St. Peter.....	24 25 Glencoe & Island 25 26
Sorrell & Union.....	28 29 Herbertville..... 31, Nov. 1
	November.
Jaunette.....	1 2 Palmettoville..... 3
Olivier.....	4 Abbeville cir..... 6 11
Abbeville Mission.....	12 Cade & Breaux
St. Martinville.....	14 15 Bridge..... 17
New Iberia.....	15 16 Lafayette..... 18
Rayne & Crowley.....	19 Jennings & Welsh..... 20
Washington & Pless.....	21 22 Opelousa..... 22 23
ance.....	21 22 Mexia & Palmetto..... 24
Morrows.....	25 Cottonport..... 26
Boonville.....	28 29 Bunkie..... 29 30
	December.
Sunflower.....	4 Eola..... 5 6
Obeneville.....	6 7 Grand Cot & Ever..... 8
Lecompt & Spring.....	12 13 Lake Charles..... 19 20
Creek.....	21 Willow Glen and
Woodworth.....	26 27 Moreland..... 27 28
Alexandria.....	28 29
Pineville.....	27 28
	January.
Avoca & Regulettis.....	2 3
	S. E. H. Mount, P. E.

#### Vicksburg District.

Fourth Round.	October
Natchez.....	24 25 Harrison..... 31, Nov. 1
	November.
Glaster.....	5 6 Hamburg..... 7 8
Meadville.....	9 Union Church..... 14 15
Fayette.....	21 22 Bovina..... 26
Edwards.....	28 29
	December.
Belton.....	5 6 Vicksburg cir..... 12 13
Angulla.....	17 18 Cary..... 19 20
Vicksburg.....	26 27
	S. A. Cowan, P. E.

#### Pine Bluff District.

Fourth Round.	October
Warren.....	17 18 Jonesville..... 24 25
Monticello.....	31, Nov. 1
	November.
Dermott.....	7 8 Dumas..... 14 15
Tama.....	21 22 Avery..... 28 29
	December.
New Edinburg.....	5 6 Rison..... 12 13
Sweet Home.....	19 20 Hensley..... 24 25
Altheimer.....	26 27
	January.
Pine Bluff.....	2 3
	E. D. Spencer, P. E.

#### Houston District.

Fourth Round.	October
Yasoo City.....	24 25
Yasoo City cir.....	31, Nov. 1
	November.
Forest.....	4 Morton..... 5
Pelachahle.....	7 8 Clinton..... 11
Branden.....	14 15 Jackson..... 21 22
Madison.....	25 Canton & cir..... 28 29
	December.
Carthage.....	2 Reensath..... 5 6
Green Hill.....	12 13 Lake George..... 19 20
Benton.....	19 20
	J. C. Houston, P. E.

### As Others See Us.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1896.

My dear Prof. Chaffee:  
Among the most pleasant and vivid recollections of my three years of Oswego life, is your Institute, with its throngs of young people from everywhere, coming and going. Acquaintances there made have been renewed since in distant cities, where I had the pleasure of meeting your students. My own daughter, Florence May, since deceased, learned shorthand and typewriting in your school, and became one of the most expert workers in that line that I have ever employed. To her it was a joy to me a help beyond estimate. Quote me always as a friend to your institution, and an admirer of its sterling methods and successful results.

Fraternally yours,  
W. G. Chaffee, Oswego, N. Y., will cheerfully send circulars and a Free Lesson in Shorthand to any address.

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Thos. J. Glass, Estill, Mo.

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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS. (Continued from Third Page.)

esting report of his work which showed much needed improvement on several of the charges.

The benevolent collections up to date are in advance of last year. The drought in this section has cut off all the crops more than one-half. The pastors all reported their work as being spiritually alive. Several conversions and accessions were reported. There were no complaints or charges preferred against any of the local preachers.

The Sunday School and the Epworth received proper attention.

Conway is a most beautiful town. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Taylor, and his kind people deserve our unstinted they gave us. The Conference session was well attended by the citizens, who listened with interest to the proceedings. The lectures and addresses by the president, and Revs. W. H. Morris and W. R. R. Duncan on missions, B. J. Griffin and H. C. Dunlap on education, were instructive.

Resolutions — Strong resolutions were adopted in favor of a thorough canvass from house to house in the interest of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. All the local preachers are required to take the Southwestern. Also resolutions on education, temperance and complimentary resolutions to the pastor, his members and the citizens of Conway. The Presiding elder and secretaries were passed. The public collections were extra good. The next District Conference will be held at White Chapel, M. E. Church, Little Rock, Ark. Our own Dr. Emory makes a good presiding officer. B. H. Johnson, Secretary.

The third annual session of the St. Joseph District, Central Missouri Conference, assembled in Lewis Chapel, Glasgow, Mo., August 26, 1896, with Rev. J. J. Clark, Presiding Elder, presiding. The roll was called and nearly forty pastors and delegates responded after which Wm. H. Wheeler was re-elected secretary, with Rev. O. A. Johnson assistant. The Conference was highly favored by the presence of several distinguished visitors, viz: Revs. George W. Reeves, Presiding Elder Hannibal District; Richard Davis, of Kansas City District; J. S. Craven, of Hannibal District, and others. Reports from Presiding Elders, pastors and all were very encouraging, and demonstrated a general prosperity throughout the District. Presiding Elder Clark reported, with other things, twenty-five church buildings, valued at \$26,150; nine parsonages, at \$3,150; 1,650 members, and 1,000 Sunday School children. Prof. P. M. Carson, Glasgow, delivered the welcome address, and Rev. Henry, South Fayette, Mo., responded on behalf of the Conference. Both speeches were pointed and well worded, also beneficial and favorably received. The following brethren were granted license to preach: Mack Adams, Levi Miller, Jack Evans, Joseph Gosling, Harry Scott, Isaac Locke, Roehal B. Williams and Geo. Williams. Prof. Christopher Hubbard, a recent graduate of

Lincoln Institute, and Mr. G. W. Griffin, a student of Kansas High School, electrified the Conference with eloquent and intelligent speeches. Strong and helpful sermons and instructive papers were enjoyed during the session. Prof. H. L. Billups, H. S., of Geo. R. Smith College, spoke in behalf of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society Saturday evening, to a large and appreciative audience. All went away well pleased and deeply impressed. The weather was excellent. It is conceded by those best able to judge that the session in many respects surpasses any of the previous ones. The pastor, church and friends deserve great credit for the royal and hospitable manner in which they entertained the Conference. Richmond, Mo., is the seat of next District Conference. Wm. H. Wheeler.

### FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

#### IOWA DISTRICT.

To Pastors, Local Preachers, Exhorters, Sunday School Superintendents, and Benevolent Committees:

Dear Brethren and Sisters: By the action of the last General Conference we are now in the Iowa District of the Central Missouri Conference, which meets in Kansas City next spring, and the Bishop and Conference will all be eager to hear our reports as new comers. Let us see to it that we have no blanks. Let us raise our full share of everything. Let us begin at once. We have a short year—six months long. Our quarterly meetings will be Alpha and Omega. Count on me in your revival meeting. Let me know in time. Pastors, call your committees together. Put everybody to work. There are one hundred thousand colored people in the bands of our district. Let us go into the harvest. Jesus is willing and waiting to help us. Our members are coming Northwest all the time. Let us gather them into classes; the field is white already for harvest. Pastors, see to it that our New Discipline and our church paper go into every Methodist family. Push the canvass for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Send to Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor, 631 Poydras street New Orleans, La., for sample copies. Write me for information. God has called us to a great work. Your Brother, Wm. R. Wilson, Presiding Elder, 422 South 24th Ave., Omaha, Neb.

#### GREENVILLE DISTRICT, S. C.

Dear Brother: Please notice the date of your fourth Quarterly Conference for 1896. Give out the notice at each of your churches and see that your local preachers, exhorters, Sunday School superintendents, presidents of Epworth Leagues, class leaders and stewards have their reports written. Let each member of your charge be seen by his or her leader, and urge that all pay their quarterly assessments. The stewards must report under the 8th question, all monies collected during the quarter for all purposes except for ministerial support, and under the 12th question they must report the amounts paid on pastor's support. Be sure that you faithfully and plainly state to the people all the

claims for benevolent purposes, and report to the Quarterly Conference all that has been collected. Urge the members to subscribe to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Each local preacher and Sunday School superintendent must take the paper, and all other officers must be urged to take it. Report number of conversions during the quarter.

J. A. Brown, P. E.

#### WESTERN DISTRICT, N. C.

The District stewards will meet in Hickory on the 7th of October. The pastors will please secure at least ten new subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Please collect the three largest collections: Missions, Freedman's Aid and Church Extension, and be sure to have a revival in all the charges. Yours in Christ,

R. Smith, P. E.

Hickory, N. C., P. O. Box 42.

#### ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: We are about starting on the fourth round. I have good reason to believe that you have been successful on all lines of service. I trust you have been earnest and successful as to the benevolent claims of the church. I would kindly advise that you raise as much as possible on those claims before the meeting of the District Conference, as at it you will report all that you have done on that line. Please forward all that you raise for the Freedman's Aid and the Southern Educational Society to Dr. Libbey, president, Rust University, and as it is in great need of aid, you will collect and remit for its benefit as rapidly as possible. And again, brethren, what are you doing for the Southwestern? I know that you left our last Annual Conference to do more in the way of obtaining subscribers for it than ever before, and as the opportune time to work for it is now here, you must now try to accomplish in its behalf what you promised to do. At our District Conference each pastor will be required to report the number of subscribers obtained. Affectionately yours,

H. R. Revels, P. E.

#### NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

We have been granted rates on the Houston and Texas Central railroad to the District Conference to be held in Navasota October 14th. Rates: Of one fare and third for the round trip on what is known as the certificate plan. Ask for rates on purchasing tickets to the District Conference. The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad has also granted us rates both on the main lines and branch roads. Your tickets must be purchased the 13th and 14th. Let all of the members come in on time. Let each pastor report in full all his money, if possible. Don't fail to bring money and your vouchers. W. L. Duncan, P. E.

P. S. We shall have our New Disciplines and Hymnals on hand. Come prepared to get one of each.

#### IOWA DISTRICT.

First round of quarterly meetings: Springfield, Pittsfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Port Madison and Keokuk, Lincoln, Omaha, Des Moines, Oskaola. Much is expected of us this year, so let us make a full report on year, so let us make a full proof of our calling. It is our work that will recommend us. Let us be up and at it. I hope to be of service to you in your revival work this winter, so plan early and begin at once for a good harvest of souls. Keep me posted as to the condition of things. I am your brother, Wm. E. Wilson, P. E.

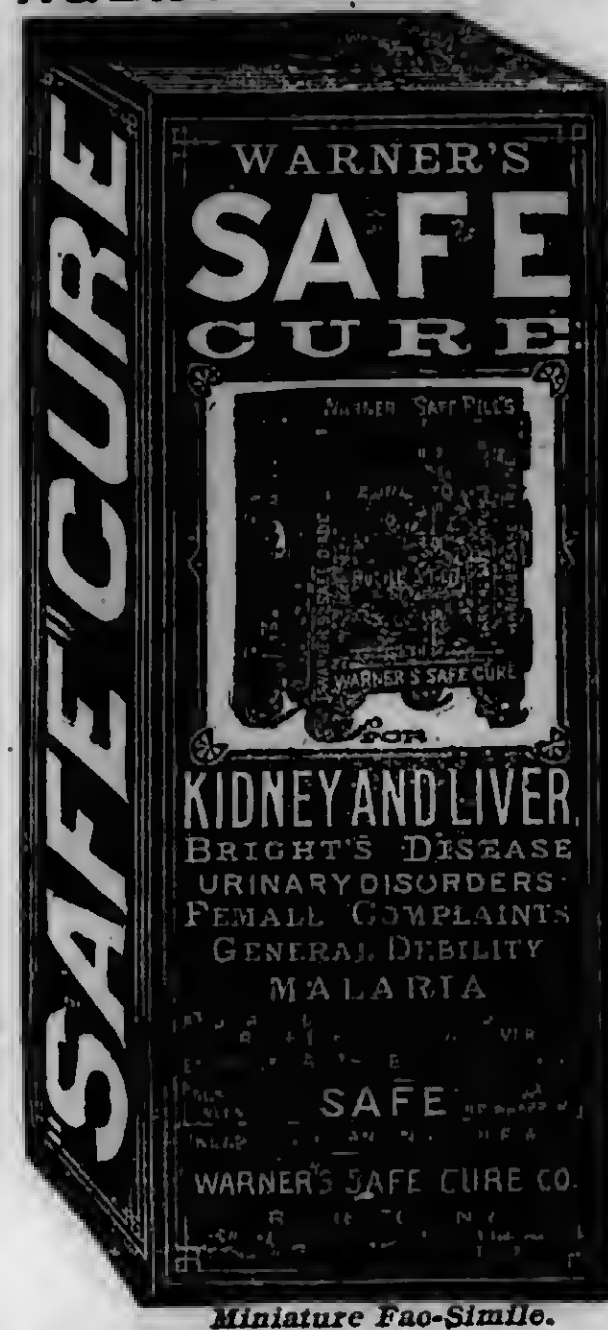
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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 1896.

## THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.

Prov. 1: 1-19.

Golden Text—"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (Prov. 1:10).

Introduction, (verses 1-6). There are about one thousand proverbs in this book. It is likely the son of David wrote less than seven hundred of them. They are called the "Proverbs of Solomon" because he composed more of them than did any other person. Proverbs are comparisons or similes. They are short pithy sayings, that express a practical truth. Solomon's training, knowledge, office and experience made him the most suitable person in all the world, at that time, to teach in proverbs. Jesus spoke in parables which were proverbs expanded.

By wisdom we see the best results of life and labor to secure the same. In this book, it means "intelligent piety". Instruction is knowledge imparted to others. No one can teach what he does not know. We must possess before we can impart. It is our duty to receive instruction in wisdom or godliness, in justice or uprightness, in judgment or discernment, and in equity or impartiality. Practical and experimental godliness are taught in the Word of God.

The object of the proverbs are, first, to "give subtilty" or refinement, to the simple. Not to the feeble minded, but to those who are plain in their manners,—who are not too wise to be taught. And secondly, to bestow upon "young men" the power of discretion. Many of this class see abundance of ability in themselves. Those are not likely to be benefitted by the wise sayings of this book. Knowledge is gained only by those who realize their need, and put forth effort to secure it.

The wise man will hear. He will go to the place where knowledge is imparted, give earnest attention to the facts presented, and faithfully consider them for his own and other people's benefit. We should assemble with the people of God, pay reverent attention to all that is done in His house, and labor to be benefitted by every part of His Word.

The wise man will increase in knowledge. He will be constantly adding to the amount of information on hand. He will gain by thoughts of sensation and ideas of reflection. We should "give all diligence to add to our faith virtue." We should "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We should increase "in favor with God and man."

The wise man will impart knowledge. He will not be a miser in thought but will give to others the benefit of his information. He knows what to say, when to speak, and how to express thought. We should not conceal the gifts of God, but should tell to others what great things He has done for us.

Knowledge. (7-9). The Lord is a personal character. He has revealed Himself to us through His works names and attributes. We cannot in this life know Him personally, yet we are exhorted to become acquainted with Him, and be at peace, so good may come unto us. He is our Creator, Benefactor, Redeemer. If we see only His love we may presume on His goodness and perish, and if we behold His justice, only, we may be driven from Him and die. If we know Him as a Spirit, without body, form and parts, we will never worship idols. Correct conceptions of Him has much to do with our devotions.

This knowledge is to be taught to the children. Fathers and mothers are the proper persons to give this instruction. They should teach by precept and example. Know the way of life and walk therein. Exhort their children to follow them as they follow the Master. They should be constantly instilling into the child's mind the doctrines of the Bible. Parents have

In every age neglected this duty. The Sunday School was created to supply as far as possible this neglect. It was a child of necessity.

This knowledge is ornamental. It is like a diadem upon the head, and chains about the neck. To clothe the mind with knowledge and the soul with Christian grace, is like adorning the body in bright colors and bedecking it with costly jewels. There should be sould pride just as there is body pride.

Enticement. (10-19). No class of people is free from temptation. All are tried. The young are more likely to be overtaken in faults than the old. Those who have strongest inclinations to certain vices are most likely to fall. Sometimes temptations arise from without, at other times from within. We are no stronger than the weakest point of our character. There is a desire on the part of almost every class to make others like themselves. The good labor to make the world better, and the bad strive to make it worse. The motive that prompts, and the result of the deed, should govern the choice. Satan tempts to be avenged on God, to glorify self, and to ruin man. Sinners entice to get revenge and secure spoils. In every invitation to evil there is a promise to better the condition of the one tried. Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if he would fall down and worship him. There is a better way than that in which sinners walk. It is the path of faith, prayer, love, and peace. It is the high, holy, safe, and happy way.

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MoComb City Accommodation.	
No. 31..... 9:35 am	No. 32..... 5:15
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.	
No. 5, Memphis Express..... 11:33 am	No. 6, Memphis press..... 4:00 p.m.
No. 21, Vicksburg express..... 5:30 p.m.	Vicksburg express..... 8:10 a.m.
No. 33, Baton Rouge acc..... 10:00 a.m.	No. 34, Baton Rouge acc..... 3:15 p.m.
Louisville and Nashville.	
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No. 7, coast acc..... 8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex..... 9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex..... 6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc..... 3:30 pm
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Sunday ex..... 9:30 pm	Sunday ex..... 7:50 am
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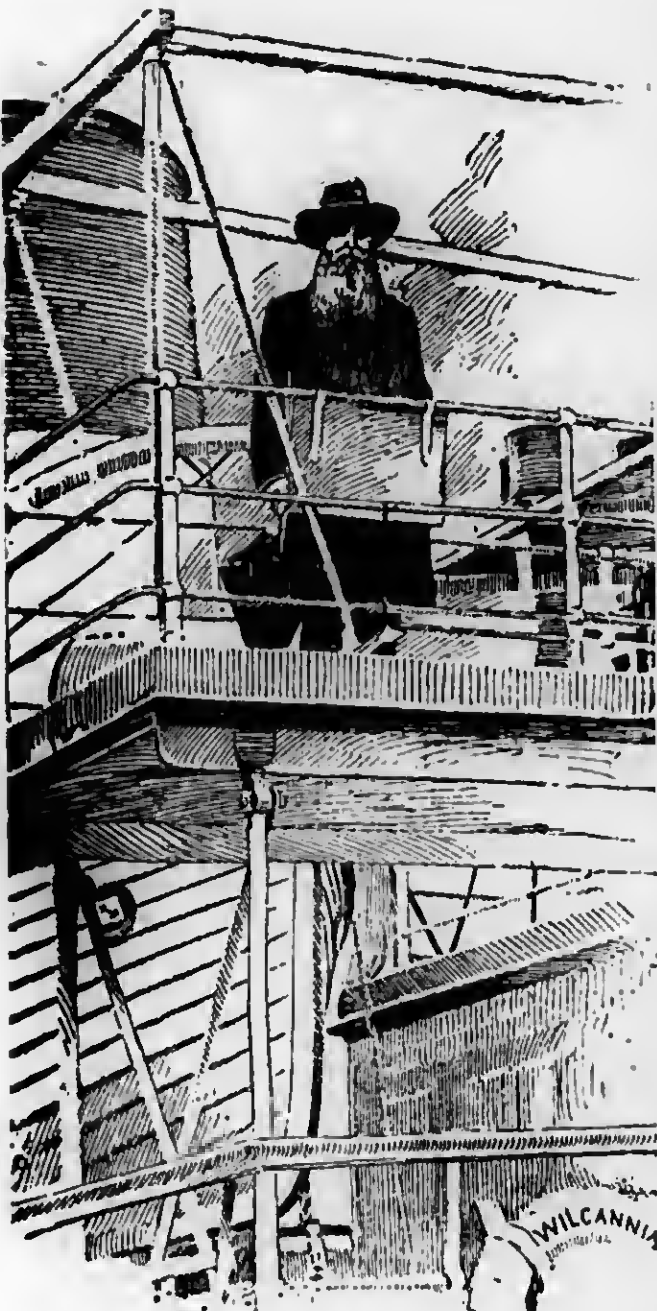
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The scene was affecting. It was a rainy summer morning. The shipping of many nations lay spread around the bay. The Wilcannia was not a great steamer, but was what they call a "tramp." She was not like the Campania or Lucania, in which thousands of the rich and happy sail away on voyages of pleasure to the Old World. The Wilcannia was only a small merchant ship, but the Modern Paul had found her as if in waiting for him.



In 1895 Bishop Taylor came home from the country of the Congo, where he had been planting missions and began the publication of the Story of My Life. The work is issued in a large illustrated octavo volume by the Methodist Book Concern, New York. In this work the bishop was engaged until the meeting of the General Conference at Cleveland. That body, judging from the bishop's advanced age, declared him "ineffective," as it related to Episcopal work. He was retired from duty, but he is one of those unconquerable spirits who know not the meaning of relief from duty or even a brief vacation. He must travel on and work on to the end of his days. Having finished the Story of My Life and left it as his legacy to after times, he turned quickly and with the eagerness of youth to his future field of labor. It sounds strangely to speak of a "future field of labor" for a man already seventy-five years of age. But William Taylor knows neither age nor decrepitude. He made his plans as speedily as possible, and, having found his little room on the steamer, he bid farewell to his friends. His aged wife parted from him and went ashore; so also his son and a few faithful friends who had gone with him to the ship. Then the vessel drew off into the bay, having as her solitary passenger one of the most remarkable men of modern times.

After several weeks the veteran was heard from. At the Cape Verd Is-

lands the Wilcannia stopped and the bishop sent back a letter.

Late in August, the Wilcannia arrived safely at Cape Town. Bishop Taylor made haste to reach his destination among the Wesleyan Missions in Kaffraria. No young evangelist ever sought his field with more eagerness and delight. This had been the favorite work of William Taylor thirty years ago. Then he was in his prime; now he is in old age, but he is there, preaching as of old to the Kaffirs. Nothing like it has been witnessed in personal annals since the days of the apostles!

William Taylor has written and published and left behind him in America the Story of My Life. It is his record. The book is by far the most interesting and wonderful account of missionary labors and adventure ever penned or published. The work is a living transcript of a character destined to survive for times and ages to come. If the gospel be an eternal message to men, the story of Bishop Taylor's life and work will be carried along on the stream of Christian history and tradition until the book shows in the possession a recognition of the worth of a great life that has given itself without reserve to the cause of God and humanity.

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#### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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Minturn, Ark.—Bro Wm. Sherrill departed this life Sept. 14 aged 71 years. He died in the faith, and leaves a host of children to mourn his death. A. T. Stephens, Pastor.

Lovelady, Tex.—Mr Charley Baker died Sept. 28th. I am sorry to say he was not a member of any church, but his wife and daughters are members of the M. E. Church. He is in God's hands. E. Halliday, Pastor.

Stonehamville.—Sister Harriet Moore, one of the oldest members of the church here, died on Sept. 4th, after a few months illness, aged 83 years. He was a faithful Christian. R. Williams, Pastor.

Haven Circuit.—Sister Annie E. Bell, wife of Rev. L. J. S. Bell, of Haven Circuit, departed this life Sept. 17. She was a devout, earnest and consistent Christian. She traveled with her husband wherever the bishops appointed him; and all enjoyed her many Christian virtues. She had been appointed matron of the Industrial department of Meridian Academy. At the opening of the Academy on the 21st ult., the trustees expressed their condolence by appropriate resolution. Sister Bell leaves a husband, four children and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. A. M. Trotter.

Crystal Springs, Miss.—Jane, wife of Rev. Haney May, our pastor at this place, is no more. She paid death's claim September 17th, in full faith in Christ. She was surely and truly one of the best ministers' wives in the Mississippi Conference, and was known by a great many people in the Brookhaven and Shobuta districts as the "pastor's model wife." She was born in North Carolina, August 30, 1848, and was 48 years and 8 days at the time of her death. She was married to Rev. H. May, November 18, 1867, and joined the M. E. Church, South November 19, 1868. She was thus twenty-eight years doing work for the Lord. She lost her health at Handsboro, Miss., in 1893. In 1895, the doctor advised her to leave the coast, so the last Conference sent them to Crystal Springs, and for a while it seemed to be for the better, but a change came, and she was too weak to stand it. She now rests from her labors, and her works do follow her. The writer, with all the ministers in town, attended her funeral Tuesday evening. Nearly one hundred of her relatives and a host of friends followed to her last resting place. I. L. Pratt.

Whereas, God has taken from among the living the Revs. Emperor Williams and James W. Hud-

son, one, the last of the fathers, who gave more than thirty years actual service in promulgating the tenets of the great Onch who's apostle he was, who labored incessantly for its every advancement, exemplifying the truths as profoundly uttered by him, both in the pulpit and private conversations, by an unspotted Christian life which enabled him to say to a fellow-minister, "Tell all good-bye, I am going home to meet me there," just before the last vital spark was extinguished and Emperor Williams was no more; the other, falling from that class which gave to the Louisiana Conference an Albert and a Landry, has long since taken front rank in advancing the cause of Christ and spreading the dominion of Methodism in our State; and

Whence, Both, Revs. Williams and Hudson, have served acceptably as pastors of this church; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Simpson Chapel, mourn the demise of these good men, and recommend their lives to coming generations for emulation and inspiration to deeds of nobleness in the work of the Master.

Resolved, That we send assurances of our sincere condolences and profound sympathy to their respective families.

Committee: D. S. Sloan, Chairman, E. C. Daman, H. T. Johnson, Secretary, and others in Simpson Chapel

#### Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

##### PART II.

Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter. Nov. 19.....Ninety Southern German, Cibola, Tex., Nov. 26.....Ninety West Texas, Cremo, Tex., Dec. 2.....Ninety Austin, Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10.....Ninety Texas, Paris, Tex., Dec. 16.....Ninety

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## JUST OBEY.

Do as you are told to do  
By those wiser far than you;  
Do not say,  
"What the use of this may be  
I am sure I cannot see.  
Just obey!"

Do not sulk and do not sigh,  
Though it seems in vain to try;  
Work away!  
All the needs you cannot see;  
Do your duty faithfully—  
Just obey!

When at length you want to know  
Why 'twas ordered thus and so,  
You will say,  
"Glad am I that, when to me  
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The Tennessee Conference assembles at Memphis this week. Bishop Mallieu presiding.

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"World-Wide Missions" and "The Gospel in All Lands," have been consolidated. This means the absorption of "World-Wide Missions." We are sure we shall miss it.

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We regret that in our effort to say last week that the Southwestern at \$1.25 for fifteen months is less than 2 cents per week, the printer made us say less than 10 cents per week.

We desire to say we have a feeling that it would be a great relief to the whole church if Bishop Vincent would publish to the world just what he did say regarding the humanity of Christ that caused such serious misapprehension on the part of those who published the matter.

If the speeches made in love feast and class-meeting were as effective for good as those made on the streets, often by the same persons, are productive of bad, those meetings would be great powers to save men.

The Alcorn Lever says: "Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Holly Springs, Miss., who has been at the head of the Commercial Department of Rust University some years, has been promoted in the same institution to the head of the Natural Science Department."

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

In going to the session of the East Tennessee Conference at Cleveland, Tenn., we confess we were the least bit curious to see the church and congregation that were the unintentional cause of so much annoyance to Bishop Joyce some months ago. The little church still stands on the hill and the people are there, too, and also a vivid recollection of the brave Bishop who, according to the testimony of Rev. G. W. Zeigler and other prominent men of the Conference, never quailed nor did he take one backward step; but right in the face of the fierce criticisms showered upon him from all sides went bravely on in the performance of what he conceived to be his duty to the Negro membership of the church. All honor to him!

President Hill had on exhibition the plans of the new building he is making an effort to erect at Morristown. He expects a large attendance this year.

The city of Morristown gives the school a supply of water free of cost. This is another evidence of the fact that the Southern people are beginning to appreciate more and more the work being done by our schools.

What we saw of Dr. Bowen's work at the North Carolina Conference and Dr. Thirkield's at this, settles in our mind that the Gaimmon Theological Seminary is going to be thoroughly advertised; that it is going to be more and more helpful to the brethren in our Conferences; that no young man who desires need fail to secure the proper training for the ministry, and that it will not be many years till our Southern Conferences will begin to refuse to receive young men who have not had at least some training for the ministry. "Forewarned is forearmed."

Bishop Mallieu captured the brethren bag and baggage without making the least effort to do so. It seems however it could not be otherwise for he is interested in everything that interests them, which any set of men with common sense must appreciate. Nothing escaped his attention, church work, benevolent causes, book concern interests, each and all passed in its turn in review. On Sunday he preached a sermon that swept the congregation like a storm and left all melted in tears. We never saw him more fully wrought up, nor a congregation that hung more completely on every word uttered by a speaker. As is the Bishop's custom, sinners were invited for prayer and many took advantage of the opportunity. The sermon was a great one, and years will elapse before it is effaced from the memory of those whose good fortune it was to hear it.

The editor of this paper preached in the afternoon and Rev. W. T. Marley at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, who was in Cleveland attending the Holston Conference, was at our church Sunday morning to hear the Bishop preach, as were many other white friends.

In Chattanooga we had the pleasure of looking through our Wiley Memorial Church which is rapidly approaching completion under the skillful pastorate of Rev. G. W. Zeigler. It is a magnificent brick structure, a credit to our people and the city as well. They raised a thousand dollars in two efforts; then called on the Church Extension Society for assistance, which of course they got. They helped themselves first.

It affords us pleasure to say we have never seen a greater number of people happy over the return of a pastor than we saw on the return of Bro. Zeigler to Chattanooga. For the few hours we were in the city they came to the parsonage and expressed their delight in every conceivable manner.

An incident of the Conference that was really refreshing was to see the interest taken in the effort to raise something on the debt of the Freedman's Aid Society. The Bishop not only allowed

this matter to be brought up but took an active interest in everything said and done about it, as he does in every other enterprise of the church. Dr. Thirkield and the editor of this paper explained Dr. Mason's great scheme to raise \$100,000 during the quadrennium by means of subscriptions of \$2.00 or more to be paid in four annual installments, payment to be made on each January 1st. After their addresses there was raised in subscriptions and cash nearly \$1,000. The largest amount, \$100, was subscribed by Mrs. Lovell, of Chattanooga, who paid her first installment at once. She is a prominent and intelligent member of Wiley Memorial Church and is greatly interested in the Freedman's Aid Society. The Conference means business and the Society will hear from them.

## THE TWO FACTIONS HAVE HARMONIZED.

We are greatly interested in the trend of political affairs in this country, as we think every good citizen should be. Politics in this state has been so mixed that we concluded we could not consistently, as a religious journal, side with either of the Republican factions.

The "Regulars" on the one hand and the "Nationals," headed by the sugar planters on the other, have for months been struggling for recognition by the National Committee, and hence for supremacy in Louisiana Republican politics. The National Executive Committee has been friendly to both, but refused to recognize any plan for harmony that did not give the Negro full recognition. These matters have stood for weeks and even months. Meanwhile, each faction nominated its Congressional candidates and its electoral ticket.

These two factions talked harmony and fusion till the very last day allowed to effect a compromise, and then at the last moment, and if the Secretary of State be correct, we should say after the last moment, they have come together. The Nationals surrendered their electoral ticket and the Regulars their congressional candidates. A committee was at once sent to Baton Rouge to have the official record changed to agree with the terms of the compromise, but the Secretary of State said they were too late by seven days. However, we judge this will not prevent their voting as they have agreed.

To our mind, it is an exceedingly desirable thing to have these two contending factions united in the great political struggle which is now going on in the State.

The sugar planters of Louisiana are evidently men of influence and large means. If they represent the whole of the great sugar interests in the State, as we learn they really do, then there is no denying the fact that they are a power. All they need to elect their congressman is to poll the full strength of the united party and then get a fair count. Count—fair count, did we say? There is the rub! And yet who can tell. This city is largely in favor of the triumph of sound money, and the planters evidently have much influence in the country. Hence it looks as though there ought to be a fair expression of the will of the people, however it goes. But what with hundreds of voters who stand ready to be corrupted and the faulty mathematical training of those who are to do the counting, the result is exceedingly uncertain to say the least.

However matters may go, we are glad to see issues involved in the forthcoming election that for the time being cause the old cry of Negro domination to cease and unite men regardless of race on one side or the other of the great questions before the country.

Our people in Mississippi are preparing to take part in the Exposition to be held in Jackson.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE AMONG  
THE COLORED PEOPLE OF THE  
M. E. CHURCH IN THE  
SOUTH.

J. L. Grice, A. B., B. D.

The Epworth League was formed in Cleveland, O., May 14 and 15, 1889, by the earnest, energetic and Christian representatives of five Methodist Young People's Societies that saw the need, and being greatly prompted by the Spirit, wrought into existence the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has most assuredly proved to be already, a phenomenal blessing to the great church of which we are proud to be a part.

Martin Luther, of Eisleben, Germany, a man of whom it has been well said: "Was a genius in whom was found the rarest combination of all the gifts and qualities of spirit, mind, character, and will, requisite to a great work." He was the bold originator and leader of the German Reformation of 1520, or the 16th century, and who declared that "the just shall live by faith."

Out of which doctrine has come the well known Lutheran Church that is carrying on to-day, not only a great work for Christ and His Kingdom in European countries but also on this side of the great Atlantic.

In German Switzerland, the reformation was started successfully by Ulrich Zwingli, who was a pupil of the learned humanist, Thomas Wyttenbach, in Basil.

He began his reformation in German Switzerland, almost simultaneously with Luther. He certainly caught the spiritual zeal and fire from the great German reformer, who, in 1520, became the master of real Christianity in Germany.

The origin of Methodism is not by any means difficult to trace. John Wesley, in 1729, led half a dozen young gentlemen at Oxford University, began his great work for the conversion of men by reading the New Testament in Greek.

What Germany will ever owe as a debt of gratitude to Martin Luther, what German Switzerland will ever owe as a debt of gratitude to Ulrich Zwingli, what both Europe and America will ever owe as a debt of gratitude to John Wesley, the American members of the Methodist Episcopal Church will always owe as a debt of gratitude to the few, faithful representatives of the grand old church for having met at Cleveland, O., May 14 and 15, 1889, and there gave to Methodism and this beautiful country of ours the Epworth League movement, with its grand, well chosen motto: "Look up, lift up."

Its object is most elegantly stated in these words of the League Handbook. "The object of the League is to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young members and friends of the church, to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and in constant growth in grace, and to train them in works of mercy and help." The object of the League certainly meets the long-felt want and need of our young people beyond the shadow of a doubt.

It is almost needless to say here that the church of to-day is calling more earnestly than before, and on every hand, too, for intelligent, pious and devout, loyal young men and women to carry on the great work of the Master that the lost may be found and saved from their sins.

The Macedonian cry is heard no less to-day than in the past; all through the South as elsewhere we hear, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Indeed, the South is the modern Macedonia. The pious and learned Apostle Paul to the Gentiles answered the call in his day. Can we then well afford to fail to answer such a call in our day? God forbid it now and ever.

The pious, intelligent, loyal, well disciplined young people of the church to-day must take the lead and bring the church to that high and better elevated plane of Christian perfection in order that superstition, witchcraft, vague and peculiar ideas of religion and even fogyism that were once very common and not altogether, by any means, given up yet, by some of the worshippers at her altar, may have no more place in her to retard the onward march she is still rapidly making in this the nineteenth century. She desires to have all things ready in order

to answer the second call, namely: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him."

It progresses already, among our people in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. In these States, there are more than 241 Methodist Episcopal Churches, 263,000 colored members of the church, 1,240 Epworth League Chapters and 112 Junior Leagues.

This growth has been within just the past few years. What will the next decade reveal? More time, earnest work, sacrifice, intelligence, and personal consecration to God will reveal astounding figures for the Epworth League movement among our people, judging by the past few years.

Again, the Epworth League has in no small measure assisted the preacher in the promotion of strong and successful revivals from time to time in his church. It has often given him fresh inspiration to perform his work, though arduous, and in a difficult field. It has removed thick and dark clouds very often from his spiritual sky when the exercise of faith in the promises of God was much wanting on his part. It has aided the Sunday school superintendent in no little degree to extend his borders in Sunday school work.

The little children of poor parentage have been sought and provided for as well as circumstances in many instances would allow and brought into our Sunday schools by the personal and united efforts of League workers in the South.

The aged, the stranger, the poor and the sick of the church and community have been visited and their homes made cheerful and pleasant by League workers reading some portion of God's word, and offering fervent prayers, and extending the helping hand to the poor and needy.

To care for the helpless and dependents in such a way as this by League workers, is a thing which merits high commendation by the Christian world. God is in our League movement and for this reason, if no other, success will always follow her labors as of the past.

What it is still destined to do in the future for our churches.

Our seventeen conferences cover an immense territory. In many places in these conferences the Epworth League movement, we regret to say, is yet unorganized.

Our presiding elders, and pastors, who have done but little in the past in the direction of organizing Epworth League Chapters everywhere on their districts and charges will unquestionably see the importance of going to work immediately and have Epworth League Chapters planted in every undeveloped place within their territory.

Brothers, let us remember, too, that this is a duty incumbent upon all of us, made so by the discipline of the church, to see that as much thought and interest be given to the Epworth League movement as to any other feature of Methodism that demands our attention.

The League movement is destined to cover every undeveloped place of our conferences, and that in no distant day. It is going to march on successfully like Christianity in the time of Christ's apostles from Jerusalem to every part of the world. It is going to spread itself like the story ever memorable of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer, who added a new hemisphere to our globe. This accomplishment is possibly on every tongue to-day, and is still spreading and marching on as fresh now as it did when first told to the world.

Great possibilities are before us to make the League movement a greater blessing to the young people of our church throughout the South than ever before.

The spirit that aided Paul in all his undertakings to spread the Gospel of the Son of God to the Gentile world, and that offered him great faith and strength in bringing the Gentiles into fellowship with Christ and joint-heirs with Him to the heavenly inheritance: the spirit that caused Joshua and Caleb to lead the dismayed and doubtful people against the strong and gigantic nations that had no right to the promised land, ought always be manifested in us to perform such duties as will enlighten, elevate and help those about us whose opportunities have not been as favorable as ours.

There are helps that all of our ministers should have for the organization

and better perfecting Epworth League Chapters all over the territory, covered by our seventeen conferences. A professional man can get along no more without his books and papers than the blacksmith, or carpenter, without his tools.

The helps that have been published are these, namely: "Epworth League Handbook," "Epworth League Bible Studies," "Cordial Welcome," "League at Work Series," "The Epworth Herald," the official organ of the Epworth and Junior Leagues, edited by the very able Dr. Joseph E. Berry; "The Epworth League four pages," "Constitution for Local Chapters," "By-Laws and Hints Concerning Organization," "Prayer-Meeting Topics," and others.

Let our ministers avail themselves of these helps as soon as possible if they have not done so already. They can be bought for reasonable figures at our book concerns.

May we gain much additional knowledge and strength from the League books, leaflets and papers to do more in the way of organizing league chapters on our charges, so that the young people of our church may become active members, and also become more intelligent, and better informed in Methodism, and more pious and loyal to their church.

Let the League movement be pushed to the front everywhere with greater zeal, life and activity. May the Lord help us.

## THE ROUND-UP.

October will be the round-up of the debt paying campaign. There can be no valid excuse for any pastor who fails. No matter how poor his people may be or what other financial obligations may be upon them, a certain portion of this debt is theirs, and they have the opportunity to do their part. If the cause is fairly presented by the pastor, the people will respond, notwithstanding their poverty or other burdens that may be upon them. This fact is abundantly demonstrated by hundreds of charges in which the collection has already been taken. Many complaints have reached the Missionary office made by members against pastors who have not given their people a chance. Here is a specimen, inclosing a sum of money unaccompanied by a signature:

Sirs: Inclosed you will find \$1.00 to apply on the missionary debt. Our preacher did not take the collection. From a woman who would gladly give more had she the means. Numerous other letters of like import have reached the office. Besides, not a few of the delinquents are pastors of strong churches which could give largely if they were asked. Brother Pastor, once more we appeal to you to come to the aid of the Missionary Society in this time of need. Set apart, another Sunday, for this purpose, give your people due notice, take the collection, and send it immediately to the Missionary office, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, so that it may reach the treasury before the close of the fiscal year, October 31.

A. B. Leonard.

## WILEY UNIVERSITY.

It is indeed remarkable how uncertain we are as to the future of any enterprise, until the actual realities are presented to us. During the entire summer, after the change of the administration, everything and everybody stood between hope and despair. We doubted the return of many students and feared an exceedingly small attendance. But the past two weeks of our present school session, prove conclusively that all fears were founded upon false premises. Our enrollment has steadily increased from the day of the opening exercises, and within two weeks it stands 172. The indications are that Wiley has been thrown into the rising tide, and there will be no reflux until we reach the high water mark of 400 students this school session. A wholesome spirit pervades every department of work, and already our dormitories are crowded. There is an influx of new students, both from Texas and Northern Louisiana. The general financial depression of the country seems to have no effect upon the insatiable greed of our young men and women to acquire an education. Our new president, Prof. Dogan, and the entire faculty have taken hold on the work with a determination to succeed, and make Wiley University an enduring monument to the philanthropic spirit of our church. The citizens of Marshall

have shown their hearty endorsement of Wiley, both by enthusiastic meetings and in sending many new students to our halls this term. Our military company organized last year is in full trim and the Wiley boys are conspicuous figures on the streets and about the campus. The president is making a general tour through the State in the interest of the school. Already he has visited the Houston, Huntsville and Navasota District Conferences and is much encouraged over the cordial reception and endorsement of the brethren. As we now see it, there is not a ripple upon the stream and the signs are that Wiley will have smooth sailing during the present school year.

J. H. .

RICK'S CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH.  
JUST BUILT.

Canton, Miss., Sept. 22, 1896.

Dear Friends and Readers of the Southwestern Christian Advocate:

The pastor and members of the M. E. Church on the Canton Circuit of the Jackson District, Mississippi Conference have just completed one of the finest and best churches in the State. It is 40x60 feet with 16 foot wall, with choir platform and pulpit; 16x36 foot tower on the right of entrance, 10x12 feet, 80 feet high; roof Gothic and arch ceiling. This people and pastor deserve much credit for their earnest efforts in erecting such a building in the midst of such hard times. The pastor, Rev. P. H. Davis, is a fine architect and mechanic. He did the drawing the superintending of the building himself. On September 20th was the entrance day. There were quite a number present to witness the scene. The music was grand, conducted by the pastor's wife and Sunday School choir. The opening sermon was preached by the pastor with good results. After the close of the sermon the stewards lifted a collection on the indebtedness of the church. One hundred and five dollars were lifted in a few minutes, and the following persons paid fifty cents and upwards who desire their names published in your paper, which we hope you may do, and send us a copy for every name and we will pay your price for them. This is a colored church and pastor and the entire membership are farmers. The church is nine miles in the country. But they are a grand set of Christians. The list is as follows:

Capt. W. B. Riels, \$25; C. Olsen, \$5; C. C. Griffin, \$1; Rev. C. Stewart, \$1; Wm. Osby, \$1; Clara Williams, \$1; Mary Thomas, \$1; Thomas Brown, \$1; Priscilla Gibson, \$1; Angie Williams, \$1; Dealia Long, \$1; Jennie E. Jones, \$1; G. Jackson, \$1; Margaret Mitchell, \$1; Katie Taylor, \$1; Fanny Blant, \$1; Sinia Mitchell, \$1; Benj. Williams, \$1; Austin Newton, \$1; Agnes Stewart, \$1; Maria McLain, \$1; Catherine Jones, \$1; Hamilton Long, \$1; Rev. J. C. Houston, \$1; A. S. Anderson, \$1; Lucie Washington, \$1; Lucinda McNeil, \$1; Ned Nickerson, \$1; Sophia Gibson, \$1; Dr. Crisler, \$1; Allia Callums, \$1; Capt. W. B. Riels, \$1; Rev. C. Goodloe, \$1; Elisa Freeman, \$1; Jane Johnson, \$1; Ed. Stone, \$1; Mary Wilson, \$1; Anna Coleman, \$1; W. F. Jackson, \$1.25; Richard Williams, \$1; Manervia Stewart, \$1; Phoeby Somers, \$1; M. A. Jackson, \$1; Dicey Williams, \$1; Rev. N. E. Goodloe, \$1; H. E. Jones, \$1; Luke Cash, 50c; Lucie Johnson, 50c; Manervia Harris, 50c; Jno. Hunter, 50c; Wanie Clark, 50c; Mary Green, 50c; W. H. Wilson, 50c; Martha Beuford, 50c; Julia Edwards, 50c; Sarah Goodloe, 50c; Austin Jones, 50c; W. S. Saddle, 50c; S. J. Wilson, 50c; Anna Robinson, 80c; Maria Beuford, 50c; D. A. Williams, 50c; Jno. Pondexter, 50c; Mrs. Garzars, 50c; Ella Collins, \$1.

Respectfully yours,

Board of Stewards,  
(Adv.) P. H. Davis, P. C.

## MORE CURATIVE POWER

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There will be many a surprise at the resurrection.—Ex.



## THE WHOLE FIELD.

T. S. Brown, P. C., Centerville, Ga.: Our annual camp meeting met at Rock Springs, September 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in the Gainesville District of the Atlanta Conference, under the control of Elder J. C. Hunt. He preached at 11 o'clock and was listened to by over two thousand persons. Eight souls were added to the church. Rev. S. A. Stripling, of Gammon, Ga., also preached. Collections, \$31.30.

W. C. Conwell, P. C., Cotton Plant, Miss.: I have closed my revival and there are forty-four souls that have been brought to Christ, and the church is thirty-nine stronger than it was one month ago. We have had a Southwestern shower: Two new subscribers and I will send more in soon. I intend to convert our people to the Southwestern.

G. S. Helm, P. C., Spring, Harris Co., Texas: This is my first year at this place. I came here in time for watch meeting, and we had a glorious time on that night, and I thank the Lord that it has not stopped yet. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, our Presiding Elder, was with us on the 19th and 20th. It was his fourth round and we never will forget him. We raised for all purposes \$38.30. We paid off the Presiding Elder in full. The Advocate was not forgotten for there was one subscriber and a forcible appeal to others. Now, I am proud to say that our church is spiritually alive. We ask all to pray for our success.

B. J. Reddix, Conrad: Sunday was a high day at this place. Our rally was a success spiritually and financially. Rev. J. E. Marshall, P. E., laid the corner-stone. Collections for the day were \$83. Our church is fenced in and insured for \$400. We have a special day to canvass for our paper. My heart goes out for success to you and the paper.

A. B. Buitt, P. C., Wildwood Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference: My third Quarterly Conference convened at Wildwood M. E. Church, September 12, 1896, held by Rev. D. P. Shaw. The reports showed work alive on all lines. Rev. D. P. Shaw preached on Friday night to a well crowded house. We paid the Presiding Elder \$10, which was his quarterage in full. Look out for some cash subscribers for the Southwestern in a few days. It was surely a day of rejoicing and those that were present will never forget it. One hundred and fourteen partook of the Lord's Supper, the greatest number under our administration. Statistics showed that \$226.50 had been raised during the quarter and \$28.81 was raised at the Quarterly Conference on Sunday, the largest amount we have ever raised. Our dear Southwestern, the messenger of the glad tidings of peace, joy and happiness, was brought very prominently before the people and we secured eleven pledges as subscribers, which we hope to send the cash for in our next, very shortly.

W. H. Whitlock, P. C., Union Grove, Upper Mississippi Conference: The third Quarterly Conference of Union Grove was held on the 19th and 20th insts. We are still in the front rank of success. Rev. P. O. Jamison, our popular and successful presiding elder, was present. Our people are very busy at present gathering their crops, therefore our Conference was very slimly attended. But on Sunday they assembled at Brookfield Church from all over the circuit. The elder seemed to excel himself in the morning and at night. Like Elijah, he called upon God to send the fire down, and our souls were illuminated with spiritual fire.

P. R. Crump, P. C., Hickory, Miss.: This leaves us out of doors with no house to worship in. On the night of the 4th inst. some enemy burned Wesley Chapel down to ashes. When we awoke the top of the church was ready to fall in and no part of the body was burning. This was near 1 o'clock in the night. The people came to us in time to save the parsonage, which was standing not thirty feet away. We are building a school house and hope to have it ready in two weeks, where we will preach until we can rebuild. The white people seem to be much interested about our rebuilding, and say they will help us liberally. We had a grand Sunday School and church service under the shade trees near the ashes of our old church. Elder A. M. Trotter preached two able sermons that will not soon be forgotten. Ninety-five

partook of the Lord's Supper. The report of the leaders showed that we are on the upward march. We had just commenced a protracted meeting at this place; having no place to worship we will now go to the next point and commence at Newton. The amount raised this quarter is \$121, of which \$23 was benevolent money. We ask the prayers of the church that we may be able to rebuild in the near future and that the good work may continue.

A. Davis, P. C., Moss Point: I've just closed a grand revival with twelve conversions and twenty-four accessions to the church. Our Zion is alive here. Pray for us.

A. N. Jackson, P. C., West Point, Ga.: September 17th closed up a series of meetings for the Bluffton Charge. We have had twenty-four conversions and thirty-four accessions to the church. Bluffton Church is improving—better congregations, more interest in the services and better collections than for a long time. It paid in full its pastor's salary for September, a thing not done before since last March. Quite a number have promised to take the Southwestern which I shall continue to urge them to do. I admire the sentiment and policy of your paper and wish it all success.

D. P. Shaw, P. C., Shell Mound, Miss.: I have just closed my protracted meeting on the Shell Mound Circuit with great results. The Lord blessed us with sixty-six conversions and accessions. The people both white and black say it was the greatest revival ever held in this part of the Delta. If we could have had seating room at Mt. Nebo Church we could have got 100 converts at that church. The circuit is alive on all lines of church work. We will send some new subscribers for the Southwestern in a few days. Pray for us.

H. R. S. Erby, Clinton Charge: Our third Quarterly Conference was held a few days ago, Rev. J. C. Houston, P. E., in the chair. Reports from the several local preachers, class leaders and Sunday School superintendents showed that the work is alive on nearly all lines. We are nearly up with all of our benevolent money. We raised for the presiding elder \$19.10, and had a rally on the last third Sunday and raised \$50.50 for our new church at Clinton. We have had a good revival; eight added to the church. Our Sunday School is doing well. This being my first year, I hope to continue the good work of the Master. The old Southwestern Christian Advocate has not been forgotten. You will please find enclosed money for one subscriber.

S. E. Ewing, P. C., Lassater, Tex.: I have just closed the Lassater Circuit protracted meeting with 126 additions. Our fourth Quarterly Conference convened on the 10th and 11th insts. Rev. W. H. Logan was on hand and preached a stirring sermon at 11 o'clock, after which he administered sacrament assisted by Rev. Benjamin. Collection for presiding elder, \$28.50, and for pastor in charge, \$90.10. One subscriber for the Southwestern.

W. H. Hundley P. C., Lexington, Miss.: My fourth Quarterly Conference was held in Epworth M. E. Church, September 26 and 27. Rev. W. E. Mask, P. E., in the chair. The Conference was full, nearly all of the members being present. Reports from pastor, local preachers and class leaders were good, showing advancement. Thirty-five souls had been brought to a knowledge of Christ. Financially we are in advance of preceding years, hence we are alive spiritually and financially. During the Quarterly Conference session we raised \$45. Amount raised since last Conference, \$138.40. Presiding Elder preached with power two sermons that will not soon be forgotten and fifty-one persons partook of the Lord's Supper. A more pleasant Conference was never witnessed on this charge. The Southwestern Christian Advocate was vigorously presented to the brethren who promised hearty support. Look out for a list of subscribers ere long.

S. D. Brown, P. C., Hockley Charge, Texas Conference: I no doubt would have written you before this but I have been waiting to accomplish some great thing before writing, but I find the year is passing away and no great thing yet has been accomplished. Therefore, I take pleasure in telling your readers of the little things we have done during the year. There are four preaching points on the charge,

at each of which we have held revival service, resulting in thirty accessions to the church. Have baptized ten infants, and our work is spiritually alive. We have paid the presiding elder up to the third quarter \$60.65; have raised on the pastor's claim to date \$249.94. We have raised some of our benevolence and have set apart the month of October for benevolent rallies over the entire work. We have raised on the debt of the new church this year, notwithstanding short crops and dull times, \$90, leaving a balance of \$32 on the main debt. Thus we have raised for all purposes to date \$127.49. We have some very loyal members on this charge and awake to the work of the church. We laid the corner-stone of David's Chapel M. E. Church at Hockley, September 19, notwithstanding it rained nearly all day. The people came out and laid \$69 on the stone. All are glad to see Presiding Elder Rev. W. L. Duncan. Pray for us.

A. Matthew, Supt., Bastrop, La.: Mt. Nebo Charge on the day and night of the 26th of September had a grand concert, given by the Sunday School. We had a large congregation to witness the concert. Mt. Nebo Sunday School is spiritually and financially alive. The concert realized a snug sum of money. We will thank you all to pray for our success at this place.

R. Williams, P. C., Yarbrough Circuit, Navasota District, Texas Conference: My last quarter was held at Stoneham, September 26 and 27, with W. L. Duncan, P. E., in the chair. Nearly all the members were present with written reports showing that the work was in a moving condition. Number of converts this quarter, 17; number of adults baptized, 16; number of children, 7; total number joined, 32. After the elder had preached a stirring sermon, fifty-eight partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection for the quarter, \$57. We are moving on nicely and are preparing for a new church. Pray for our success.

J. B. Starkey, P. C., Webb, Miss.: I have just closed my protracted meeting; thirty-two souls have been converted. Conversions and accessions fifty. I am now rallying for the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

A. C. Murphree, Aurora, Ala.: We have newly seated our church at the cost of \$25 and we have new lights for it. We have just closed our revival with twelve conversions. We had a glorious meeting. Rev. W. R. Howard, from Collinsville, was with us and our church moved on well. Rev. L. W. Goodson, pastor of Mt. Ebal church, is doing a grand work.

C. L. Logan, P. C., Rock Mills, S. C.: The following will give you an idea of our work:

"On Christ, the solid rock, we stand  
All other ground is sinking sand."

The improvements thus far this year are as follows: On camp ground and at church, number of conversions 45; number added to the church, 22. We have sent ten subscribers to the Christian Advocate from our work. In benevolent collections we are 20 per cent above last year's collections up to this time. We expect to erect a new church here, by the help of the Lord. We will begin work on it on the first of November. Rev. C. C. Jacobs, our Sunday School agent, was with us a few days ago. We were pleased to have him with us. In conclusion, we ask the prayers of the community that we may be able to raise every dollar of our benevolent collections.

W. S. Leake, P. C., Nashville Circuit: Elder H. R. Revels held our third Quarterly Conference on the 12th and 13th. The work is in fair condition. Accessions this quarter, 9; adults baptized, 6; children baptized, 9; benevolent collections, \$11; paid elder, \$12.50; paid pastor, \$107; total this quarter, \$216.85. A strong plea was made for the Southwestern. The elder preached on Sunday acceptably to all.

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As announced sometime ago our purpose is to enlarge the Southwestern January, 1897, but in order to do so we must have a largely increased list of annual subscribers. As an inducement to those who may desire to subscribe, we offer the paper from now to January 1, 1898,—fifteen months—for \$1.25. This is our charge for one year! Now Brethren and Friends, push the canvass and let us have 1,000 annual subscribers before January 1st. This can be done if every one will go to work. Work for the sake of the Church and the Race.

**A FINAL WORD.**

We have seen the time when the election of this or that presidential candidate concerned us simply as a matter of party pride, we wanted to see our man win. We had no idea that there would be any very grave change in governmental affairs, however, the election might go; but this year it is not so. Our interest goes beyond party and beyond the men concerned. We are not a partisan but a patriot. That all the leading Republicans should oppose Mr. Bryan's election is, of course, to be expected. It is to be expected also that they would oppose the election of any one save one of their own party; but how when all the leading Democrats oppose Mr. Bryan; life-long Democrats, men who have been true to their party even when they had no hope whatever of electing their candidate; how when they, too, oppose him even when they know his defeat means the election of a Republican? How when the leading men of all the churches, the greatest statesmen of all parties, and all the great monied interests whose business enterprises are the support of thousands and the glory of the Nation? With this condition of affairs facing us at every turn of the way, we have the feeling that his election means the absolute paralysis of all the great business interests of this country, and hence the checking of all the great church enterprises that depend for support upon the prosperity of business affairs. Business is supported by capital and the investment of capital depends on confidence. Capital is extremely timid when it lacks confidence. If capital has no confidence in the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan and his party, what would be the result during his administration? To our mind, it is fearful to contemplate. The business interests of the country would be so thoroughly paralyzed that it would mean at least two and possibly four years of unexampled beggary and want to the poor man of our whole country; except it may be those who are dependent upon the silver mining interests. As matters will stand otherwise they will have something, and we something; but we are not willing that they should have all and we nothing.

We are told that if Mr. McKinley is elected we shall be at the mercy of the great corporations of the country. Well, that may be so, but it is also equally evident that if Mr. Bryan is elected we shall be at the mercy of the men and corporations interested in the development of the great silver mines of the west; how will we fare then? That no one knows, except in so far as we are able to judge from what is known of the condition of other silver countries. This, to say the least, is not encouraging.

In the other case we have reason to believe from what we know of the past that we shall have work and some money, and that good money. Since money and capital must control in either case we prefer that control which means a steady, healthy prosperity to the whole country rather than that which at best can bring prosperity to only a part at the absolute expense of all the rest.

**KEEP THE FOUNDATION FIRM.**

The work of our Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was never more efficient and at the same time more embarrassed than at this time. In fact, the greatness and importance of its work is its chief embarrassment. If during the years of the existence of this really great society of the church, its work had been decreasing and the absolute demand for its services diminishing, the regular annual income would have been sufficient to sustain it, hence no debt would have accumulated. But not so, for as the years have gone by the usefulness of the society has so increased and its field of operation constantly enlarged, that the man who but yesterday was carrying a calf is to-day bearing about on his shoulder an immense ox. He cries for relief and the question is what are we, what is the church going to do about it?

The debt must be paid, but without closing or, in any way, curtailing the usefulness of a single school.

To cripple the work of the Freedman's Aid Society means to impede the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church in every department throughout the whole South. The efficiency of the work of the Missionary Society, the Church Extension Society, the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, as well as all others operating in this Southland, rests upon the success of the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. The three great societies of our church came to this field and worked side by side; each has done a great deal of good, but just in proportion as the Society which fostered the idea of Christian education developed its schools and sent out its young men and women to the pulpit, the school-room and the home, just in that proportion has the effectiveness of the work done by the other societies shown itself. The foundation stone upon which all the others rest, is the work accomplished by this great educational society of the church.

Its work is suffering, its efficiency is to some extent crippled, it appeals to us for relief. Remember, it does not suffer alone; the whole work of the church suffers, our race and the poor of the whole South will feel the effects of its exhausted treasury and the consequent retrenchment of its vast and all important work. To the rescue, to the rescue, let every lover of the church and this great cause hear the call! Let every minister of the gospel interested in the race, so recently out of slavery, that their scars, both physical and moral, are too plain to be concealed, rally his forces and do as he has never done before. Call to the careless maiden and the young man unconcerned and at ease and give them an opportunity to do something for the development of a needy people and the honor of a great church. Tell the old men and the mothers in Israel, that it is a glorious privilege, a great honor, to give something, to make a sacrifice in order to contribute to the work and needs of our glorious old Freedman's Aid Society.

If you did not read the appeal of the secretaries in our last issue, be sure to do so; if you have, read it again.

Aside from your regular collection for this cause, they ask that you take a special collection on Thanksgiving Day. Will you do it?

If not, why not?

Rev. J. S. Hill, D. D., President of Morristown Normal Academy, is the only white man in the East Tennessee Conference. He has served as secretary for eight years, and was again nominated at the session just closed, but declined, because as he said, he thought there were several young men in the Conference qualified to serve as secretary, and the responsibility should be placed upon one of them. Hence R. J. Buckner, of Wytheville, Va., was elected.

For our part we agree with Dr. Hill perfectly. Standing as he does, the leader of the Conference, and that without a rival, he cannot help but see the absolute necessity for having the brethren assume more and more the responsibilities connected with conducting an Annual Conference properly if they are ever to develop that leadership which is ordinarily expected of them. The purpose of his school at Morristown and his purpose as well for coming South, is to help prepare these men to do thoroughly and well all the duties which their position in the church imposes upon them. It would be quite a serious reflection on

the educational work of the Academy if it had not in all these years raised up one qualified to make a proper record of the doings of the Conference. The Conference did well to take his advice, and although a few of the brethren objected we are sure they will eventually see the wisdom of the step he so graciously suggested.

**A LOSS TO METHODISM.**

In the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Meritt Hubbard, of Wilmington Conference, on the 10th inst., we feel as though we have sustained a personal loss. He died of la grippe, having been ill about one week. At the time, he was pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware, and has spent all of his thirty-four years of ministerial life in the pastorate. He has held a number of prominent charges and was a special transfer to the church whose pastor he died. He was a member of the last General Conference and was a great-hearted genial Methodist preacher.

His loved ones have our sympathy; their loss is a loss to Methodism.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

R. C. O. Benjamin, who is remembered in Texas, is still alive.

Dr. T. B. Neely has been assisting in editing the Philadelphia Methodist since the death of Dr. Swindells.

Bishop Fowler was given a great reception by the Methodists of Buffalo, his Episcopal residence for this quadrennium.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown has gone to England in the interest of the Library at Wilberforce, named for Mr. Douglass.

Bishop E. G. Andrews and Dr. J. M. Buckley each presided at a session of the Zion Centennial Celebration in New York.

Dr. D. H. Moore, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, delivered the Matriculation Day addresses at the Boston School of Theology this month.

Mrs. C. C. Merve, the wife of our business manager, has been ill for several weeks. We are glad to announce that she is at this writing much improved.

Bishop Mallalien believes, in taking the Missionary, Church Extension and Freedman's Aid collections during the first three months after Conference.

Mr. E. J. Scott, of Houston, Tex., the able young editor of the Texas Freeman, is now in Dallas, at Republican headquarters, as private secretary to Hon. N. W. Cuney.

Dr. Palmer has been doing very effective service for the Missionary Society and we trust the following being passed around by our exchanges means nothing serious: "Rev. Dr. A. J. Palmer, missionary-secretary, while in Chicago Monday of last week, was attacked with a severe cold, and deemed it wise on Friday to go to Wesley hospital, where he would receive such care as might be desired. He is much improved, and expects to return to his home in New York this week."

The program prepared for the Centennial Celebration of our Zion brethren was an exceptionally strong one, and, according to the reports we have seen in some of our exchanges, it was so rendered as to reflect great credit on all concerned, but more especially on the great church whose birthday was being celebrated.

We desire to congratulate the whole church and sincerely trust it may continue to grow in numbers and Christian influence as the centuries go by. It has scored a triumph for the race.

According to Press reports, more than half the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A., was recently destroyed by fire and 20,000 people are without homes. The population is put down at about 40,000. The business portion of the city suffered most and the loss may reach \$30,000,000.

At this distance it looks very much to us as though Mr. Bryan is running his campaign single-handed. Most of the great men and leaders of the Democratic party are for Sound Money, and Mr. Bryan seems to be paddling his own canoe with very little assistance from the little fish who are about him.



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There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

### Cash Remittances.

From October 12 to 19.

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A Jackson	T L Route
A C Culbreath, 1	E H Langston
H Primm	John Mayo, 4
J B Braks, 1	E H Clark
F Gilmore, 1	J D Gibson, 5
H Roundtree	P Landry, 1
J W Turner	O W Tillman
W L Danoan, 2	Klien Graves
M G Golas	B Fisher, 1
F J Gilmore	J J Simpson
F J Brown, 1	N B Blackman
Mrs. W H Keller	J D Diggs, 4
H C Galt, 3	T J Johnson, 1
T P Page	W H Hurdley, 5
W O Bryant, 1	A J Trice, 17
B D Brown, 3	East Tenn. Conf. Co, 80
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O W Whitehead	T Ward, 2
S E Bwing, 1	W H Smith, 1
L Allen	Elizabeth Nevils
Charles Pyles, 1	Gustave Romain
O H Flowers, 3	D B Matthews, 1
R Williams, 3	P H Jenkins, 4
B F Woolfolk, 1	J C Adams

Wiley University opened for its Twenty-fifth session on Friday morning, October 2d. The outlook for a successful school year is bright. A large number of citizens and friends attended the opening exercises. The new president, M. W. Dogan, was cordially received by all, and has taken the work in hand as an experienced educator. Our enrollment is over 100 and bright prospects for many more at the beginning of next week. Let the brethren of the Texas Conference remember that this is their school. Send us the students and success is sure. J. H.

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St. Matthew M. E. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Porter, is fighting hard to free itself of debt. Last Sunday closed up the rally meeting in which \$140 was raised. The various committees worked grandly to raise their apportionment, and special credit is due to No. 2 committee, of which Bro. F. Burtis is chairman. This committee alone raised \$61.00. Wm. Porter.

Mt. Zion Church.—We had a splendid Sunday School last Sunday and our school is growing in numbers and financially. They bought an organ and paid for it and besides have added four dozen bibles and hymn books to the library. They raised over \$100.00 this year.

The service at 11 o'clock was very interesting, preaching by Rev. Philip Smith. At 3 o'clock we administered the sacrament at the Old Folks' Home. At night the editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate preached a glorious sermon and my people were greatly pleased. We want him to come again.

T. G. Montgomery.

### EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

The seventeenth session of this conference assembled in Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 8, 1896. Bishop Mallalieu presided. R. J. Buckner was elected secretary, with W. E. Mitchell assistant. W. F. Marley, G. W. Ziegler and F. E. W. Morton treasurers, and G. W. Pettis, statistical secretary.

The usual committees were appointed. The roll call showed every effective man present but two, and that Rev. G. W. Branner, had died.

The conference ordered a draft on the charter fund of \$22, and on the book concern dividend of \$380.

The Holston conference of the M. E. Church, South, was in session in Cleveland at the same time, and a great many of the ministers of that church called and were introduced to the conference. Bishop Galloway presided over the Holston.

W. P. Thirkield, president of the Gammon Theological Seminary, was present in the interest of that institution, and his lectures and addresses were much enjoyed by the conference.

The editor of this paper was present during the whole session, and certainly cannot complain of his reception and treatment.

There was, beside a number of visitors of our white brethren of our own church, Dr. Newcomb, Dean of the Theological Department of Grand Memorial University, addressed the conference, and the brethren were much pleased to have him. He was formerly a pioneer worker in the Northwest.

As the disciplinary questions were called, the character of every man who had been at work passed without question. We are glad to see this, for the conference was greatly injured in reputation by the general trimming up it had to undergo at its last session. It is now well manned, and on the high road to success.

E. J. Cox was received in full connection and ordained a deacon.

Quite a bright class of young men were received on trial: W. A. Welber, C. H. Jones, G. W. Smith, Anderson-Davis, R. H. Green and C. H. Hurd.

The next session of the conference will be held at Chattanooga.

On the admission of women the conference voted 32 for, 0 against. On equal lay representation the vote was for, 0 against, 32.

The brethren seemed perfectly happy when their appointments were announced, and evidently expect a glorious year's work. The following is the official list:

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Bristol ..... W. T. Marley  
Fall Branch ..... Sup. Geo. Burris  
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..... G. P. Moore  
Glade Springs, Va. .... Sup. J. H. Burley  
Greenville ..... J. A. Guthrie  
Johnson City ..... Sup. G. W. Jackson  
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..... W. T. Anderson  
Ebenezer ..... R. M. Green  
Kingston ..... G. W. Smith  
Knoxville ..... Alexander Ellison  
Knoxville Circuit ..... E. J. Cox  
Morristown ..... W. E. Mitchell  
Mossy Creek ..... G. H. Crider  
Newport ..... W. A. Webber  
Tazewell ..... C. H. Hurd  
J. S. Hill, president of Morristown  
Normal Academy, and member of  
Tazewell town Quarterly Conference.  
W. A. Sparks left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

### WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

W. H. Pleasants, P. E., P. O. Wytheville, Va.  
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### MRS. MCKINLEY NOT A SALOON BENEFICIARY.

Many good people have been distressed by the statement, widely printed, that Mrs. McKinley is the owner and receives rent from premises in Canton which are occupied by a saloon; and thus, indirectly at least, her husband is responsible. We recalled the bitter accusation hurled against Lady Somerset on similar grounds and the fact subsequently ascertained that she had inherited the property incumbered by unexpired leases, over which she had no control. Believing that something of the kind lay back of this case, we wrote the Rev. John I. Wilson, pastor of Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, Canton, ex-presiding elder of the Cambridge District, East Ohio Conference, and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's Home, Xenia, O., from whom we received, 16th inst., the following reply:

"I went to see the 'McKinley Saloon.' Found that Mr. Saxon, during his life, leased the aforesaid piece of ground, unconditionally, for thirty years, and the parties sub-let and built a shanty on it for a saloon, and the lease has yet two years to run before it comes into the hands of Mrs. McKinley and the Saxon heirs, and, consequently, she receives nothing from it, much less the Major. These are the facts about it, as I could get them."

All this is consistent with the property standing in her name and the taxes being paid by her; and should satisfy any reasonable inquirer that she is not breaking the rules of our Church.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly. ....

Como Charge, Miss.—Sister Bettie Leater, a faithful member of Spring Hill M. E. Church, departed this life Sept. 20th, in full triumph of living faith. She was a faithful member of the church sixteen years. She leaves a husband and two children and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was attended by the writer.  
P. S. Bowie, Pastor.

Alexandria, La.—Luinda Coleman died Oct 1st, aged near 60 years. She joined the M. E. Church during the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Marshall, and has since lived a consistent Christian, and died in full triumph of faith.  
W. J. M. Price, Pastor.

Okolena, Miss.—Prof. J. L. Gates, son of Rev. Sygh Gates, a superannuated preacher of the Upper Mississippi Conference, departed this life October 3d. Prof. Gates was a studious, worthy, faithful and consistent Christian young man. He was loved by all who had an opportunity to know him. He was a member of our church and corresponding secretary of our Epworth League Chapter at the time of his death. He died in the full triumph of faith. Among his last words were these: "It is a good thing to be a Christian; I thank the Lord I am a Christian, and am not afraid to die." He leaves a father, mother, sisters and brothers to mourn their loss. His funeral was attended by the pastor, Rev. N. R. Clay, from the M. E. Church.  
Mrs. A. B. Clay.

Pontotoc Circuit, Miss.—Sarah Alford died July 1: She was a member and good worker of our church in every department. Age, 28 years. The church has mourned no little for her. She leaves a husband and two children.  
[Received at this office Sept. 25, 1896.]

### ENCOURAGING CHILDREN.

The habit among parents of saying discouraging words to their children is too general. The child forms a plan. It naturally goes to the parent for approval and help and is often met with "Oh, you can't do that! It's of no use trying, for you will surely fail."

The parent does not realize how he is undermining the character the child should form of thorough, persistent effort. It will never be known how many failures in life are due to such mistaken training.

"If I had ever had any encouragement at home, my career in life would have been very different," a bright young woman said to me. "I can see now that I had ability and every necessary qualification for the line of work I had wished to follow; but I was discouraged at home until I lost confidence in myself."

I could sympathize with her fully, for in my own home the word "can't" was a household word, checking aspiration until hopeless timidity was the result.

The boy in the home needs encouragement as well as the girl. He will have his failures, but "Try, try again," has helped to form many a rugged, persistent character.

The boy whose hopes and aspirations are forever being checked at home will emerge into manhood timid, irresolute, ever on the lookout for obstacles unless he be of unusual strength of character. I have in mind a young man brought up on a farm. He had a great love for oratory, and ambition to be something besides a tiller of the soil, an occupation most uncongenial. His aspirations were the butt of ridicule in his family. They called him "Cicero" because they had heard him declaiming to the stones and fences as he guided the plow over the fields. Fortunately, he married a woman whose ambition was equal to his own and intelligent enough to see its value. She was brave also, and for his sake denied herself every luxury that he might have the opportunity he craved to study law. She has had her reward in seeing him take his place among the leading lawyers of his community and he is now filling with honor the office of judge.

We, as parents, are building houses of character for our children in all their lives. Let us see to it that the foundations are well laid and cemented with love and prayer.—Mrs. Howard in Housekeeper.

### The Fact that Doctors

frequently advise change of air and climate to those suffering from catarrh, is proof that catarrh is a local and climatic disease. Therefore, unless you can leave home and business, you should use **Kid's Cream Balm**. Applied directly to the seat of the disease it effects instant relief, and a satisfactory cure after short continuance. No mercury nor injurious drug is contained in the Balm.



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#### ADDITIONAL FIELD NOTES. (Continued from Third Page.)

I. C. Rucker, P. C., Union Church, Miss.: My third Quarterly Conference was held September 19 and 20. Elder S. A. Cowan was on time as usual. The Sabbath was a day long to be remembered. The presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the Lord's Supper to ninety-two communicants. Accessions during the quarter, 42; paid presiding elder, \$15.50; paid pastor, \$69.60; total collections during the quarter, \$85.10. Every department of the Church is alive. I herewith send four contributors to the Advocate. I will send in more soon.

H. J. McClellan, P. C., Melville, La.: The fourth Quarterly Conference at Synner Chapel was never better. The presiding elder presented their reports, showing an interest along all lines. Every interest of the church is carefully looked after. The Sunday Schools are on the up grade; we are the only ones that observed Children's Day, July 26th, and forwarded money to the society. We came here to do our duty and are so doing and getting things in good shape. Our Presiding Elder, J. F. Marshall, preached a soul-stirring sermon. The Elder surprised himself and upon all those who heard him a lasting impression was made. He closed with a good old Methodist hand shaking collection, \$16.75, and two subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Falcon Chapman, Franklin La.: We are in the midst of a glorious revival; in ten nights the Lord has blessed us with thirty-three converts. The fire still burns. The altar is crowded with penitent souls.

Alice Liberty, Secretary, Island, La.: Our hearts were made glad by the presence of our dear Presiding Elder Landry on the Island. All reports to the quarterly conference showed advancement on all lines. The trustees presented the Presiding Elder a neat and complete little church 20x30, a thing until recently unknown in this portion of Iberville parish, free of debt, except \$50. The Sunday School superintendent's report showed an increase of scholars; class leaders' report showed an increased membership. With our good friends Mr. Senegal Downs and Mrs. J. M. Carviller to help, and our faithful pastor, Rev. John Davis, to lead, you may put us down permanently in the column of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. S. Harris, Shriever, La.: The corner stone of our new Magnolia M. E. Church was laid October 4 in the presence of a large gathering from Shriever, Beattieville, La Fourche Crossing and Thibodeaux. The people of Thibodeaux came under the auspices of Calvary M. E. Church and the St. Joseph Lodge of F. A. M. and Mt. Olive No. 9, Eastern Star Chapter, who were out in their beautiful regalia, led by the splendid Thibodeaux colored brass band.

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A. L. Nelson, P. C., Smyrna, Tenn.: Our revival closed with thirty-nine conversions, and forty-six accessions to the church. Our last quarterly Conference was a success. All reports showed progress. Ninety-eight collections and collections \$154.70.

I consider Rev. H. W. White, Presiding Elder of the Nashville District, one of the foremost men of the Tennessee Conference, to whose ability as a Presiding Elder and integrity as a Christian, the Nashville District owes much, and of whom it may well be proud. His life this year has been spent in our midst, and it is with pride we have watched his uniform and merited success.

C. E. Bradford, P. C., New Roads, La.: To the pastor's surprise the sisters and friends of St. Paul M. E. Church came at a late hour singing, "Walk in the Light" and presented the pastor a fine pair of shoes and a suit of clothes. Thanking them I asked that they call again soon. We spoke on the Southwestern and secured three names and the money. I enclose same.

A. H. Banks, P. C., New Iberia, La.: Sunday, September the 27th ult., was our annual rally day. Revs. J. W. Turner and J. S. Jones, of Hubertsville, rendered valuable service. Collection for the day, \$165.00, and one subscriber to the improving old Southwestern. God bless our good old paper that sends good news and glad tidings to every one that reads it.

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Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.  
Don't believe all the evil you hear.  
Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.  
Don't go untidy on the plan that everybody knows you.  
Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.  
Don't over or under dress.  
Don't express a positive opinion unless you perfectly understand what you are talking about.  
Don't get in the habit of vulgarizing

life by making light of the sentiment of it.

Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Don't try to be anything else but a gentle woman—and that means a woman who has consideration for the whole world, and whose life is governed by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would be done by."—Exchange.

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**IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.**—By Wm. E. McClellan is a cloth bound volume of 111 pages, 50 cents Eaton & Mains, publishers, No. 150 Fifth ave., New York.

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By James Mulenhey, D. D. 12mo, cloth binding, \$1. Thomas Whittaker, publisher, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York.

Its title indicates pointedly the purpose of this book; which is to put the inspiration of the Bible in its true historical light, and to test the questions relating to it, which have been raised in modern criticism, by reference to the principles of historic certitude. The first chapter, which is purely introductory, is a discriminating description of the question of historical certainty in general, and brings out explicitly the tests by which the truth of history is demonstrated. In the following chapters these tests are skillfully applied for determination of the historical truth of divine revelation. The book is intended for general reading, and we have great confidence, not only that it will prove to be a pronounced interest to such readers by the importance of the subject and the author's clear thought and lucid style, but also that it will take and hold a prominent place as a contribution of positive value and stimulation to Christian thought and belief.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 1, 1896.

## BUILDING THE TEMPLE.

1 Kings 5: 1-12.

Golden Text: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. (Psa. 127:1.)"

Building the temple was the greatest work of Solomon's life. This, and the following chapters, give a description of the erection and dedication of that edifice. It was to be the center of national worship, and designed to mold the religious life of the race. It stood as a symbol of the Christian Church—that great spiritual temple of which Jesus Christ is the chief corner-stone.

Tyre was north of Palestine. It lay along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. Hiram, its king, was a great admirer of David, and had built him a palace of cedar. He thought well of Solomon for David's sake, and when he heard he had been made king over Israel in David's stead he sent to him ambassadors. He desired no doubt to continue the friendly relations that had existed between David and himself. Children are often admired for their parents' sake. It is well for nations to keep friendly relations.

The King of Israel likely sent a verbal message to the King of Tyre, but Hiram's reply was in writing. The use of letters began with the Phenicians. Solomon supposed that Hiram was acquainted with the desire of his father. David's wish was executed in part. He secured a location for the temple, saved money to defray expenses, and set men at work preparing wood and stone for the building. His desire to erect the edifice was not carried out fully, not because his wars kept him constantly employed, but because he had "shed much blood." The man of peace, who was a type of the Prince of Peace, must erect the temple which was an emblem of the gospel of peace.

Rest or peace is one of God's gifts. Its blessings are many. It affords opportunities for internal improvement. When a nation is at peace it should prosper. The gospel temple is rapidly built when there is peace at home and abroad. When an individual has rest or peace he has time for reflection and mental improvement. The "Adversary," or devil, is the moving spirit that breaks all peace, and when "he lies dead in a ditch," there is no "evil occurrence"—plague, rebellion or famine. In this age Satan is not bound, but is doing all he can to hinder gospel work.

Solomon "purposed to build a house unto the name of the Lord." No building of the ancient world has attracted so much attention as the temple erected by him and its successor rebuilt by Herod the Great. Its spoils formed the principal illustration of a Roman arch. The highest architectural ambition of Justinian was to surpass it. Throughout the middle ages it greatly influenced the forms of Christian churches. Jews Christians and Mohammedans unite in its praise. It may never be our part to build a house of wood unto the Lord, but we may assist in training young souls for that spiritual temple that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven."

The children of Israel did not know how to plan great buildings. They were not architects. Solomon asked Hiram for skilled workmen in stone, wood and metal. He also requested cedar, fir and algum trees for the temple. The Cedars of Lebanon are monarchs of the vegetable kingdom. The prophets refer to them as emblems of greatness, majesty and splendor. The wood was used for beams, pillars, boards, masts of ships, and carved images. It is an evergreen, fifty to eighty feet high, and sometimes a hundred feet in diameter. By the fir tree, pine, larch, or cypress are meant. All are found in Lebanon Mountains. The wood of the algum tree is heavy, hard and fine-grained, and of a beautiful garnet color. The Sidonians were expert ship-builders and good navigators. Solomon wanted nothing without cost. He paid Hiram for the timber, and Hiram's servants full price for their work. Every man to his call-

ing, profession or occupation. It is better to live without art than without God in this world.

Hiram rejoiced greatly when he heard the words of Solomon. He loved peace, and was glad of the opportunity to do a favor. He was a genuine neighbor, and likely a worshipper of the true God. It is right to grant reasonable requests, though it is a sacrifice on our part to do so. He blessed or praised the Lord for his providence, blessed Jehovah governed the kingdom of Israel and placed Solomon on its throne. God rules nations and makes, or unmakes, kings at His pleasure.

Hiram considered the request of Solomon. It was no small matter, and should not have been accepted without reflection and consultation. Many of the evils of life are results of thoughtlessness. After consideration he accepted it, and decided to do more than Solomon had asked. He would have his servants bring the timber down to the sea, and then convey it in floats to the place Solomon should appoint, and there at Joppa, and not at Tyre, he should receive it.

We have here some fine examples of giving. Hiram gave Solomon all the timber he desired. The King of Israel gave the King of Tyre, year by year, while the temple was being built, "twenty thousand measures of wheat," (about 222,000 bushels) and "twenty measures of pure oil." The "Lord gave to Solomon wisdom." Some of the King's wisdom was folly, but this shown in building the temple was true statesmanship.

It has been left to a Washington clergyman to contract Biblical likeness and religious teaching from the bicycle. Taking the significant text, "I have used similitudes," the minister said he believed, were the Saviour on earth now, He would illustrate his parables and sermons from the wheel. He described the difficulties of mastering the bicycle, and compared the discouragements of the novice and the frequent dismounts of the beginner to those who seek to lead a Christian life. The rules which govern a bicyclist, said the minister, were adaptable to the follower of Christ—as the former rides erect and "move with some degree of spiritual rapidity." He advised the bicyclist and the Christian to "to keep your lights burning, that you may see the true way, and that others to whom you may be an injury may avoid you." —Harper's Weekly.

## Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

## PART II.

Oklahoma, Guthrie, Ok. Ter., Nov. 19.....Nindeg  
Southern German, Okla., Tex., Nov. 26.....Nindeg  
West Texas, Cuero, Tex., Dec. 2.....Nindeg  
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10.....Nindeg  
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Fast mail.....	7:45 am	Fast mail.....	7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.		Louisville and Cincinnati.	
Fast mail.....	7:45 am	Fast mail.....	7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.		Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.	
No. 3.....	7:30 pm	No. 4.....	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31.....	9:35 am	No. 32.....	5:15
<b>Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.</b>			
No. 5, Memphis Express.....		No. 6, Memphis Express.....	
No. 21, Vicksburg express.....		No. 22, Vicksburg express.....	
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No. 33, Baton Rouge acc'n.....		No. 34, Baton Rouge acc'n.....	
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Rouge acc'n.....		Rouge acc'n.....	
<b>Louisville and Nashville.</b>			
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No. 7, coast acc.....		No. 4, fast ex.....	
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No. 5, fast mail.....		No. 2, lim. ex.....	
Sunday ex.....		Sunday ex.....	
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Triality circuit	19 11	Jonesville..... 17 18
Walnut Cove	24 25	Statesville.. 31, Nov. 1
	November.	
Mayhew	7 8	High Point..... 14 15
Ashboro	21 22	Milohell..... 28 29
	December.	
Mt. Airy & Dobson	5 6	Winston & Advance 12 13
Kernersville	19 20	Levington..... 26 27
		W. W. Pope, P. E.

## Montgomery District.

Fourth Round.	November.	
Pensacola	1 2	Warren St..... 7 8
Tensaw	10 11	Wesley & Theo..... 14 15
Mt. Sterling	21 22	dore..... 28 29
Brewton and Pollard		
	December.	
Castleberry	5 6	Evergreen..... 12 13
Union Springs	19 20	Montgomery..... 26 27
	January.	
Brown's Grove and Abernethy	2 3	Prattville..... 9 10
		Tr. Y..... 16 17
		E. M. Jones, P. E.

## Knoxville District.

First Round.	October.	
Newport		24 25
	November.	
La Zewell	7 8	Russellville..... 14 15
Mossy Creek	21 22	Knoxville Sta..... 28 29
	December.	
Ebenezer	12 13	Morristown Sta..... 19 20
	January.	
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Kingston	2nd	
Knoxville cir.	3rd	
		Owen Hypsher, P. E.

## Jacksonville District.

Fourth Round.	October.	
Huntville cir.		28 29
Lake City and New Hope		31, Nov. 1
	November.	
White Springs		7 8
Sanderson and McClanny		8
Kings Ferry		14 15
Hibernia cir.		21 22
St. Joseph and circuit		28 29
Mt. Meriah and Mandarin		29
	December.	
Slipston cir.	6 7	W. Jacksonville cir..... 6
Fernandina cir.	13 14	Lone Star..... 19 20
St. Augustine		27 28
	January.	
Ebenezer	3 4	Wrightsville cir..... 10 11
		J. Grant, P. E.

## Marion District.

Fourth Round.	October.	
Lake Grove		31, Nov. 1
	November.	
Newberne and Jackson Chapel		7 8
Old Town Simpson Chapel		14 15
Eutaw and Springfield		21 22
St. Paul and St. Mary		28 29
	December.	
Union and Bethany	5 6	Tasaloosa..... 12 13
Antioch & Alihus	10 11	Marion..... 26 27
	January.	
Galeville and San's Chapel		2 3
Clinton	9 10	Selma..... 16 17
		F. L. Teague, P. E.

## Birmingham District.

Fourth Round.	November.	
St. Paul's	7 8	Leon..... 14 15
Adamsville	17 18	Avondale..... 19 20
Irodale	21 22	Bessemer..... 24 25
Mt. Pleasant	26 27	Oneta..... 28 29
	December.	
Blount Springs	1 2	Warrior..... 5 6
Springville	12 13	Ft. Payne..... 14
Attalla & Gadsden	19 20	Cedar Bluff..... 21
Howells and Roads	22	Centie..... 26 27
	January.	
Anniaton & Oxford	2 3	Oxana..... 4
Heflin	9 10	Taladega..... 16 17
Horse Creek		19
		Wesley Prettyman, P. E.

## Huntsville District.

Fourth Round.	October.	
Oakland		31, Nov. 1
	November.	
Decatur	7 8	Athens..... 14 15
Huntsville	14 15	Center Grove..... 21 22
Lincoln	21 22	Mt. Moriah..... 24 25
Cedar Grove	28 29	Triana..... 28 29
	December.	
Scottsboro	5 6	Lime Rock..... 7 8
Stevenson	12 13	Gunville..... 19 20
Blountville		19 20
	January.	
Courtland	2 3	Shofield..... 9 10
		Israel Townsend, P. E.

## MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

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Close to mother, and go to sleep.  
  
Up in the nest where the breeze sighs  
The sweetest kind of lullaby.  
  
Down in the grass where the field mice hide,  
And snuggle cozy side by side.  
  
Out in the fragrant summer night,  
Where the primrose shuts its petals tight;  
  
Where the clover leaves are closely curled,—  
Oh, what a sleepy, sleepy world!  
  
Closely, my drowsy darling, creep  
To mother's bosom and go to sleep.  
—Sunday School Times.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Southwestern fourteen months for \$1.25.

Not able to pay 2½ cents per week for your church paper!

It is all right to pray for your pastor, but you must do something for him, too.

It is said that there are at least a thousand young men and women in our Southern schools preparing for Africa.

The East Tennessee Conference goes: For the admission of women, 32; against, 0. For Equal Lay Representation, 0, against 32.

A lot 6 inches by 6 inches is on 36 inches square—very small indeed, and yet a lot that size sold in New York City a few days since for \$100.

The Phyllis Wheatley Sanitarium will be formally opened in this city Saturday, October 31st, at the Medical College, corner Canal and Robertson streets at 1 o'clock.

We notice that most of the large churches of the North give their new pastors a reception. A pleasant thing to do; let more of our churches down South try it.

Be sure to read "A Word to Writers for the Southwestern," by Dr. J. D. Walsh. If our brethren will take his advice we will make the Southwestern a great paper.

The way those Texas District Conferences have been sending in subscribers delights us. Boys, hold another on each District before Conference. But watch Mississippi.

Bishop Mallalieu said to the Tennessee Conference: "If you do not think the appointment is just right, remember the Lord was asked to help make it and you do not want to lay up anything against Him.

Hon. Chas. F. Crisp, congressman from Georgia and ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, died on the 23rd inst., at Atlanta, Ga. He expected to have been elected United States Senator by the Georgia Legislature when it assembles.

We acknowledge an invitation to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the College of History, one of the buildings of the American University. We are very greatly interested in the future of this magnificently planned institution and regret much our inability to be present and witness this interesting ceremony. Bishop Hurst is to be congratulated on the gradual unfolding of his timely dream of this stupendous enterprise. May his life be spared to see it fulfilled to its fullest extent.

## HELP US TO HELP OURSELVES.

Growth is the natural result of life. Nature believes in it and insists upon it. Man has learned to recognize its necessity and expects it. Methodists accord with nature on this point. Regarding the development of our church work in the South during the past quarter century all unprejudiced critics are amazed and delighted. Its constant growth cannot be denied; it might have been otherwise but as it is its marked improvement is obvious. The prejudiced mind measures our improvement by the heights to be attained, the unprejudiced by the depths from which we have come. To the former class we are worse off than when we were slaves; to the other our improvement is truly marvelous.

We acknowledge with gratitude that we have had much assistance and encouragement, without which our condition would have been far different from what it is. At the first those who labored for us and with us were supported by the contributions of good friends at the North. Gradually these beneficent hands have found it possible to withdraw to an extent till now our work in nearly every department is self-supporting. By many it is thought this change is being forced too rapidly and that the educational work especially is suffering as a result. In many of our schools there are not only too few teachers but those who are employed are of necessity poorly paid. The Society in charge of this work is doing its best, but its financial condition causes it to force the schools too rapidly, just as is sometimes true of hot-house plants. The teachers have to work too hard, that is too constantly. They do not have leisure for thought and study. When a teacher must instruct anywhere from seven to nine classes each day, and they the most advanced, it will certainly tax his strength and capacity to their utmost. Besides, what time has he for thought and investigation?

Our friends must not desert us where we are because they think we are not approaching self-support rapidly enough. There is not a school at the North that is self-supporting, in the sense that it needs no outside help. The students pay something of course but not sufficient to carry on the work without special contributions or endowment. The reports of our Freedman's Aid Society show that our students pay thousands of dollars along the line of self-help and yet not sufficient to run the schools. According to the report for 1895 they paid \$57,553 for tuition, room rent and incidentals. This does not include what they pay for board, which amounts to much more than the figures given above. We know of no one of all our boarding halls that get one cent from the Society; they are all absolutely self-supporting and in a few cases they help support the literary department. If our friends at the North could only know of the sacrifices many of these students make to attend school they would be willing to assist them. Hundreds of them have only what they can make during vacation at odd jobs or teaching a little school. We have known teachers who would come so nearly giving away their salary, over and above living expenses, that they would be compelled to borrow money in order to live through vacation. Why do they do so you ask? Simply because a man who knows the real condition, cannot help but make sacrifices to help them.

The Society is compelled to help pay the teachers and keep up school property, etc. It needs and merits the assistance of every man and woman who believes in helping the needy, especially those who help themselves.

King Solomon sent in his yearly subscription last week. Now we want to hear from the Queen of Sheba.

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

We are confident our readers will note with delight the announcement made in another column by Eaton & Mains, the publishers of the Southwestern. We have just had a visit from Dr. Eaton, who has carefully gone over every matter connected with the enlargement and proper management of the paper. He is greatly interested in whatever pertains to the highest success of the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

You will see by the publishers' announcement that the paper will be enlarged to sixteen pages January 1st, just double its present size. At present we have no church paper larger than sixteen pages; hence we will be as large as the largest. This ought, we are sure, be gratifying to all our Conferences and satisfy fully those of our readers who have so long complained because the paper was two years ago reduced in size.

There will of course be some additional expense connected with this enlargement which the publishers are depending upon us to meet, and it seems there is no reason why we should not. The fact is we must do so, our Conferences cannot afford to fail. The only change in the price will be for short term, that is three and six months subscribers. The paper will be continued at \$1.25 per year; but three months will be 50 cents, and six months 75 cents. This it seems to us is as cheap as any one could ask; for he is poor indeed who cannot pay 2 1-2 cents per week to support his church paper.

Now, brethren, this is business; it means a struggle for life and we must go at it accordingly. The publishers are trying to meet your demands; now if you do not measure up as you promised the church will lose its confidence in the Negro's sincerity.

## THE PROPER THING WELL DONE!

We had the very great pleasure of attending a reception given at the St. James A. M. E. Church this city, Rev. L. H. Reynolds, pastor, in honor of Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E. Church Review. He had for a number of years been president of the Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, but at the last session of the General Conference of his church was elected editor of this leading periodical. We have no hesitancy in saying, for we have known him for years, that in our opinion the General Conference could not have made a better selection. An older man might have been found, but not one more level-headed, more thoughtful, more polished.

The reception was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Hon. J. Madison Vance presided and addresses of welcome were delivered by Messrs. W. E. Mason and C. J. Clouton, after which Mr. Kealing responded in a happy, eloquent and thoughtful strain. The editor of this paper spoke also. Refreshments were served by the King's Daughters.

Pastor Reynolds and his people deserve much credit for this very pleasant affair. Race pride and the proper appreciation of the worthy among us, are necessary elements in the development of our people.

## PHYSICIANS FOR AFRICA:

Bishop Hartzell writes us that he desires two Methodist physicians for Africa. They must not be persons who are looking for something to do, but those to whom it will be a sacrifice to go; who have had experience in their profession, especially in hospital work, and who desire to labor among the poor and heal their bodies in order to save their souls as did the Master.

Correspondence with good references desired. Address Bishop J. C. Hartzell, No. 150 Fifth Ave., New York.



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## Winston District.

First Round.	October.
Triality circuit	10 11 Jonesville..... 17 18
Walnut Cove	24 25 Stateville.. 31, Nov. 1
	November.
Mayhew	7 8 High Point..... 14 15
Ashboro	21 22 Mitchell..... 28 29
	December.
Ma. Airy & Dob	Winston & Advance 12 13
son	5 6 Lovington..... 19 21
Kernersville	28 27
	W. W. Pope, P. E.

## Montgomery District.

Fourth Round.	November.
Pensacola	12 Warren St..... 7 8
Tennaw	10 11 Wesley & Theo
Mt. Sterling	21 22 dore..... 14 15
Brawton and Pollard	24 20
	December.
Castleberry	5 6 Evergreen..... 12 13
Union Springs	19 20 Montgomery..... 26 27
	January.
Brown's Grove and	Prattville..... 9 10
Aberfall	23 Tr y..... 16 17
	E. M. Jones, P. E.

## Knoxville District.

First Round.	October.
Newport	24 25
	November.
La Zewell	7 8 Russellville..... 14 15
Mossy Creek	21 22 Knoxville Sta..... 28 29
	December.
Ebenezer	12 13 Morristown Sta..... 19 20
	January.
C. & C. Creek	1st Sunday in January, 1897
Kingston	2nd " " " "
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## Jacksonville District.

Fourth Round.	October.
Huntsville cir.	23 24
Lake City and New Hope	31, Nov. 1
	November.
White Springs	7 8
Sanderson and McCleary	8
Kings Ferry	14 15
Hibernia cir.	21 22
St. Joseph and circuit	28 29
Mt. Meriah and Manderin	29
	December.
Simpson cir.	6 7 W. Jacksonville cir..... 6
Fernandina cir	13 14 Lone Star..... 19 20
St. Augustine	27 28
	January.
Ebenezer	3 4 Wrightsville cir..... 10 11
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## Marion District.

Fourth Round.	October.
Lake Grove	31, Nov. 1
	November.
Newherne and Jackson Chapel	7 8
Old Town Simpson Chapel	14 15
Eutaw and Springfield	21 22
St. Paul and St. Mary	28 29
	December.
Union and Bethany	5 6 Tuscaloosa..... 12 14
Antich & Althia	19 20 Marou..... 26 27
	January.
Gainesville and Sen's Chapel	2 3
Clinton	9 10 Selma..... 16 17
	P. L. Teagus, P. E.

## Birmingham District

Fourth Round.	November.
St. Paul	7 8 Eson..... 14 15
Adamsville	17 18 Avondale..... 19 21
Irondale	21 22 Bessemer..... 24 25
Mt. Pleasant	26 27 Onenta..... 28 29
	December.
Blount Springs	12 Warrior..... 5 6
Springville	12 13 Ft. Payne..... 14
Attalla & Gadsden	19 20 Cedar Bluff..... 21
Rowells and Roads	22 Centre..... 26 27
	January.
Anniston & Oxford	23 Oxana..... 4
Heflin	9 10 Talladega..... 16 17
Horse Creek	19
	Wesley Prettyman, P. E.

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Oakland	31, Nov. 1
	November.
Decatur	7 8 Athens..... 14 15
Huntsville	14 15 Center Grove..... 21 22
Lincoln	21 22 Mt. Moriah..... 24 25
Cedar Grove	26 27 Triana..... 28 29
	December.
Scottsboro	5 6 Lime Rock..... 7 8
Stevenson	12 13 Guu aville..... 19 20
Blountsville	13 24
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Coartland	23 Sheffield..... 9 10
	Israel Townsend, P. E.

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Up in the nest where the breezes sigh  
The sweetest kind of lullaby.

Down in the grass where the field mice hide,  
And snuggle cozy side by side.

Out in the fragrant summer night,  
Where the primrose shuts its petals tight;

Where the clover leaves are closely curled,—  
Oh, what a sleepy, sleepy world!

Closely, my drowsy darling, creep  
To mother's bosom and go to sleep.  
—Sunday School Times.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Southwestern fourteen months for \$1.25.

Not able to pay 2½ cents per week for your church paper!

It is all right to pray for your pastor, but you must do something for him, too.

It is said that there are at least a thousand young men and women in our Southern schools preparing for Africa.

The East Tennessee Conference goes: For the admission of women, 32; against, 0. For Equal Lay Representation, 0, against 32.

A lot 6 inches by 6 inches is on 36 inches square—very small indeed, and yet a lot that size sold in New York City a few days since for \$100.

The Phyllis Wheatley Sanitarium will be formally opened in this city Saturday, October 31st, at the Medical College, corner Canal and Robertson streets at 1 o'clock.

We notice that most of the large churches of the North give their new pastors a reception. A pleasant thing to do; let more of our churches down South try it.

Be sure to read "A Word to Writers for the Southwestern," by Dr. J. D. Walsh. If our brethren will take his advice we will make the Southwestern a great paper.

The way those Texas District Conferences have been sending in subscribers delights us. Boys, hold another on each District before Conference. But watch Mississippi.

Bishop Mallalieu said to the Tennessee Conference: "If you do not think the appointment is just right, remember the Lord was asked to help make it and you do not want to lay up anything against Him.

Hon. Chas. F. Crisp, congressman from Georgia and ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, died on the 23rd inst., at Atlanta, Ga. He expected to have been elected United States Senator by the Georgia Legislature when it assembles.

We acknowledge an invitation to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the College of History, one of the buildings of the American University. We are very greatly interested in the future of this magnificently planned institution and regret much our inability to be present and witness this interesting ceremony. Bishop Hurst is to be congratulated on the gradual unfolding of his timely dream of this stupendous enterprise. May his life be spared to see it fulfilled to its fullest extent.

## HELP US TO HELP OURSELVES.

Growth is the natural result of life. Nature believes in it and insists upon it. Man has learned to recognize its necessity and expects it. Methodists accord with nature on this point. Regarding the development of our church work in the South during the past quarter century all unprejudiced critics are amazed and delighted. Its constant growth cannot be denied; it might have been otherwise but as it is its marked improvement is obvious. The prejudiced mind measures our improvement by the heights to be attained, the unprejudiced by the depths from which we have come. To the former class we are worse off than when we were slaves; to the other our improvement is truly marvelous.

We acknowledge with gratitude that we have had much assistance and encouragement, without which our condition would have been far different from what it is. At the first those who labored for us and with us were supported by the contributions of good friends at the North. Gradually these beneficent hands have found it possible to withdraw to an extent till now our work in nearly every department is self-supporting. By many it is thought this change is being forced too rapidly and that the educational work especially is suffering as a result. In many of our schools there are not only too few teachers but those who are employed are of necessity poorly paid. The Society in charge of this work is doing its best, but its financial condition causes it to force the schools too rapidly, just as is sometimes true of hot-house plants. The teachers have to work too hard, that is too constantly. They do not have leisure for thought and study. When a teacher must instruct anywhere from seven to nine classes each day, and they the most advanced, it will certainly tax his strength and capacity to their utmost. Besides, what time has he for thought and investigation?

Our friends must not desert us where we are because they think we are not approaching self-support rapidly enough. There is not a school at the North that is self-supporting, in the sense that it needs no outside help. The students pay something of course but not sufficient to carry on the work without special contributions or endowment. The reports of our Freedman's Aid Society show that our students pay thousands of dollars along the line of self-help and yet not sufficient to run the schools. According to the report for 1895 they paid \$57,553 for tuition, room rent and incidentals. This does not include what they pay for board, which amounts to much more than the figures given above. We know of no one of all our boarding halls that get one cent from the Society; they are all absolutely self-supporting and in a few cases they help support the literary department. If our friends at the North could only know of the sacrifices many of these students make to attend school they would be willing to assist them. Hundreds of them have only what they can make during vacation at odd jobs or teaching a little school. We have known teachers who would come so nearly giving away their salary, over and above living expenses, that they would be compelled to borrow money in order to live through vacation. Why do they do so you ask? Simply because a man who knows the real condition, cannot help but make sacrifices to help them.

The Society is compelled to help pay the teachers and keep up school property, etc. It needs and merits the assistance of every man and woman who believes in helping the needy, especially those who help themselves.

King Solomon sent in his yearly subscription last week. Now we want to hear from the Queen of Sheba.

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

We are confident our readers will note with delight the announcement made in another column by Eaton & Mains, the publishers of the Southwestern. We have just had a visit from Dr. Eaton, who has carefully gone over every matter connected with the enlargement and proper management of the paper. He is greatly interested in whatever pertains to the highest success of the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

You will see by the publishers' announcement that the paper will be enlarged to sixteen pages January 1st, just double its present size. At present we have no church paper larger than sixteen pages; hence we will be as large as the largest. This ought, we are sure, be gratifying to all our Conferences and satisfy fully those of our readers who have so long complained because the paper was two years ago reduced in size.

There will of course be some additional expense connected with this enlargement which the publishers are depending upon us to meet, and it seems there is no reason why we should not. The fact is we must do so, our Conferences cannot afford to fail. The only change in the price will be for short term, that is three and six months subscribers. The paper will be continued at \$1.25 per year; but three months will be 50 cents, and six months 75 cents. This it seems to us is as cheap as any one could ask; for he is poor indeed who cannot pay 2 1-2 cents per week to support his church paper.

Now, brethren, this is business; it means a struggle for life and we must go at it accordingly. The publishers are trying to meet your demands; now if you do not measure up as you promised the church will lose its confidence in the Negro's sincerity.

## THE PROPER THING WELL DONE!

We had the very great pleasure of attending a reception given at the St. James A. M. E. Church this city, Rev. L. H. Reynolds, pastor, in honor of Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E. Church Review. He had for a number of years been president of the Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, but at the last session of the General Conference of his church was elected editor of this their leading periodical. We have no hesitancy in saying, for we have known him for years, that in our opinion the General Conference could not have made a better selection. An older man might have been found, but not one more level-headed, more thoughtful, more polished.

The reception was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Hon. J. Madison Vance presided and addresses of welcome were delivered by Messrs. W. E. Mason and C. J. Clou-don, after which Mr. Kealing responded in a happy, eloquent and thoughtful strain. The editor of this paper spoke also. Refreshments were served by the King's Daughters.

Pastor Reynolds and his people deserve much credit for this very pleasant affair. Race pride and the proper appreciation of the worthy among us, are necessary elements in the development of our people.

## PHYSICIANS FOR AFRICA:

Bishop Hartzell writes us that he desires two Methodist physicians for Africa. They must not be persons who are looking for something to do, but those to whom it will be a sacrifice to go; who have had experience in their profession, especially in hospital work, and who desire to labor among the poor and heal their bodies in order to save their souls as did the Master.

Correspondence with good references desired. Address Bishop J. C. Hartzell, No. 150 Fifth Ave., New York.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## WHAT IT MEANS.

By H. H.

"The Man of African Descent" is both the leading, and in many respects, the most interesting and readable article in the Christian Educator for June and July.

We have read this letter with genuine pleasure and joy. The sentiment it expresses, the position it assumes, the satisfaction it affords and the inspiration it imparts are all helpful and stimulating and significant.

What does it mean?

It means that our noble church is still, as she has always been, the black man's staunchest friend; that her interest and confidence in, her appreciation and love for her black membership, are not ungenial, are not superficial, are not decreasing; but real and true, increasing with the years and becoming more positive and manifest. In other words, it means that the Methodist Episcopal Church is optimistic on the race question, seeing in the colored man capabilities and powers of high order, and ready and willing to accord him every privilege and position that his work and worth justly merit, regardless of color or class. Thus is demonstrated without doubt, that the great hand and heart of the church are right in its relation to the "Man of African Descent." It means lastly that a new era is on us—a new day is dawning—a day of brighter hope, a day of larger privilege, a day of greater opportunity—a day of wider usefulness.

Therefore, we might as a race, make large and diligent preparation, and ready seizures of every opportunity proffered lest in our ignorance and indolence we should drift past them.

## LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Carrollton, Miss., October, 1896.

Reports have gone abroad that a race war was imminent in Carroll county, Miss. As some of our people have been alarmed by these reports, I desire to address them through our church paper. A report was circulated in the country about twelve miles from here to the effect that the Negroes were preparing to murder their white neighbors. A letter signed by a prominent colored man in that neighborhood was produced, inviting aid from another county, and asking a citizen of that county to order cartridges from the Winchester Arms Company. The white people began an investigation at once. A telegram from the Winchester Arms Company confirmed the statement that the cartridges had been ordered. This caused considerable excitement in some minds. But the more substantial and thoughtful citizens of this town and of the county expressed their disbelief of any wrong on the part of the colored people, and counseled moderation and a full investigation. Their counsels prevailed. On Saturday, October 10th, a goodly number of citizens of this town met a large number of citizens of the county in the neighborhood of the disturbance. A thorough, searching examination was made into the whole affair, which resulted in a triumphant vindication of the accused colored men, and all excitement was promptly allayed. The investigation showed clearly that the letter and the order for arms were forgeries, and on the very following a citizen of another county (a white man) was arrested and carried back to his county to answer for same.

It is not denied that during the great excitement at first there was danger of bloodshed. But during the whole affair the white people showed themselves the friends and protectors of their colored neighbors. The officers of this county and leading white citizens of the town and country spared no pains to run down rumors and expose the forgeries. And this they did in the interest of law and order and for the protection of the colored people. And thus peace reigns as a result of the efforts of the white people of this county.

During all the excitement the colored people bore themselves with the moderation becoming good citizens.

This is a true and faithful account, as I have gathered it from white and colored people, and my own observation. In addition to the above I desire to say that I was sent to this place by the Bishop at our Annual Conference last December. I have been treated with respect and courtesy by all classes of citizens, both white and col-

ored. On my arrival here I found that we had no church and no membership. I have succeeded, largely by the help of the white people, in building a neat house of worship. Indeed without the constant and liberal help of the white people I could not have built the church. I have lived at several places in the State; at no place have I observed more amicable relations between the races than here. The colored people are prospering as much in this county as anywhere I have lived. Many of them have their own farms, and many more their own stock.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is well to the front and our work prospers. Our next District Conference will meet here in the spring of 1897. Our people are looking forward to it with great interest. We hope, Mr. Editor, to see you here on that occasion. We promise a pleasant time to all who will honor us with their presence.

Respectfully, M. W. Reil,  
Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Carrollton, Miss.

## A GREAT MORAL ISSUE.

This report of the Committee on the State of the Country was unanimously adopted at the District Conference of the Washington District, Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Shiloh, Charles County, Maryland, September 10-13, 1896.

Rev. W. H. Brooks, Presiding Elder.  
Rev. John H. Griffin, Secretary.

We, your Committee on the State of the Country, beg leave to submit the following report:

In the estimation of your Committee, our country, the United States of America, is at this time in a situation which involves one of the greatest moral issues known to any people, at any time. We deem the situation so critical that an expression upon the part of all the people is demanded, in order that right may triumph, and the country's honor, which is now at stake, be vindicated. It is a situation which not only concerns parties and partisans, but the safety of the home and country, and the perpetuity of our free institutions. Aside from our country's honor, the situation is made more critical by party zeal in arraying the laborer against the employer and the poor against the rich, in the mere hope of party victory, which makes it all the more necessary for the church of God to interfere with the gospel of peace, in the hope of bringing about a result that will prevent what we deem an impending disaster.

Your Committee having given careful study to the situation of the country as it concerns the currency question, unhesitatingly affirm that as honest men we should take a stand for what we deem to be an honest currency that will pay an honest debt. As such, we would therefore suggest that our race take a stand for honest methods with all people, and that careful study of the situation be made before they give assent to any change of our standard currency now prevalent.

The Committee advise a prayerful study and consideration of the subject, and venture to suggest that the ballot, a God-given power to maintain right, be used for that purpose and for that purpose only.

## REV. ABRAHAM HOOKER.

Rev. Abraham Hooker departed this life in Owensboro, Ky., September 9, 1896.

Bro. Hooker was born in Springfield, Washington county, Ky., in 1847, thus being 48 years of age at the time of his death.

He was converted in 1868, and was one of the first members of Wesley Chapel, Jeffersonville, Ind.

He became a member of the Lexington Conference in 1876, and filled with acceptability and credit appointments in Lexington, Smithland, Cake Chapel, Louisville, Shelbyville, Ind., Shelbyville, Ky., Georgetown, Lloyd Street, Louisville, and presiding elder four years on Hovling Green District. He had just begun his work as pastor at Owensboro and died at his post.

He was an earnest, enthusiastic preacher of the Gospel. The people always flocked to hear his sermons. He was confined to his bed for about six weeks, and was perfectly resigned and happy.

Just prior to his death he gave directions as to the conduct of his funeral, selecting those to speak, the hymns to be sung, choosing as the text, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course," and left word to his presiding elder to

have his name called at the session of Conference and he "would answer from the throne of God."

The church at Owensboro and the U. B. F. Society sent resolutions and a committee to his funeral. The G. A. R. Post, of which he was a member, and the U. B. F. Lodge of Jeffersonville attended in a body.

Rev. G. A. Sissle, presiding elder of Louisville District; Revs. S. H. Ferguson, J. S. Henry, W. H. Baker, Wm. Miller and the writer assisted in the funeral services which were conducted in Wesley Chapel, Jeffersonville, Ind. The interment took place in the old soldiers' cemetery, New Albany, Ind.

Bro. Hooker leaves a wife to whom he has been married, and with whom he has lived happily, for twenty-six years; two sons, and aged father and mother several sisters and many friends to mourn his death but we are content. Our Father's ways are always right and best. Our brother is gone, but we shall meet again.

Faithfully yours,

Edward L. Gillian,  
N. Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 17, 1896.

## CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY.

Claflin University opened her doors for the reception of students on September 30th, and among the many pleasant faces it is a delight to see so many new ones.

The outlook for the year is very encouraging. The enrollment at present is double that of last year, and students are coming in on nearly every train.

The University has been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. B. E. Ingersoll, of New York, who is in charge of the department of science.

To the corps of English teachers have been added Misses Annie Jacobs, of Asheville, N. C., and Anna B. McGrath, of Charleston, S. C.

Miss Hattie E. Marshall, of Charleston, S. C., is in charge of the department of music.

Dr. W. L. Bulkley, to the delight of his many friends, has been promoted to the vice presidency, and everybody acknowledges him to be the right man in the right place.

Claflin is soon to reorganize its brass band and Glee Club.

Dr. W. L. Bulkley has spared no pains in placing all necessary books of reference and research within easy reach of the students of the classic and modern languages and the diligent manner in which the students are applying themselves to digging out roots and idioms silently bespeaks their highest appreciation of his efforts. More anon. F. L. B., Jr.

## A CALL FOR CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

If all the pastors and other persons holding Children's Day collections will kindly forward such collections to the Board of Education at the earliest date practicable, they will not only comply with the disciplinary requirements, but will greatly relieve a large number of noble young people, in our church schools who are in pressing need of aid from this fund. Never were there so many and so urgent requests for loans. Will brethren in the Spring Conference make special effort to send their Children's Day moneys directly to the Board and not hold them until the session of their Conferences? Their charges will thus be properly credited in the published Annual Report of the Board and a receipt will be sent them to present as a voucher to the Conference treasurer. This is far better and more satisfactory to all concerned than taking the money to Conference. The fiscal year of the Board ends November 30th, and all collections for the year should be in the treasury before that date.

Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 130 Fifth Avenue, New York City.  
C. H. Payne,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## AN URGENT APPEAL TO OUR METHODISM.

Gainesville, Fla., Oct. 9, 1896.

The destructive storm that swept our State on the 29th of September necessitates sending this appeal to the members and friends of our Methodism. The Gainesville District of the Florida Conference has suffered greatly. We have eight churches down, many of the homes of our people, and their cotton and corn crops damaged, and as a result the people and preachers are in need of the common necessities of life. Therefore, I ask through this medium the members and friends to donate

what they can to aid us in our dilemma. Whatever is given will be accounted for, and will be put where it will do the most good. I am yours with heartfelt sympathy for them,  
J. P. Patterson, P. E.,  
P. O. Box 187, Gainesville, Fla.

## AN APPEAL.

Dear Brethren and Friends of the M. E. Church: We the members and trustees of the M. E. Church at Crockett, Texas, take this method to appeal to you to help us lift the debt from over our church. There is a debt of \$450.00 against it and the church is now in law. We have sixty (60) days to raise the money and save the church. We appeal to every brother and friend to give us a dollar (\$1) or what they can. Every church and congregation give us a collection. Crockett is a prosperous city on the I. & G. N. R. R., and our society has done all that it can do to save the church.

The church is a neat and strong church and one of the best in the city. To save the church means to plant Methodism for all time to come in Crockett. To lose it means to abandon Crockett entirely.

Send money to Rev. A. C. Culbreath, P. E., Huntsville, Texas, Box 371.

We are respectfully yours,

P. B. Burns,  
Thornton Carter,  
Harris Hawkins,  
P. F. Fowler,  
Matt Terry, Trustees.

This appeal is a worthy one and any donation will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

S. H. Grant, P. C.  
A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

P. S.—Bishop Andrews promised to pay the last \$10.00 on the last \$200.00 raised.

(I know the circumstances and endorse this fully.—I. B. Scott.)

## TOO CHEAP.

A preacher of the Gospel had gone down in a coal mine during the noon hour to tell the miners of that grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ. After telling them the simple story of God's love to lost sinners, man's state and God's remedy, the time came for the men to resume work and the preacher came back to the shaft to ascend to the world again. Meeting the foreman, he asked him, "What he thought of God's way of salvation. The man replied:

"Oh, it is too cheap. I cannot believe in any such religion as that."

Without any immediate answer to this remark, the preacher asked:

"How do you get out of this place?"

"Simply by getting into the cage," was the reply.

"And does it take long to get to the top?"

"Oh, no; only a few seconds."

"Well, that is very easy and simple. But do you not need to help raise yourself?" said the preacher.

"Of course not," replied the miner.

"As I have said, you have nothing to do but to get into the cage."

"But how about the people who sunk the shaft and perfected all this arrangement? Was there much labor or expense about it?"

"Indeed yes; that was a laborious and expensive work. The shaft is 1,000 feet deep, and it was sunk at a great cost to the proprietor; but it is our only way out, and without it we should never be able to get to the surface."

"Just so. And when God's Word tells you that whosoever believeth in the Son of God has life everlasting, you at once say, 'Too cheap, too cheap'—forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of destruction and death was accomplished at a vast cost, the price being the death of his own Son."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—Baptist Teacher.

## BEST FAMILY MEDICINE.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 16, 1896.—"I have received the Rainy Day Puzzle sent for three trade-marks from Hood's Sarsaparilla and eight cents in stamps and it is very amusing for children. All of our family are taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and regard it as the best family medicine."

Mrs. Jos. Fermander,  
1037 Seventh, Cor. Orchid, 4th. Dist.

Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient.



## FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The object of the Society is thus stated:

"The work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society shall be the establishment and maintenance of institutions of Christian learning in the Southern States, among both white and colored people." And with regard to the importance of the work and of the way in which it is considered, we feel that some of the utterances of our Bishops would not be out of place.

Bishop Bowman says: "I look upon the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society in the South as all important to the Church and State."

Bishop Foss says: "It is a constantly growing conviction that the M. E. Church has no where done a more important work than its work of instruction, evangelization and moral uplift among the colored people of the South."

Bishop Warren is quoted in these words: "No work can be carried on with such economy, efficiency and success."

These are the words of Bishop Fowler: "One hundred and thirty years hence the Stars and Stripes will float over 150,000,000 colored people with great universities and profound scholarship."

Bishop Walden utters these truthful words: "Every consideration that warrants the maintenance of Christian schools in the North combine to move our people in the North to give this society a constant and liberal support."

Bishop Mallicien also says: "The conservation of all that is best in the family, the State and the Church require that the illiterate masses of the South, both black and white, should be educated."

If need be, in order to bring about the noble work this society is expected to accomplish, and which it gives promise of accomplishing in the years to come with Drs. Hamilton and Mason our true and tried brothers at its head, many other utterances of like import might be given and from many other portions of our Zion and from every department of this Christendom. We feel that the progress it has made and the great possibilities which seem to be in sight and the knowledge of the facts which have been so wisely and well said, shuts out the necessity for anything further in this line. We therefore would speak of the necessity of helping in this work and some of the means to be used. Aside from preaching on the subject and scattering literature, a day set apart for a service could be observed with great benefit and profit. The society has prepared an exercise for this day, giving thoughtful information on the subject, which will be sent free to all who will use it and take up a collection in aiding the society.

The Christian Educator, published by the secretaries of the society, is a quarterly giving such information as the pastor cannot dispense with, and at the same time be able to present this cause to the people in a proper light. Its terms are fifty cents a year or one dollar for four years. An excellent International Bible worth \$5 is offered as a premium for ten subscribers.

The increase by quadrenniums as seen in reports ought to give a hearty endorsement of the entire church to the work; and is very encouraging. The receipts during 1887-91 were \$981,197.18, being an advance in four years over any preceding four years of \$357,196.62. This is from all sources. The secretaries hold that the most urgent need now is that the Conference collections be brought up to their full apportionment which has fallen below one-third in some Conferences. We of the South should give great attention to these claims, as we are the beneficiaries. Our church has in the Southern States 269,000 white and 243,000 colored members. Leaving out the border territory the number of colored members exceed the whites by some 75,000 or 80,000. In the same territory are 1,672,946 white and 3,042,435 colored people who cannot write. I believe this ignorant mass of people and the oncoming generations depend more largely upon the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society through the M. E. Church for enlightenment, evangelization and salvation than on any other agency. These Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society schools are in great need of our assistance, and owing to

the fact that our money market is greatly disturbed we should pay special attention to this great interest of the church and encourage our faithful secretaries, Drs. Hamilton and Mason, till our great commonwealth becomes settled upon a solid financial basis. We do not want to make an assignment of any of our great church interests.

The great plan which Dr. Mason has on foot and which he preached to us in Tennessee while in Nashville last August, I think an excellent one, reasonable, thoughtful and purely Methodist in its principles. The plan is this: "The Nineteenth Century Club." He desires to get 100,000 members to join this club paying 50 cents a year for four years, making \$2 per member within the four years, that will bring us to our next quadrennium, two dollars per member, 100,000 members, \$200,000. Can't we do it? Why not? The strain should be caught up by every member of our church and echoed from Maine to California and from Massin Bay to the Gulf of Mexico, and still be re-echoed till heathen nations of the Mission fields shall catch the strain and waft the thought around the world, till every man, woman and child in Methodism and all our young peoples' societies and leagues shall join to sing:

"Hold the fort for we are coming.  
See the signal still:  
Wave the answer back to Heaven.  
By thy grace we will."

## SAYS MCKINLEY WILL WIN.

Congressman Grosvenor, who distinguished himself as a political prophet in forecasting the strength of McKinley in the St. Louis Convention, gave out recently this forecast of the Presidential vote in each State, showing that McKinley will certainly be elected:

"I have been urged for several weeks to authorize the publication of a table of estimates of the Presidential election and I have hesitated to do so, because there was a more or less uncertainty in regard to the result; not that there has ever been any uncertainty or doubt in the intelligent mind as to who would be elected, but following the St. Louis convention and the nomination of Bryan and Sewall by one faction of the Democratic party and the substantial absorption of the Populist party, which succeeded that event, there was some uncertainty as to how a number of the states would finally go, and this condition of uncertainty has not yet entirely disappeared; but the general drift of political events has reached a point where I think I need no hesitate to point out substantially how the several States will go.

The six New England States, with thirty-nine electoral votes will go to McKinley, so I head my table as follows:

"New England, 39; New York, 36; New Jersey, 10; Maryland, 8; Delaware, 3; Pennsylvania, 32; West Virginia, 6; Ohio, 23; Indiana, 15; Illinois, 24; Michigan, 14; Wisconsin, 12; Iowa, 13; Minnesota, 9; South Dakota, 4; Kentucky, 13; Oregon, 4; Washington, 4; California, 9; total, 278.

"Here is a total of 278 votes, or 54 more than sufficient to elect, all of which are practically sure for McKinley.

"I come to some states which are still in doubt, but which under the high tide of Republican success now sweeping the country, will be almost sure to vote for McKinley—if not all of them, at least a very large proportion of them, to-wit:

"Kansas, 10; Nebraska, 8; North Carolina, 11; North Dakota, 3; Wyoming, 3; total, 35.

"Here are 35 electoral votes, from which McKinley will surely receive enough to make good any accident that may befall the total of 278."

## ARE NOW FREE OF DEBT.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has announced to the various Congregational churches throughout the country that the heavy load of debt with which it was burdened at the beginning of the fiscal year has been lifted. According to the report of the treasurer of the board, there was on August 31, 1895, a debt amounting to \$114,632.38. During the year ending August 31, 1896, there was disbursed \$627,969.58. The entire receipts for the same period from all sources were \$743,104.59, which leaves a surplus of \$502.65. The cancelling of the debt was due to the gift of \$23,000 by D. Willis James, of this city. The

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church has also lifted its debt.—World.

## AN ELEPHANT'S SENSE.

In India domesticated elephants are usually given drink from large wooden troughs filled with well water by means of a pump, and it is commonly an elephant that fills this trough. While visiting a friend at his fine residence in India, a correspondent of a paper saw a large elephant engaged in pumping such a trough full of water. He continued: "In passing, I noticed that one of the two tree-trunks which supported the trough at either end had rolled from its place, so that the trough still elevated at one extremity, would begin to empty itself as soon as the water reached the level of the top at the other end, which lay on the ground. I stopped to see if the elephant would discover anything wrong. Soon the water began to run off at the end which had lost its support. The animal showed signs of perplexity when he saw this; but, as the end nearest him lacked much of being full, he continued to pump. Finally, seeing that the water continued to pass off, he left the pump handle and began to consider the phenomenon. He seemed to find it difficult to explain. Three times he returned to his pumping, and three times he examined the trough.

"I was an absorbed looker-on, impatient to see what would be done. Soon a lively flapping of the ears indicated the drawing of light. He went and smelled of the tree trunk, which had rolled from under the trough. I thought for a moment that he was going to put it in its place again. But it was not, as I soon understood, the end which ran over that disturbed his mind, but the end which he found impossible to fill. Raising the trough, which he then allowed to rest for an instant on one of his huge feet, he rolled away the second supporting log with his trunk, and then set the trough down so that it rested at both ends on the ground. He then returned to the pump and completed his task."—Manchester Times.

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**IMPORTANT TO PASTORS AND PEOPLE.**

In order to curtail expenses and bring the cost of publishing the Southwestern Christian Advocate within the subsidy allowed the paper by the General Conference, its size was reduced two years ago. Since that time many complaints have come to us that the paper is too small. We have decided therefore, to double its size, commencing with the first issue in January next, hoping thereby to increase the interest of our preachers and people in its circulation. The paper seems to be a necessity in the field which it is designed to occupy, and the pastors within our Southern territory will do themselves and their churches a most helpful service by putting the paper in the homes of all the people.

BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRY: We must rely upon you to secure a largely increased subscription list to the Southwestern and thus enable us to meet the large expenditure involved in doubling its size. Do not fear that your efforts to secure cash subscribers for the paper will diminish your salary receipts from your people. The more our people read our church papers the more liberal will be their contributions for pastoral support and general church benevolences. Make an earnest and persistent effort to double the subscription list of the Southwestern and you will reap the fruits of your labor in the advancement of every interest of your church.

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October 24, 1896.

Please, somebody, tell us how the election is going. The feeling in these parts is that McKinley will be elected, but Mr. Bryan says he is going to stay out till the day before the election; and it is thought he is making votes for somebody—can't say who.

A delegation of fifty from the representatives of Zion Church Centennial Celebration in New York went by special train to visit Major McKinley at Clinton. Bishop Clinton made the address and the Major responded.

In shaking hands Mr. Daucey said: "Major, I pledge you the electoral vote of North Carolina." Mr. McKinley said: "Mr. Daucey, I shall hold you to your pledge."

The delegation visited the Methodist Church, sat in the pew usually occupied by the Major and family and had a good time all round. Editor Smith thinks there is no doubt of Mr. McKinley's election.

The "Western" suggests that Democrats and Republicans should pray for each other. We desire to suggest to our brother that that cannot be expected just now, for the fact is they are not praying for themselves at this time.

The secretaries request us to state that "At the October meeting of the Missionary Board it was determined to continue the publication of "World Wide Missions." We believe that this will be good news to the pastors. Very many protests from all parts of the country came to us in regard to the suspension of this paper. We hope the pastors will secure large lists of subscribers at the earliest moment and send them to the office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

**A CRY FOR HELP.**

Accompanying the statement we published two issues ago from Rev. Ross Taylor, the son of the old hero Bishop Wm. Taylor, came a note from Bishop J. C. Hartzell which indicates the great burden now resting upon his heart. His missionaries are looking to him as children to a father. They are not looking to the Missionary Society, for no appropriation has been made for them. There was a small appropriation made for the old work, but Bishop Taylor's Missions proper looked wholly to him for support. Now all this work is transferred to Bishop Hartzell and he can only do as did his predecessor: look to the church to support this work by their voluntary contributions.

Just now every dollar counts. No doubt there are many of our readers who are interested in this vast and benighted land. At any rate let the pastors present the matter to their people and give them a chance to contribute their mite directly to our African work. The Bishop's letter will explain itself. He says:

My Dear Doctor: It is very important that the church should understand what Brother Taylor says.

Not only has Bishop William Taylor's administration fallen upon me, but also to provide for the missionaries until the first of January. That is until the General Missionary Committee takes action as to accepting and providing for the work.

I have now in my desk fully \$5,000 of bills which must be met, and my African Mission's fund treasury, I see by my cheque book this morning, has \$25 to its credit.

Even after the General Missionary Committee takes action the financial condition of the Mission's treasury will hardly admit appropriations to care for the work. In all probability a good share of Bishop Taylor's work in Africa will have to be abandoned, or else the friends of Africa must continue their special gifts to that work.

You will see at once the tremendous financial pressure as well as the administrative responsibility which has come to me.

Help me!

Help me and help Africa in any way that you can. Sincerely yours, J. C. Hartzell.

**A WORD TO THE WRITERS OF THE "SOUTHWESTERN."**

Rev. J. D. Walsh, D. D.

Having often read exhortations given by the editors of the half-score papers that come to my table weekly, in which all writers—especially beginners—are urged to study brevity, and some advice given in the Southwestern in issue of October 15, the writer feels moved to give a bit of experience that may be encouraging to some who are beginning to write. More than thirty years ago a beginning was made by writing very short articles—from thirty to fifty lines. These were re-written four or five times, and every time were made shorter. They were never hurried off to the printer. It was found good to lay the matter by for several weeks, and then look it over for corrections. When whole column articles were attempted—five or six years later—the same rule was observed. Months before these appeared in print they were written and revised; some of them reduced more than one-half from their original production. In the next place it was found very hard to learn to be patient with the editor when an article was delayed. But that has been learned by exercise. One of the most laboriously condensed articles ever written by me was in the office of our "Great Eastern," for eight months in 1895 and 1896, before it was printed. Some articles have waited more than a year in the editorial hands of three of our periodicals. But more than those that have waited long for publication, are the articles that have never been published at all. Some have gone to the waste-basket (to the writers' credit, I doubt not); some have been crowded out by overstock on some subject, and so fell into that reepectacle; some have come back to the writer, to be sent to other papers, while some are resting at home after several goings forth upon the flood that does so much overwhelm the editor's office. Several have been sent in competition for a prize, and not one of these was written in vain, though somebody else got the prize every time—for the writer got that reward that comes to every man whenever he does his best.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Rev. Jule Benn, of Mandeville, was in the city last week. His work is prospering.

Richmond, Texas, has been having a rally and Rev. J. F. Cozier is still rejoicing.

Editor H. T. Kealing, of the A. M. E. Review, and Rev. L. H. Reynolds called at our office.

Rev. Stephen Priestly, pastor of Mallalieu Chapel, this city, one of the old veterans of the Louisiana Conference, is quite ill at his home.

Dr. Homer Eaton and his brother, Dr. J. W. Eaton, were welcome visitors last week on their return trip from California. They enjoyed their trip.

Rev. W. L. Dyas has been appointed by Presiding Elder Wright to serve both Naborton and Lake End, La., till the Annual Conference. His postoffice is Lake End.

Rev. A. J. Trice, Brookville, Miss., raised quite a stir in the office last week. He sent 17 subscribers with the cash. Thank you! Try us again.

Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, ex-Gov. Pinchback and a number of other prominent colored men are making speeches at the North for McKinley and Hobart. That's right!

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. B. F. Witherspoon, of the South Carolina Conference, to Miss Mary L. M. Hanscome, of Charleston, S. C., on the 28th inst. The reception is to take place at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., which city is to be their future home.

Judge R. C. Denny of Bayou La Comb, St. Tammany Parish, La., called in to see us a few days since and we greatly enjoyed his visit. He is serving his second term as magistrate, and though a man well advanced in years, is quite intelligent and well up in the law.

Bishop Mallalieu and his brother, Mr. G. W. Mallalieu, dropped in on us last week. The Bishop is well though he has been hard at work in North Carolina and Tennessee for about six weeks. During the few hours he was in the city he visited our office, the New Orleans University, where he addressed the students and the preachers' meeting; the Old Folk's Home, the Medical College and the Italian Mission, and then left Wednesday night for Memphis, where the Tennessee Conference assembled Thursday morning. The brethren were glad to see him once more in the Crescent City.

This is the last week of our exciting presidential campaign, and yet one cannot tell what may happen before its expiration. The two great political parties are straining every nerve and plying the lash preparatory to the closing scene. It is to be hoped that no Christian man will allow himself to be tampered with in any way whatever.

If Mr. Bryan is elected next week in the face of the very formidable opposition with which he is contending, he will be the greatest man in this country, and perhaps no one will be more surprised than he. But should he be defeated, and we see nothing else for him, he can be like the boy who chased the express train, congratulate himself on making the Canton Statesman "move up lively."

There is no denying the fact that he has made a great and brilliant canvass and should it serve no other purpose, it will some day make him a lawyer in great demand and no doubt of great wealth.

It looks now as though our Democratic friends are hedging, preparatory to letting themselves down easily. Their leading journals are beginning to cry out corruption. They say Mr. Hanna is preparing to buy up one or two doubtful Northern States, and they think it a shame for any one to do such a thing in politics. We think so too, and hope Mr. Hanna not only will not do so, but that he will keep an eye on the Democrats and see that they will not do so either. We are really glad to find them so innocent and so much opposed to a corruption fund. May they never be guilty of using it North or South.

We regret that in some way we managed to get Dr. Merritt Hulburd's name wrong in our last issue.

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There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

#### Cash Remittances.

From October 19 to 26.

A. G. Townsend, 1	Mrs. W. H. McCullough, 2
E. Kling, 1	E. S. Freeman
L. W. Goudeon, 2	John Mayo
J. T. Cannon, 6	Z. Kelley
J. F. Marshall, 3	T. G. Montgomery, 2
F. L. Teague, 2	E. T. Chapman
E. H. Clarke, 1	W. H. Handley, 1
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C. G. Curtis, 2	J. W. Lewis, 1
H. P. Strong, 1	S. B. Davis
B. J. Reddix	M. B. Blackmar, 1
R. N. Jones	M. C. Gillespie
W. S. Leake, 1	Mrs. R. O. Spears, 1
H. Taylor	B. F. Woolfolk
Matilda Coburn	Prince Kibos
A. B. Venable, 3	W. L. Duncan, 13
Geo. Rivers	J. Jones, 2
Wm. McMorris, 2	Howard Johnson
A. Brown, 1	J. J. Walker, 1
Wm. Bell	B. M. Hubbard
D. P. Shaw, 3	Louisa Moore
M. W. Davis	J. D. Diggs, 3
S. P. Bryant, 2	Caledonia, Mrs., 3
C. L. Walla, 4	G. Gillespie
A. P. Milton, 1	G. Nelson, 1
J. K. Betts, 1	W. H. Logan, 1
J. H. Swann	John Pearson
H. M. Renfro, 1	Wm. McCutchan
First German Church,	E. T. Foster, 1
W. A. Fortson, 3	

#### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Julia Denn, a member of Wesley Chapel, this city, Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor, met with the misfortune of being burned to death last week. She was kindling a fire and her dress of some light material caught fire from a lighted candle. She ran out of the room and was burned to death before the fire could be extinguished.

Mrs. Anthony, on Jackson Avenue, near Mt. Zion M. E. Church, has in her possession a puppy which has the appearance of an elephant. The snout the ears and forefeet are almost perfect. It is a wonderful freak.

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#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

##### GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

The Griffin District Conference met at McDonough. Rev. John P. Wragg, the popular presiding elder, was at his post. Rev. E. H. Oliver and J. M. Anderson were chosen secretaries. Rev. C. O. Fisher, D. D., of Oxford, Ga., was on the ground much earlier than most of the young men. His cheering address and happy appearance greatly stimulated the brethren. One hundred and fifty conversions and about 200 accessions to the church reported. Four hundred and fifty dollars had been raised for benevolent purposes, and the pastors better paid than ever before. New churches being built, old ones repaired and many old debts paid off.

Rev. A. P. Melton was among us, and putting in a good speech for Clark University at every opportunity as usual.

Peace and much harmony in the District; and our meeting together was a great blessing to the preachers and people. The Southwestern Christian Advocate had a prominent place in the District Conference, to-wit:

Resolved, That we, the Southwestern Christian Advocate.—Whereas: The march and growth of our great church in this Southland is calling for a reading people, so that we shall have pure religion and more intelligence in our homes and congregations;

Resolved, That we renew our vows and take fresh hold of the Southwestern; and,

Whereas, the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after carefully considering the various memorials presented to that body touching the location of the office of the Southwestern finally enacted that the paper be changed from New Orleans to Atlanta, Ga., during the quadrennium, but that it remain at New Orleans for the present;

Resolved, That we show our appreciation of this act by the renewed interest we take in the paper; and,

Whereas, it is the mind of the Book Committee to enlarge the paper when 2,000 more cash subscribers are sent to the office of the Southwestern; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the ministers, members and friends of the Griffin District, Atlanta Conference, undertake to raise at least 250 of that number in this Conference year.

V. D. Jenkins.

##### HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Huntsville District Texas Conference convened at Crockett, Texas, September 23rd, Rev. A. C. Culbreath, presiding elder in the chair. The Conference elected Rev. M. Q. A. Fuller secretary, Rev. B. M. Taylor, assistant, and Rev. S. M. Bolden, recording secretary; Rev. J. H. Anderson, treasurer.

Revs. J. A. Turner, of the Presbyterian Church; W. A. Fortson, presiding elder, Palestine District; A. Williams, P. C. Palestine; O. I. Jones, field agent Sunday School Union, and Prof. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, were present and introduced to the Conference.

Rev. S. M. Bolden preached the opening sermon; Rev. T. Edwards preached the Missionary sermon; Rev. M. Q. A. Fuller preached the annual sermon.

Rev. J. A. Turner, of the Presbyterian Church, delivered the welcome address. Rev. B. M. Taylor was elected to represent the Southwestern Christian Advocate, which he did, and secured some subscribers. Too much praise cannot be given to the good people of Crockett for their kind treatment and the care they took of the delegates.

Our membership at Crockett is poor and few and the Presbyterians, Baptists and C. M. E. Churches cared for the Conference, and made it a pleasant stay.

Revs. O. I. Jones, T. Edwards and Wm. McKinzie preached good and wholesome sermons during the day Sunday. The Conference passed the usual list of resolutions and adjourned to meet in the M. E. Church at Huntsville next year, 1897.

The resolutions in favor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate are here given; also in favor of Wiley University.

Whereas, The Southwestern Christian Advocate, published in New Orleans, La., is an official paper of the M. E. Church, and,

Whereas, The Southwestern Christian Advocate has always been outspoken in the defense of our people as a race, as well as the great church that supports it; be it

Resolved, (1) That this District Conference endorse the Southwestern

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Resolved, (2) We, the District Conference, endorse the action of the General Conference in electing Rev. I. B. Scott, A. M., D. D., as the editor of the paper.

Submitted,

B. M. Taylor,

M. Q. A. Fuller,

T. Edwards,

S. M. Bolden.

Wiley University.

Whereas, The Wiley University is one of the schools of the M. E. Church for the education and development of our people and for the preparation of an intelligent and holy membership, and

Whereas, This is our Conference school, and

Whereas, Prof. M. W. Dogan has been appointed president of said school; be it

Resolved, (1) That we appreciate the action of the Board of F. A. S. C. in making Prof. Dogan president.

2. That we pledge ourselves to give our hearty co-operation and prayers for the success of Wiley University.

God bless Prof. Dogan in his work.

O. I. Jones,

B. M. Taylor,

S. M. Bolden.

##### ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Conference of the Aberdeen District Upper Mississippi Conference met for its third annual session in St. Paul M. E. Church at 9 o'clock, September 3, 1896, at Aberdeen. The following ministers were present: Dr. H. R. Revels, L. P. White, Jno. Mayo, C. L. Walls, Wm. Bell, O. W. Crump, S. H. Nevils, S. R. Gipson, P. Johnson and J. W. Winbush. It was a meeting of great significance, and prognosticates the future success of the League on the Aberdeen District. The borders of the League are widening along the line, its influence is far-reaching, and its motto, "Look Up, Lift Up," is verily its mission; it is making a sentiment which will last until "Mother Time" shall cease to be. I am proud to say that the ministers and members of the Aberdeen District League Conference have been brought in touch with the influence of this great institution, and will set out more determined to succeed in the future. Dr. H. R. Revels, who is full of activity and push, presided during most of the session to the delight of all. Mrs. M. E. Furgerson presided on Friday evening, with her usual grace and ease. Mrs. Dr. Shumbert is awake all along the lines of League work. Mrs. A. B. Morgan and C. E. Clay are in the great League movement on the District. The following ministers visited the Conference: Rev. B. H. S. Furgerson, fraternal delegate and presiding elder, Starkville District, who captured the audience by his able address, and Revs. Norman, W. H. Whitlock and N. R. Clay, Tupelo District, and P. O. Jamison, presiding elder. Rev. S. R. Gipson and his kind people spared no pains in making our stay one of enjoyment and comfort. Your yoke-fellow,

J. W. Winbush, Secretary

West Point, Miss.

##### PARIS DISTRICT.

The thirteenth session of Paris District Texas Conference met in Warren Chapel M. E. Church, Greenville, Texas, September 2, 1896. Rev. C. C. Minagan, P. E., called the meeting to order. W. Hartley Jackson was re-elected secretary, with Revs. Paul Pruitt and V. M. Cole, Jr., assistants. Prof. R. S. Thweatt was elected statistical secretary, and Rev. H. R. Smith, Conference treasurer. After the appointment of the proper committees the temporary organization of the District Sunday School Institute took place, with the following temporary officers, to-wit: Prof. R. S. Thweatt, president; Miss R. E. Simmons, secretary; Miss Aggie Hendricks, assistant, and Miss J. A. Lyons, treasurer.

Dr. N. J. Atkinson made the welcome address, and was responded to

by W. H. Jackson. They both made excellent speeches. After two days' labor, finding our church too small, to accommodate us comfortably, the genial-hearted trustees of Wesley Chapel, C. M. E. Church, threw open the doors of their beautiful church to us.

Revs. W. H. Logan, presiding elder Marshall District, and O. I. Jones, Sunday School agent for Texas, were present and rendered noble service in presenting the work of the blessed old M. E. Church to Greenville, Texas. V. M. Cole, Jr., E. M. Alexander, C. H. Hendricks and W. C. Harris were recommended for admission on trial in the Annual Conference.

E. M. Alexander and C. H. Hendricks were recommended for orders.

The following ministers preached soul-stirring sermons during the session: Revs. T. W. Stephens, of Nashville, Tenn.; H. R. Smith, P. Pruitt, O. I. Jones, Wm. Wesley, M. S. and W. H. Logan, B. D.

Permanent officers Sunday School Institute.—Prof. R. S. Thweatt, president; Miss Emily Alexander, secretary.

Epworth League.—President, R. S. Thweatt; secretary, Miss Lizzie Holloway.

The benevolent collection was \$100 ahead of last year at the same time. The presiding elder's report was good. The District is spiritually alive and is very good financially.

Rev. J. P. Barnes was appointed to take cash subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Key was very sick during the session, so much so that he did not get out to the business sessions himself, and Dr. N. J. Atkinson is doing all right, and they get all the work they can do. The Conference steward, W. Hartley, reported collected \$37.90.

Brookston was chosen as the seat of the next session. Secretary.

##### CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Dear Brothers: Put your committees to work and raise your benevolences in the first part of the Conference year. Preach a special sermon on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education as per resolution adopted at the last session of the Conference. Look after Missions and Church Extension if possible. Raise your assessments on these three above named causes in the first part of the year. Don't forget the Southwestern. Put it in each home. G. W. Staples, P. E.

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S. H. Nevils, P. C., Macon Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference: Our third quarter was held with our much beloved presiding elder, Dr. H. R. Revels, presiding. It was the most encouraging Conference held on the Circuit this year. About 170 partook of the Lord's Supper; and in the Conference we took up \$68.10. The sermon from the presiding elder was full of spirit and instruction. We were highly edified by it. I have sent eighteen subscribers and will send in some more soon. Assisted by the young girls of the Circuit, Misses Callie Spain, Irene Stewart, Annie Gormer, Dickey Rupert, Millie Jones, Adeline Bankhead, Annie Dantzler, Dan E. Stone, Naney Williams, Mary Fleming, May A. Kirklin, and Ada Williams, I have collected for benevolence this year \$60, and will send it to the proper place at once.

J. W. Sheppard, Wedome, Ala.: I was glad to see the good law of the Zion church, allowing no preacher an appointment who does not take his church paper. Now I think it would be a good rule for our preachers to be governed by. How can the preacher lead the people in the church when he don't know the way himself? He never reads anything about what the church is doing and how can he lead the people? I heard a local preacher say on Sunday in class meeting that he did not ask his pastor, nor his presiding elder, nor his bishop any odds; he said he would preach when he got ready, license or no license, and I say to the readers of this paper that no man or men are fit to lead in the M. E. Church that don't take and read the church paper. I read of the appointment of presiding elders and a letter from the bishop occasionally. Any circuit or station where the preacher don't read the organ of the church to which he belongs will die because their leader is dead.

W. E. Hutcheson, Daingerfield, Texas: Since my arrival here in June on this new work, I have labored hard to build it up. I have succeeded in framing up a nice church 36x50 and am still at work on it. We have the old crank-sided church at Daingerfield, that the wind blew from one side to the other, fixed now and will put a roof on it next week. We have had the assistance of the white people with both churches. They are our friends in this place. We have just closed a revival meeting with thirty-one conversions and sixty-five additions. Rev. S. E. Ewing rendered valuable services in the morning. We pray God's blessings on him.

Aberdeen, Miss.: I write to let you know how much money we have raised in the St. Paul M. E. Church this month. On the 13th of September we raised for Bro. Gibson \$96.06, and on the 20th of September for benevolence, \$44.14. This collection was made by sending out a committee of ladies to work. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Amanda Bumpass, \$5; Mrs. M. A. Chy, \$5.30; Miss M. E. Thomas, \$5.10; Miss Della Donalson, \$5.51; Miss C. E. Gibson, \$2.40; Miss B. A. Clapton, \$5; Miss L. A. Brandon, \$15.83; grand total, \$114.20. We are doing well spiritually as well as financially, for we have had sixty-seven converts this year, and we trust we may reach the 100 mark before the first of January. Yours for Christ.

Crawford, Miss.: I thought I would send a few words to the paper concerning our work. We have just closed our last revival, total number converted this year, forty-seven, and concessions fifty-seven. Our Epworth League is doing a grand work this year. It has paid out \$18.40 to the sick, and so we are doing all we can in the way of looking up and lifting up. Bro. Alfred Johnson departed this life September 7th. He has served as steward and class leader for the church for many years. He was a consistent member. He died in full triumph of living faith. He leaves a wife and children to mourn their loss.

Miss E. L. Mayo, Mansfield, La.: September 20th was a high day at Mansfield. A large crowd was out to witness the corner-stone laying at the new church. It was a decided success. The corner-stone was laid by the Knights of Pythias Order of this town. The form for laying corner-stones laid down in the Discipline was used. Rev. P. C. Colton, of Shady Grove, and two of his local preachers, W. Williams and A. C. Cato, participated in the service. Rev. H. James, our presiding elder, was with us and did excellent service. He is a perfect fit. Rev. J. O. Brown, our pastor, is quite a combination preacher and architect. Our church when completed will be one of the finest buildings in the town of its kind. Total collection, \$91.91. The Mansfield Journal stands by our church; makes very encouraging notes of it weekly.

G. A. Sanford, P. C., Wuyneboro, Ga.: I wish to say I have just closed a great revival which lasted twelve days, and during that time we had eleven converts and nine joined the church. It is said by the people that it was the best meeting that has been in Wuyneboro for ten years. I baptized seven of them and we are moving along nicely.

W. L. Dyas, P. C., Lake End, La.: I am glad to say the Lord has fought my battle. This year I built one new church at Naborton, La., 25x35, and since the District Conference I have been serving two pastoral appointments, the other at Lake End, La., where I am building another church 25x40; hope to finish it by the Annual Conference. The church is not a pig pen as you can see by the size.

L. J. Terrell, Shuqualak, Miss.: My third Quarterly Conference was held September 20-21, with Dr. H. R. Revels, presiding elder in the chair. The report of pastor was read which showed that the work was spiritually alive and every interest of the church looked after. Reports from leaders showed progress. The elder addressed the brethren in regard to their duty; the enterprise was explained to the people; the Southwestern was so fully recommended that many promised to take it at no distant day. Conversions this quarter, 25; baptized, 15; paid the pastor, \$90; presiding elder, \$14. The elder preached a soul-stirring sermon in the morning and at night. We are always glad when the Doctor comes around.

J. D. Gibson, Ebenezer, Miss.: We have held our fourth Quarterly Conference, with W. E. Musk, presiding elder present. Reports showed that the church work was alive along all lines. The elder spoke of the Southwestern Christian Advocate and impressed it upon the minds of the brethren.

Several souls came to the table of the Lord's Supper. Collection was \$18.35. We have paid the elder \$44.10. We will raise the other \$5.90. Last Sunday we had with us Rev. J. D. Bluit, who preached two sermons, edifying to all who heard him. One joined the church. Collection was \$17.80. The grand old Southwestern Christian Advocate was not forgotten. I will send some more soon. We have had revivals at one point and got seventeen souls happily converted, ten of them joined our church, and we are now starting at another point. Outlook is good. Pray for our success.

Valcour Chapman, P. C., Franklin, La.: We closed our revival services, which resulted in the salvation of forty souls, thirty-nine of which joined our church and one joined the A. M. E. Church. We hope to send in a few cash subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate soon.

D. L. Tubbs, Liberty Hill Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference: I have closed two of my revival meetings. Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, presiding elder rendered valuable services during the meeting, and also Rev. J. Everett. Forty-two were added to the church. One was a deaf and dumb girl, and she was happily converted. She made her conversion known by signs.

T. M. Edwards, P. C., Hushuqua Circuit, Mashulaville, Miss.: Our third Quarterly Conference was held in our new church at Center Ridge, September 26-27. Dr. H. R. Revels, presiding elder, was absent, but Rev. W. S. Leake acted well in his place. Success was shown on the work. Rev. W. S. Leake preached at 11. Rev. R. N. Jones, of Heidelberg, Miss., whose family was also with us, preached at 3 o'clock. His presence with us was like good news from a far-off land. He told us that we belonged to a great church, and preached like a hero. Collections, \$18.15. Baptized this quarter 10; 55 bowed at the communion table. Pray for us.

A. T. Stephens, P. C., Center Point, Ark.: Saint and sinners of Wesley Chapel have agreed to give from now until Conference till they feel it.

L. W. Goodsoa, Attalla, Ala.: There was a grand six club rally at the Antioch Methodist Episcopal Church, in Attalla Ala., Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference, on last Sunday, September 27, 1896. The amount raised by each club was as follows: Club No. 1, \$6.21, Miss Leanna Horton, leader; Club No. 2, \$3.69, Miss Francis Rounds, leader; No. 3, \$4.22, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, leader; No. 4, \$4.85, Miss Ollie Seales, leader; No. 5, \$5.79, Miss Charlotte Goodson, leader; No. 6, \$1.75, W. L. Battles, leader.

J. T. Cannon, Pontotoc, Miss.: I have just closed my revival. The Lord sent His spirit in our midst. The people say they never witnessed such a time. Conversions and additions, 44.

S. H. Hamilton, Atlanta Conference: I write to say that as Rev. H. R. Allen, the presiding elder of the Rome District of Atlanta Conference is doing grandly on his fourth round. As far as he has gone every pastor has paid him all they are due him. We are endeavoring to raise every dollar of benevolent collections. Rev. H. R. Allen is certainly winding up his six years well. All of the pastors are endeavoring to have full reports.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOV 8 1896

## THE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

1 Kings 8: 5-4.

Golden Text.—"The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him." (Hab. 2:20.)

The work of building the temple went rapidly forward. Solomon had seventy thousand burden bearers, eighty thousand hewers in the mountains, and three thousand three hundred overseers employed. Hiram, the widow's son, was a skilled workman in brass. The materials were swiftly prepared in the mountains and then conveyed to the place where the temple was to be erected. As the building went up there was not heard the sound of any tool of iron upon it. Silently were the stones and timbers located in the places designated for them, and each piece fitted perfectly. Majestically did the building arise, and when completed it was the glory of the whole earth. The church of God, like the temple of Solomon, rests on a solid foundation; is composed of a great variety of materials; is gradual and silent in its growth; is the scene of hallowed worship, and is the dwelling place of Jehovah.

The dedication of the temple was a very impressive scene. Solomon assembled the elders, the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers, and all the men of Israel, at Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant was brought by the priests from the tabernacle to the temple, arranged in the most holy place, and covered with the Mercy-seat. The holy vessels were conveyed to the temple and located in their places. Sacrifices were offered. Many were the musical instruments used in their devotions, and loudly did they sing of the goodness and mercy of God. Solomon delivered a short address to the people and asked the blessings of God upon them. The house was soon filled with a cloud that prevented the priests from ministering at the altar. This cloud was a token of Divine presence, favor and acceptance.

The king then ascended the brazen scaffold, kneeled down upon his knees, spread his hands toward heaven, and invoked the Divine blessing. His dedicatory prayer is the longest invocation on record in the Bible, and is one of the most profound productions of the Old Testament. It is the Book of Deuteronomy in a nutshell. It is a model usually followed in the dedication of houses for Christian worship. The king adored God for fulfilling His promise made to David; prayed for blessings upon the concentrated worship of the temple; and offered supplications for specific blessings. The petitions for the peculiar blessings are seven, thus corresponding with the seven requests of the Lord's Prayer. This prayer teaches faith, love, hope, reverence, humility and zeal.

At the close of the prayer Solomon arose from his knees and with a loud voice blessed the people. Fire came down from Heaven and consumed the sacrifice that lay on the great brazen altar by his side. Standing, sitting, kneeling, and prostrations are all taught as positions of the body in prayer. The weight of evidence greatly favors kneeling. The king had prayed till his soul was filled with the power of God. He blessed the Lord for fulfilling His promise made to Israel through Moses. That obligation referred to the gift of Canaan; the subjection of foes; the giving of rest, or peace; and the erection of the temple, a place where God would cause His name to dwell. This contract though made four hundred years before was now fulfilled. Not one jot or tittle of God's word will fail. The rest given to Israel, during the reign of Solomon, is typical of the heavenly rest that awaits the finally faithful.

The Lord is in the midst of His people. He was present with Israel in the pillar of cloud. Jesus told the apostles He would be with them always. John saw in the midst of the seven sanulesticks, or churches, one "like unto the Son of Man." He is with His children to-day in the person of the Holy Spirit. No man can come to the Father unless Jesus draw him, neither can he abide there and keep the commandments, statutes and judgments of God.

Solomon asked the people to let the

words of his prayer remain near the Lord, then Jehovah would maintain their cause, and the whole earth should know He alone was God. The bad by their conduct may destroy the prayers of the good for them. The wicked need not expect the blessings of God while they continue in sin. The Lord's people are witnesses to His existence and work of salvation. The world should know God through His children.

The king exhorted Israel to "let their hearts be perfect with the Lord." The people of God are not forced by powers they cannot resist to commit sin. If they fail to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, it is because they will to fail. No one is compelled to murder, steal, lie, swear, or harbor malice, unless he desires to do so. The grace of God is sufficient to prevent all evil. The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The king and all Israel, through the priests, offered many sacrifices unto the Lord. The number of victims was great, yet no doubt the number of families present was much greater. The blood and the fat were offered in sacrifice, while the body was eaten by the people in their dedicatory feast. We are exhorted to lay all we have upon God's altar and offer it in sacrifice unto Him.

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## PART II.

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Southern German, Cibola, Tex. Nov. 26.....Nindeg  
West Texas, Cuero, Tex. Dec. 2.....Nindeg  
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex. Dec. 19.....Nindeg  
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Fast mail..... 7:40 am	Fast mail..... 7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati	
Fast mail..... 7:40 am	Fast mail..... 7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.	
No. 3..... 7:30 pm	No. 4..... 8:00 am
MoComb City Accommodation.	
No. 31..... 9:35 am	No. 32..... 5:15
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.	
No. 5, Memphis	No. 6, Memphis
Express..... 10:30 am	Express..... 4:00 p.m.
No. 21, Vicksburg ex-	Vicksburg ex-
press..... 5:30 p.m.	press..... 8:10 a.m.
No. 33, Baton	No. 34, Baton
Rouge a.c..... 10:00 a.m.	Rouge a.c..... 3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.	
No. 2, fast ex..... 7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail..... 7:10 am
No. 7, coast a.c..... 8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex..... 9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex..... 6:50 pm	No. 8, coast a.c..... 8:30 pm
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No. 51, Hot Sp'gs	express..... 7:20 pm
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Fourth Round.	October.				
Brauford.....	31, Nov.	1			
	November.				
Archer.....	7 8	Noble Hill.....	14		
Jordan.....	14 15	Liberty Hill.....	21	22	
Newmansville.....	25	Phoebeville.....	28	29	
	December.				
Anadoolo.....	5 6	Sampulaski.....	9		
Hague.....	12 13	New River.....	16		
Free Canaan.....	19 20	Rachel.....	21		
Williston.....			26	27	
	January.				
Lawley.....	12	Micoopy.....	5		
Mikovsky.....	8 9	Adamsville.....	12		
Cedar Key.....	15 16	Otter Creek.....	17		
Pleasant Plains.....	22 23	Galesville.....	26	27	

Dear Brothers:—There may be some changes, because of the appointment of our approaching annual conference, which date has not yet reached us, however, due notice will be given you.

Yours truly,  
J. P. Patterson, P. E.

## Chattanooga District.

First Round.	October				
Tanery.....	24 25	Jasper.....	31, Nov.	1	
	November.				
Cleveland.....	7 8	Cleveland cir.....	14	15	
Sherman Heights.....	21 22	Wiley Memorial.....	28	29	
	December.				
Churchville.....	5 6	Dayton.....	12	13	
Harriman.....	19 20	Coultersville.....	26	27	
	January.				
Georgetown.....	23	Pikeville.....	9	10	
Athens.....			16	17	

G. W. Staples, P. E.

## Indiana District.

Third Round.	November.				
Watson, Ind., (Conference).....	Oct. 31				
Watson, Ind., (Com.).....					
Cementville, Ind., (Com.).....					
Connersville, Ind.....	6 8				
Rushville, Ind.....	8 10				
Shelbyville, Ind.....	13 15				
Simpson Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.....	15 16				
Muncie Ind.....	19 20	Princeton, Ky.....	20	22	
Eddyville, Ky.....	23 25	Smithland, Ky.....	26	29	
	December				
Boonville, Ind.....	12	Newburg, Ind.....	3	4	
Stevenson, Ind.....	5	Anderson, Ind.....	5	6	
Owensboro, Ky.....	6 7	Lewisport, Ky., &			
Hawesville, Ky.....	11 13	Cannelton, Ind.....	8	10	
Cloverport, Ky.....	13 15	Greencastle, Ind.....	17		
Chicago, Ill.....	18 20	North Indianapolis, Ind.....	20	21	

Edward L. Gilliam, P. E.

## Birmingham District.

Fourth Round.	November.				
St. Paul's.....	7 8	Euon.....	14	15	
Adamsville.....	17 18	Avondale.....	19	20	
Irondale.....	21 23	Bessemer.....	24	25	
Mt. Pleasant.....	26 27	Oneonta.....	28	29	
	December.				
Blount Springs.....	12	Warrior.....	5	6	
Springville.....	12 13	Ft. Wayne.....	14		
Attalla & Gadsden.....	19 20	Cedar Bluff.....	21		
Howells X Roads.....	22	Centre.....	26	27	
	January.				
Aniston & Oxford.....	23	Oxana.....	4		
Heflio.....	9 10	Talladega.....	16	17	
Horse Creek.....					

Wesley Prettyman, P. E.

## North New Orleans District.

Fourth Round.	November.				
Kenner.....	1	White Hall.....	7 8		
Franklinton.....	14 15	Shady Grove.....	21	22	
St. Matthew.....	25 26 29	Groeta.....	27	29	
	December.				
Thompson.....	23 26	Scott Chinn.....	4	5	
Union ch.....	7 9	Pleasant Plains.....	10		
Wesley Chapel.....	11 14	Mt. Zion.....	16	18	
Maldon Church.....	17	St. John.....	19	20	
St. Charles.....			20	21	
	January.				
Darrowville.....					

S. Duncan, P. E.

## OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Jackson, Miss.—Sister Mary Bogan and Sister Patsey Smith, both old members, departed this life in full faith of their immortal crown, in September.

J. C. Hibbler.

Willmot, Ark.—Bro. Allen Davis, a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life October 7, aged 75 years. His life was long and painful, but rest has come at last. He leaves a wife and two children.

D. L. Buford, Pastor.

Meridian, Miss.—Sister Rebecca Anderson, a consistent member of the M. E. Church for twenty years, departed this life on the 4th inst. She leaves thirteen children, a mother, husband and brothers to mourn. She said it was all well between her and God.

A. Butler.

Shreveport, La.—St. James M. E. Church lost a faithful member and heaven gained a bright jewel in the death of Bro. G. W. Jordan, who went to heaven shouting "Glory," Sunday, October 18th. His remains were quietly interred by Holly Springs Lodge No. 26, Knights of Pythias. Rev. J. H. Martin, Presiding Elder James, J. A. Thront, M. P. Jackson, S. Armistead and H. T. O. Abbott were present and assisted in the services. We mourn with the dear companion and family in their loss.

B. M. Hubbard, Pastor.

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## MARRIAGES.

.....Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Shreveport, La.—Mr. Joseph M. Alexson, of Nat hitchoes, La., to Miss Fannie Mitchell, at St. Paul M. E. Church, Oct. 21. J. A. Thront officiated.

Natchitoches, La.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Anderson N. Hamilton, near this place, Oct. 14, Miss Mattie C. Hamilton (a student of Gilbert Academy) to Mr. Lewis Wright, son of Mr. Wm. Wright, of this parish—Rev. H. J. Wright, P. E., officiating. We wish the couple all the good things of life! The two families are prominent members of the Ashbury M. E. Church.

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Opelousas, La.—On September 30th, Mr. Henry Brooks and Miss Lela Thompson were married. The church was prettily decorated with flowers, and at the hour of ceremony was packed with both white and black. It was said to be one of the finest turn-outs that have been seen here for some time. Mr. Brooks is one of the leading clerks in town. Miss Thompson is the faithful secretary of our Sunday school.

Bro. J. W. Haywood and Sister Armeron Gant were also married on October 5th at Opelousas. Both are members of our church. God bless them and give them much happiness.

Mr. John Wilkerson and Miss Leamon were married Sept. 30th, at the residence of the bride, three miles from Opelousas. Here two brass bands met, and a grand time was had. Mr. Wilkerson is a member of our Sunday school. God bless the happy pair.

E. B. Richards.

New Orleans, La.—At the First M. E. Church, October 7, Mr. Harry Wilderson to Miss Carrie E. Plnder, the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Plnder. W. K. Butler, P. C., officiated.

## CLEARING HOUSES.

Several of our subscribers in different parts of the country have asked us to explain the principle of the "clearing-house." We comply with the requests the more readily because the explanations in the encyclopedias can be understood clearly by those only who have a considerable knowledge of banking.

We will start from these facts: that almost every business and professional man in the country keeps all the money which he does not need for casual personal expenses on deposit in a bank; that he pays nearly all his bills by means of checks; that consequently he receives payments for the most part in checks drawn by those who owed him; that he does not, on receiving a check, go or send it to the bank to procure the money, but deposits to his credit in his own bank; and there are many banks in every large city.

Now a wholesale merchant may receive each day a large number of checks, some on one bank, some on another. Of course his own bank, in which he deposits these checks, properly endorsed, desires to collect the money upon them at once, because its profits are made by lending at interest the money entrusted to it by depositors.

But in a city where there are twenty to forty or more banks, it would be a great waste of time and labor, besides being hazardous, for each one to send around a messenger to each bank to collect what is due. To avoid this the clearing-house has been devised.

At a certain hour on every business day a messenger from each bank goes to "the clearing," carrying all the checks against any and every other bank in the city taken during the previous twenty-four hours. The checks are made up into separate packages, and each has a statement of the aggregate amount due from each bank.

All the rest is a mere matter of addition and subtraction, which is done by the clearing-house clerks. The First National Bank has brought in checks against other banks to the amount of \$50,000, other banks have brought in checks against the First National to the amount of \$31,000. Then the First National is debtor to the clearing-house in the sum of \$19,000.

Other banks are creditors. Of course the debts and credits balance each other to a cent. The debtor banks must immediately pay, in money, whatever they each owe to the clearing-house; the whole sum is at once divided among the creditor banks, and the "clearing" is over.

Thus the claims by each bank against every other bank in the city have been adjusted at very little expense of time and labor, and with the use of a small amount of actual money. The checks and drafts settled are called "exchanges," and the money necessary to complete the settlement is the "balance."

In good years the exchanges at New York clearing-house reach nearly \$40,000,000,000 a year, or about \$125,000,000 on every bank day. These vast accounts are settled by the shifting about, from day to day, or not more than \$10,000,000.

This shows what an immense saving in the use of money the clearing-house makes! The principle is ap-

plied to other things besides banking. At New York and also at Boston the brokers have a stock clearing-house. Certificates of stock take the place of checks. The broker who has bought 5,000 shares and sold \$1,000 of "North-west" receives 1,000 shares from the clearing-house and pays the money balance one on all his transactions.

But although the clearing-house principle is capable of wide application, it is chiefly employed in the bankers' clearing-houses of this country to the number of about sixty in the chief cities from Maine to Washington.—Youth's Companion.

## A GIRL'S RECOVERY.

MISS LOTTIE PENTICOFF TELLS OF HER LONG ILLNESS—THE STORY SHOULD BE READ BY ALL YOUNG GIRLS.

(From the Democrat, Freeport, Ill.)

A popular young lady is Miss Lottie A. Penticoff, who resides at 283 Charles Avenue, Freeport, Ill. She was engaged as a clerk in a large fruit market and grocery store for over a year, but had to resign her position on account of her poor health.

When she was fourteen years old she was troubled with irregularity of the menstrual periods and afterwards with entire suppressions. She grew pale, sallow and thin. Every trace of color left her face and even her lips were entirely devoid of color. Her blood was entirely impoverished. Her appetite was very poor and she could not sleep well. When she arose in the morning she felt no more refreshed than when she retired at night. She was always tired and lost all ambition for everything.



She was also bothered almost constantly with the headache and a pain in her side. She would sometimes feel so weak she could scarcely walk. She had rheumatism in her lower limbs, too. They were badly swollen and her people were afraid she would have dropsy. She was treated by two of the best physicians in Freeport, but without the slightest help.

One day her mother read about a case similar to her daughter's that was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. She told her daughter about them and said Lottie ought to try them because the doctors could not help her. So she procured the pills and before she had taken the first box she was very much improved, her appetite grew better and her sleep more refreshing. She continued to take the pills for six months. While taking the pills she gradually improved until she was entirely cured.

Now she is in robust health and she is no longer troubled with that tired feeling. She has no more headaches and the pain in her side is also gone. She has not felt any symptoms of rheumatism since she used the Pink Pills. Her complexion has lost that pale and sallow look and she has gained in weight. She is now in perfect health and feels better than she had for years before she used the pills. She feels confident that she owes her health and even her life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. She thinks it is perfectly marvelous how well she now feels after all she suffered. She said: "I can heartily recommend the Pink Pills to anyone suffering as I did."

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## GOD GIVE US MEN!

God give us men! A time like this demands Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and willing hands.

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn  
Their large professions and their little deeds,  
Wrangle in selfish strife—O, Freedom weeps,  
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.  
—Oliver Wendall Holmes.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Southwestern fourteen months for \$1.25.

Now that the election is over let every one turn in to work for God and the church.

Stop waiting for the preacher to make you happy and live so as to be happy even though the preacher is not a rouser.

Let every Sunday School that wishes a library of reading books drop the editor a card saying so. We want to give you one. Write at once.

Brethren, we are very sorry but we cannot publish long lists of names without charging advertising rates. Let us say again, write plainly on one side of the paper in sending in matter for publication.

A Chinaman, after using opium thirty-nine years, gave it up on being converted. Replying to the question as to how he could succeed in breaking off the habit he said: "I used my two knees." He prayed.

A day and a week of prayer for young men have been agreed by the American International Convention Young Men's Christian Association. The date is November 8-14; all Associations are expected to observe same.

According to the "Voice of Missions," Dr. T. W. Hehderson, the new business manager of the Christian Recorder, has secured 1,400 subscribers since the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church. He is certainly a great rustler.

Brethren, we know you get angry when your letters do not appear but we cannot publish what we cannot read. If you will not take pains to write plainly you must blame yourself when letters do not appear.

The white men who were indicted in Aiken, S. C., for cruelly beating four Negroes and lynching two, all of whom were accused of stealing a Bible from a church, were acquitted last week, the jury being out only thirty minutes.

Our State Department at Washington has received official notification of the fact that those Chinamen who led in the riots last Spring—the Kucheng riots they are called—against American missionaries have been beheaded and their heads publicly displayed as a warning to others. It will be remembered that these are the riots in which a number of missionaries were murdered and their work generally demoralized.

The registration, which was had in this city preparatory to the election just closed, showed a total number of voters of 63,075; of these 48,899 are whites and 14,176 Negroes; 2,706 whites could not sign their registration papers and 5,637 negroes. In order to vote intelligently according to the present election laws of this State every voter needs to be able to read. No doubt many found this true last Tuesday. Our people can make the law a real blessing if they will go to studying. Work up to it!

## THE WOMAN QUESTION AS IT NOW STANDS.

We have no disposition to show the white feather in the struggle for the admission of women, but we confess that the present condition of affairs is not reassuring to say the least. The fact is that as far as the fall Conferences have been heard from the proposition to admit women lacks somewhat of the three-fourths necessary to secure her admission. Thus far the vote stands 3,955 for admission and 1,587 against. Of the total vote cast thus far she needed 4157 but she hasn't them by 202, when you take the fraction into account. While we are hopeful that the conditions may be a little more favorable after the last of the fall Conferences is heard from, even then her admission will still be a long way off; and unless her friends in the Annual Conferences to be held next Spring, bestir themselves pretty lively the woman question will be left on our hands for the beginning of the new century.

There is in some quarters an impression, however, that should not be allowed to go undisputed, and that is that the vote of the fall Conferences indicates that the church is undergoing a change of sentiment on this question. If those who make this statement judge from the vote thus far reported, we think they reach their conclusions without a proper premise. True, the vote against admission has, in the aggregate, increased 573, while that for admission has increased only 1, yet this increase is not accounted for on the basis of a change of sentiment, for there have been changes on both sides. But it must be remembered that there were scores of ministers who refused to vote on the other proposition who are voting right along on the one now before us. Then again, there were several Annual Conferences that before refused to have anything to do with the question, who are this year striking the women with solid shot. In most cases these were opposed to the admission last year and they are no better now. The only difference is they were wise enough to keep quiet before. At any rate we submit that the number of changes based on a change of sentiment is not sufficiently large to indicate the trend of the thought of the whole church; hence those people who were hitherto favorable to admission and are now contemplating a change because they think the fall vote shows a general weakening, need to consider the points to which reference is here made.

In conclusion we wish to say there is no reason whatever to despair, but there is reason for real diligent work and earnest agitation. Many of the brethren who have voted against admission heretofore in the Conferences yet to vote, are still open to conviction and they may be influenced in favor this great reform movement if the matter is properly presented. It is due the women of the church that this right be accorded them and every friend needs to bestir himself to this end.

## KILLED A WHITE MAN THINKING IT WAS A NEGRO.

Hazlehurst, Miss., Oct. 26.—Jim Williams a white man, living near Rockport, in this county late Saturday night shot and instantly killed a white man by the name of Lee. It seems that some darkies had been depredating on the corn-field of Williams, and Williams, expecting another raid from them, lay in wait that night with a loaded gun. Lee, it appears, went into the corn field and pulled twelve ears of corn with which to feed his horse. Just as Lee mounted his horse and started off Williams pulled down on him with his gun with fatal effect.

We take the item given above from the Picayune, one of the leading dailies of this city. While it is self-explanatory as far as it goes, it nevertheless calls to mind so many cases in which wrong-

doers supposed to be negroes have been exposed. We have known of a number of cases in which white men blackened their faces in order that they might be taken for Negroes. On this point the Negro labors under very great disadvantage. He came out of slavery with a bad reputation to begin with, and by the assistance of that class of white men who delight to have him held responsible for all the crimes committed, he is managing to some extent to keep it. This feeling is so prevalent in many parts that when a crime is committed it does not seem to be thought possible that any other than a Negro is the perpetrator. No doubt that in this way the guilty frequently escape. We have in mind an instance that occurred where we lived, in which two white women were murdered one night in their home. The immediate thought of the community was that some Negro did it. The authorities following the instruction of their trusty hounds arrested a dozen or more Negroes and confined them in jail. Then they sent off and got detectives and put them to work, but somehow they could not fasten the guilt on any Negro. At last some one suggested that they hunt the murderer regardless of color, and this was done. Suffice it to say that a short while afterward the husband of one of the murdered women was convicted for the crime. It would be an easy matter to make this article much longer than it should be for our columns by citing a number of cases in which the perpetrators supposed to be blacks were found to be white men.

We do not argue that our people commit no crimes; that would go too far and would be equivalent to claiming that black men are better in this particular than white men. We are satisfied they commit many crimes, but what distresses us is that they are compelled to bear the responsibility for so many more committed by white men. It is unreasonable to suppose that every man who blackens his face to rob a store or burglarize a residence, is caught and exposed. Indeed the fact that a few are caught emphasizes the thought that there are many others at the same business who are never detected.

In the case that has given rise to the thoughts we have here written we are confident Mr. Williams would not have fired his gun had he thought the depredator was a white man; in that case to take a few ears of corn would have been too small an offense; but he was so sure that all the corn stealing is done by Negroes, whose lives of course do not amount to much, he blazed away. If he condoned or pitied either it seems to us the proper subject is the one who was starved and forced to steal during slavery.

## DR. BOWEN TO VISIT YOU.

Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary, is to make an extensive trip through the South in the interest of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, about which we hope to be able to say more in some future issue. This is a great subject and he is full of it. The Doctor is not only a brilliant orator but a great thinker, and those who fail to hear him will deprive themselves of a great treat. We give below the points he expects to visit and we hope the brethren will work up great crowds to hear him. Hear him and do not be afraid to honor him for he is worthy. He expects to visit Greensboro and Winston, N. C.; Lynchburg and Alexandria, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Charleston, Columbia and Greenville, S. C.; Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn.; Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Galveston, Houston, Cuero, Paris and Marshall, Texas; Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis, Tenn., and Jackson, Miss. He will be sure to speak also at our school whenever he visits their location. Dr. Bowen will give due notice of his coming.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LEXINGTON CONFERENCE NOTES.

Several questions are being debated by the more intelligent pastors:

Why so many "supplies" for our "missions?"

Why we do not send to Delaware, Oberlin and Greenastle young men who would attend the college at each of these places?

Rev. R. H. Hargraves is quite sick. We have two female preachers (?) Mrs. Dollie Lewis and Mrs. J. H. Jackson.

Green Chapel, Lexington, is moving to the front under Rev. D. E. Skel(e)-ton.

Rev. L. M. Hagood has been mentioned for assistant secretary to Dr. Schell, of the Epworth League. He ought to get it.

Rev. R. J. Coleman succeeds Rev. Renfro at Auburn and is succeeded at Lawrenceville by Rev. Powell.

Rev. Chas. Jones at Bowling Green, Ky., is moving up hill.

The church at Greenfield, under Rev. J. Franklin, has paid its debt, and they are happy.

Spittoons are going out of fashion in some of our churches.

Rev. B. W. Kirtley, at Augusta, Ky., is one of our most careful pastors.

Rev. W. H. Lankford, of Belleaire, Ohio, is leading that church out of the wilderness.

Rev. A. McBride, at Columbus, sings: "my way's cloudy."

Delaware has in Rev. Bailey the youngest middle-aged pastor of the Conference.

Rev. R. L. Dickerson, at Mayesville, is tickled over his work.

Rev. N. H. Tolbert, M. D., at Springfield, Ohio, is getting things in shape for the ensuing Annual Conference.

Rev. G. W. Thomas, at Paris, Ky., is impressing his personality on the church and community.

Leitchfield, Ky., is as happy as Rev. Acton, the pastor, can make it.

Rev. J. H. Ross leads things at Washington, Ky.

Rockport, Ky., thrives under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Vaughn.

Rev. F. D. Breckenridge is finishing the church at Terre Haute, Ind.

Five (5) charges on the Indiana District did not pay the presiding elder a cent last year according to the minutes. They are Anderson, Graysville, Ills., Irvington, Ky., Madison, Ind., and Terre Haute, Ind. "Tis too bad!"

Many are wondering when the Conference secretary proposes to make report for last year's minute money.

The statistics of our Conference are a little reckless, see receipts for pastors' claims.

Scrubenville, Ohio, is "looking up." Rev. J. G. Jones and wife, at Troy, Ohio, are building up the church.

Lux.

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE AS A BENEVOLENT FACTOR OF THE CHURCH.

By Cato Rogers.

The seeker after wisdom, the Gnostic who inserted Jesus into his eclectic creed, believed that some men were illuminated, but that the great majority of mankind were consigned to impenetrable and unillumined darkness. It is true that the Gnostic did himself up to a cold and apathetic fatalism, but demanded from those who were conscious of their election to fervid energy of the soul, which must ever be directed towards that being from whom the illumination was derived. The knowledge or wisdom which is combative, contributes largely to the forces of human progress, because it is wisdom from above, regenerating and redeeming mankind.

The church has had its besetments, its trials, its profit and loss, through all of which she stands to-day as the great bulwark of the civilized world. She is the great force, that has fought, so untirely the powers of Romanism, Calvinism, Mohammedanism, socialism, fatalism and every other influence contrary to Christianity. In her great struggle, to broaden her field of usefulness and to make more potent the forces that are to make her mission fields white unto harvest. The Epworth League—not yet existing—in the infinitude of her greatness heard the cry. Some nagnanimous force or agent sprang into existence and helped push the battle. To this the League leaped into being with a goodly number of departments attached—mercy and help hangs upon its bosom, mercy with deep compassion, broad

sympathy, and a mind more ready to give than receive, help rushes these attributes into realities of the most gratifying possibilities. The church catches the sound—and as the noise of many waters, she resounds—

From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand; Where Afric's sunny mountains roll down their golden sand.

The very gist of the League, the central figure, the prime aim is to awaken the slumbering, energize the feeble and electrify stung, miserly old pelf mongers of our communities. This great movement, as force within a force, is like infant America, her blood shed at Lexington, her starvation at Valley Forge, ended in her victory and independence at Yorktown. The League suffers ostracism in some localities, but ere long her victory will be sure. The repellent energy and magnitude of her sway—will in a near future—roll her thousands into the benevolent channels. The League is one of the strongest factoring influences we have attached to the church. Not only does she seek to accumulate and hoard the money it is possible for her to get, but she seeks to purify, refine and crystalize every energy. She seeks to mold sentiment favorable to those who are censured and condemned as miserable vagabonds.

I tell you that the League Chapter of which I am representative is vastly developing its power. I am sincerely grateful for the high mark of courtesy that has been accorded me since I became a part of the force. I stand emblazoned and adorned with her emblem of victory; I stand as a monitor of her well tested gallantry; I stand in the magnitude of her pride and proudly flaunt her heraldry against the bar sinister on the malicious esutcheon and satanical powers of this present world. She is a benevolent factor.

## NOTICE.

Quincy, Ill., Oct. 12, 1896.

Dear Editor: I note in your issue of the 8th inst. a warning to presiding elders and pastors in charge of the M. E. Church against me by one self-styled presiding elder, Wm. E. Wilson, of Iowa District. His statement that I had been dismissed from the work of the Iowa District is a falsehood of the deepest dye. I was sent to Pittsfield, Ill., from the last session of Iowa Annual Conference, a charge unable to support me, with but a few members. Ministers who come to this District and find that the work has been misrepresented to them, by Wilson, after remaining awhile generally return to their homes because they cannot get a support. Their characters are good as long as they stay on the Mission District, but as soon as they leave Wilson always makes some kind of a charge against them as in the case of another whom I could name. Suffice it to say that this is a personal matter between Mr. Wilson and myself. He is trying to disgrace me and ruin my good name and get me out of the District so as to keep me from appearing against him at the next Conference. I am yours for fair play and righteousness.

Geo. W. Breannon,  
Pastor in Charge, Pittsfield, Ill.

## NO DRUNKARDS WANTED.

We believe that there are not far from a million men in the employment of the railroad corporations in the United States, and a large proportion of them hold places of responsibility, involving duties which can be performed only by men of steady sobriety. An intemperate man in any of these places might at any time destroy life and property, and the railroad corporation that had many such men in its service would inevitably be ruined. In the other great modern industries in which machinery is used, in factories, mills, foundries, printing offices, the building trades, electric works, water navigation, and many more, in all of which millions of men are engaged, sobriety on the part of all employees is essential to the conduct of the business. Upon the elevated lines, the trolley and the horse car lines, it is essential. The clerks and salesmen in the big stores must be always sober. The drivers of carts and carriages in the streets of the city must be sober. In every pursuit of our times, in all the professions, intemperance is a barrier to success. The man of drinking habits, the tippler, is pretty sure to be "blacklisted" wherever

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J. B. Booth and Jesse Stanfield left

without appointment to attend one of

our schools.

Grandison B. Fields, professor in

Mason Academy, member Mason Quar-

terly Conference.

## THE THIMBLE.

The thimble was originally a thumb-

bell, because it was worn on the

thumbs as sailors still wear their

thimbles. It is a Dutch invention, and

in 1884, in Amsterdam, the bi-centen-

nal of the thimble was celebrated

with a great deal of formality. This

very valuable addition to my ladies'

work-basket was first made by a gold-

smith named Nicholas Van Benschoten.

And it may further interest colonial

dames to know that he first thimble

made was presented in 1684 to Ann

Vnn Wedy, the second wife of Kilian

Van Rensselaer, the purchaser of Ren-

sselaerwyck, and the first Patroon.

Madame Van Rensselaer's memory

was duly honored in Holland on the oc-

casion of the thimble bi-centennial.

In presenting this useful gift, Van Ben-

schoten begged Madame Van Renss-

laer to accept this new covering for

the protection of her diligent fingers

as a token of his esteem. It was not

until 1695, just two hundred years ago,

that the thimble was introduced into

England by a Hollander named John

Lofting, who opened a thimble manu-

factory at Islington.—Harper's Bazar.

## SPIDERS.

Spiders are not insects, as most peo-

ple think. There is precisely the same

relationship between the spider and

an insect that there is between a cow

and a eod-fish. The cow and the eod-

fish are both vertebrates and the spi-

der and the insect are both annulata

or creatures made up of rings; but

there the resemblance ceases.

In every other point of structure

they differ widely from each other.

The spider has eight legs, whereas

the insect cannot have more than six.

The nervous system is constructed on

a totally different principle, and so are

the circulation and the respiration.

The eyes are different the insect hav-

ing many compound eyes, and the spi-

der never having more than eight eyes,

all of them simple. Then the spider has

no separate head, as is the case with

the insects.

Neither does the spider pass through

the series of development, which we

call metamorphoses or change of

shape. When the young spider is

hatched it is a spider; and it retains

the same shape through its whole life.

Again, no insect that is at present

known can spin silk threads. Take

the silk worm as a familiar example;

this silk is spun by a caterpillar, and

not the moth.—J. G. Wood, in "My

Backyard Zoo."



## THE WHOLE FIELD.

John Mayo, P. C., Aberdeen, Miss.: Sunday, the 4th of October, was a grand day at Life Boat Church on the Aberdeen Circuit. The event was a grand rally day for the purpose of raising funds to build a new church. Surely the Lord was with us, and it seemed that we were at the base of the ladder that Jacob saw, and were prompted to exclaim in the language of the poet: "Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I came." Rev. S. R. Gipson, the popular pastor of Aberdeen, preached an edifying sermon at 11 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Whitlock, the cyclone pastor of Union Grove, preached a pentecostal sermon at 3 o'clock. Rev. S. Bleveus, of our Aberdeen Church, and Rev. J. E. Parmans, of the A. M. E. Church, were with us and acted as collectors, and the sum of \$70.00 was collected. This is the greatest amount collected on the circuit in one effort. Now look out for a list of subscribers to follow next week. As this is my first letter this year you will confer a great favor by publishing it.

Wm. Harrison, P. C., Pleasant Hill, La.: We have just closed a very interesting meeting on this Circuit in which twenty-three persons were converted and eight reclaimed. We are moving along nicely, as I am trying to close up my fourth year's work at this place and am trying not to leave a stone unturned. The Sunday School is progressing nicely and I cannot speak too much praise for the Epworth League which is doing nicely. I am also looking to the various institutions of the church and making speedy preparations for the Annual Conference.

D. McRae, P. C., Shelby, N. C.: I entered my work and found a goodly number of Methodists waiting to welcome me to their church and homes. Through the dim future I see signs of success. Our Quarterly Conference convened October 17 and 18. Rev. R. Smith, presiding elder, was on hand, and looked after every interest of the work. We paid the presiding elder \$9.40; pastor, \$23.35. Brethren of the North Carolina Conference, let us hear from you occasionally. Pray for us.

C. W. Butler, Abbeville, Miss.: This is our third year on this circuit, and we are moving along nicely. We are now hard at work preparing for the District Conference which meets here next month. The church is very much grieved over the death of Brother W. H. Lewis, who passed away on the 18th of this month. Brother Lewis was a good young man, led class No. 1. He leaves a wife and three children and a host of relatives to mourn. He died singing, "I am going home to die no more."

W. Hartley Jackson, P. C., Texarkana, Texas: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held October 17-18. Rev. C. C. Minegan in the chair. The pastor's report showed that \$58.00 had been collected for benevolences, five conversions, ten accessions to the church and \$43.00 on church and parsonage improvements. Collected for presiding elder, \$13.80; for Pastor in charge, \$36.00. The elder preached a soul stirring sermon Sunday night and many commended. The church is spiritually alive. We are closing our second year's work here in good shape, so say the people and presiding elder. We will work for the fifteen months for the grand old Southwestern. Pray for us.

A. J. Phillips, P. C., Hot Springs, Ark.: We are now closing up a revival meeting here. That service has spiritualized the whole church. Backsliders were brought back to the church again and about thirty persons were converted and about thirty-five joined the church during the revival. The meeting stirred the city and the members of Haven's Chapel are shouting in their hearts for the splendid victory. There have been added some forty-odd this year. We bespeak better things for the future. I shall start the canvass for the paper soon.

H. A. Sorrell, P. C., Slaughter, La.: Three years ago I was appointed to this place by Bishop Walden. I found here nineteen members, worshipping in a very rude shanty, not owning even the land it sat upon. We at once secured the land with proper deed, and next a church was built then a parsonage erected. We now have a property at this place valued at \$1,000, a membership of ninety; Sunday School

scholars, seventy-five; one of the best charges on the District. We had a grand time here September 27, 1896. I was assisted by a number of visiting brethren, including Elder Priestly, ex-presiding elder. All rendered valuable service. Collection for the day was \$95.30.

W. H. Smith, P. C., Pearlinton, Miss.: Our third Quarterly Conference was held October 5-6. The presiding elder being sick wired pastor to hold the Quarter. Reports from pastor, leaders, stewards, local preacher and committees showed the charge to be in a prosperous condition on all lines. The pastor took the stand for the Southwestern and got several promises to take the paper soon. Collection, \$7.40 for presiding elder; pastor, \$9.70. Sixty-five partook of the Lord's Supper.

L. Tate, Mississippi Conference: The third Quarterly Conference was held in Israelite Chapel M. E. Church October 3-4. Rev. J. M. Shumbert being absent on account of sickness in his family, Rev. L. Tate held the Quarter. Reports of the stewards showed: Paid to pastor, \$76.37; paid to presiding elder, \$7.00; on building and improving church and parsonage property, \$40.10; church and parsonage property, \$40.10; total amount raised this Quarter, \$141.73; received in to full membership, 1; twenty-three partook of the Lord's Supper. The Southwestern is a welcome visitor in my family.

P. Bibb, P. C., Bod Can, La.: Elder James was with us and held the fourth Quarter. We had a grand time. Received eight converts and raised \$15. The elder preached a grand sermon and everybody was made happy.

R. Howze, Enterprise, Miss.: I have closed my revival meeting with sixty-one additions to the church. At New Hope my people led by Bro. M. Price, gave us a storm and left many good things. Third Quarter was held October 3 and 4 by Elder Trotter. Collections for the quarter, \$130.38. The elder preached three noble sermons. One hundred and six took sacrament. Saturday night Magnolia gave us a surprise and went home happy.

F. E. Winn, P. C., Guntersville, Ala.: Our third Quarterly Conference was held October 3 and 4, with Rev. J. Townsoud, the presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed some improvement. The Lord blessed the meeting. Collection, \$9.25. On Wednesday night Rev. A. W. McKinney preached and talked for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, and the School at Huntsville. Collection, \$4.55.

O. H. Flowers, P. C., Pass Christian, Miss.: My third Quarterly Conference was a success. Reports from the different officers showed great improvement along all lines. The church is alive both spiritually and financially. Collections, \$128.00; paid the presiding elder, \$16.25; paid pastor, \$103.35; for Mission, \$11.55. One hundred and nineteen persons communed at the sacrament table. The Southwestern was not forgotten; three subscribers were obtained. We are making preparations for a grand and glorious revival meeting. Pray for our success.

L. W. Mosely, P. C., Grenada, Miss.: I have closed my protracted meeting with the result of fifteen conversions. I have baptized forty-eight children and have bought new bell at Spring Hill M. E. Church. We have built a very nice parsonage and are living in it. Grenada Circuit is pulling to the front. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

S. H. Viel, P. C., Roanoke, Ala.: My third Quarterly Conference of the Roanoke Circuit was held at Rocky Mount church October 10 and 11, with Rev. H. N. Brown in the chair, and nearly all of the brethren present. Reports show the work to be in a progressive condition. We have the lumber on the ground to build two new churches and are at work. The elder preached three soul stirring sermons, forty-eight partook of the Lord's Supper and thirty-eight joined the church. Our benevolent collections up to third quarter are \$26.00 and for the elder, \$16.63; for pastor, \$36.00; total for the quarter, \$58.63. Three new subscribers for the Southwestern, and look for more in a few days.

B. J. Brooks, P. C., East Birmingham, writes of his having a great revival meeting started in which eight had been converted, but the meeting was broken up by a woman starting a general row. Then anxious mourners were taken from the altar and have not been to church since. He says he

has a hard place, as all ex-pastors know, still he is going to trust in God and push forward.

H. C. Gair, Booneville, La.: We had a nice camp meeting here and three joined the church. Things are moving nicely.

J. H. Thompson, Rayne, La.: The Southwestern and the Discipline (1896) are my guide. Our work is moving along nicely at present. Our camp meeting was a success; Sunday School doing nicely. Our entertainment was grand on the 3rd inst. Had a surprise party at the parsonage which was tendered the writer. Many good things were said and left an impression on all. We pray God's blessings on the guests and friends. Am working for the paper.

Epworth League, Charenton, La.: We are pleased to inform you that the Epworth League of Godman Chapel M. E. Church gave a grand feast for missions and raised \$3.00. We want to do all we can for the Southwestern and to help our pastor, Rev. J. H. Pierce, to help raise \$645 for missions. We remain yours, the Little Epworth League of Godman Chapel M. E. Church. Miss S. Wise, president; Miss A. Zarrut, vice president; Miss C. Wise, Corresponding secretary; Miss Julia Pierce, secretary; Miss Fannie Washington, treasurer.

G. W. Branne, P. C., Shubuta, Miss.: We have just closed a series of meetings which resulted in the conversion of forty-eight. Total conversions and accessions this year, sixty-two. Thus you see we are moving on from victory to victory. I am still striving to circulate the Southwestern in every home on the Shubuta Circuit. Paid pastor to date, 214.95; paid presiding elder, \$28.20; raised on building and improvements, \$30; other collections, \$35; grand total this year, \$308.15. Pray for us.

Mrs. M. E. Trammell, Union, Ala.: Yesterday was a high day for Union. The presiding elder preached one of his characteristic sermons to a large audience. Collections for the quarter for all purposes about \$80.00. Seventy-five partook of the Lord's Supper. We have closed our revival meetings upon our village and country charges, adding many to our membership. Presiding Elder Teague and the pastors on the Marion District are hustling things despite the hard times. We are promised several renewals together with some new cash subscribers. Please look up my own renewal in a few days. Yours for the Church and the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

J. B. T., Greenville District, S. C. Conference: The Rock Mills Circuit is on the boom. Bro. C. L. Logan, the pastor, is the right man in the right place. He has three appointments, at Mt. Sinai, on Sunday, October 4th. S. S. Haynie and E. S. Simpson, the two stewards, raised \$50.40 for the pastor. The writer has been a local preacher on the Rock Mill Circuit for many years and have never seen that much raised for pastor before. We are preparing to build a new church at Taylor, which is five miles from Anderson. Our Quarterly Conference will take place at Good Will Church.

W. H. Simmons, Columbus, La.: We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Macedonin Church. Rev. Wm. Ector, our efficient pastor, is doing a grand work. The revival closed with sixteen converts and one backslider. Prof. S. P. Richards held pentecostal meetings with glorious results. Collection, \$12.50. We hope to have Bro. Ector another year. We are preparing to ceil our new church.

G. W. Thompson, Gurdon, Ark.: I was appointed to Gurdon Charge by Bishop Ninde at the last session of the Little Rock Conference. I found ten members on the work; the church ad split and part of the members gone to the A. M. E. Church. The report of second quarter showed eighteen members; raised for all purposes \$29.35. Our presiding elder, J. E. Toombs, preached one soul stirring sermon and made us one grand lecture. Our church has blown down and we are having a rough time. We commenced services on the 22nd here and I wish you to send me some copies of the paper during the meeting. Our church is not known here officially.

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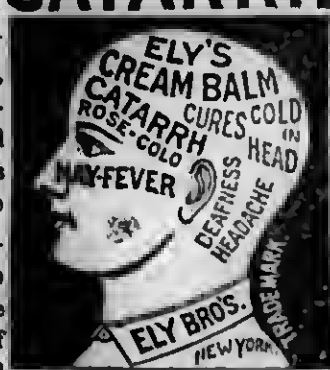
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In order to curtail expenses and bring the cost of publishing the Southwestern Christian Advocate within the subsidy allowed the paper by the General Conference, its size was reduced two years ago. Since that time many complaints have come to us that the paper is too small. We have decided therefore, to double its size, commencing with the first issue in January next, hoping thereby to increase the interest of our preachers and people in its circulation. The paper seems to be a necessity in the field which it is designed to occupy, and the pastors within our Southern territory will do themselves and their churches a most helpful service by putting the paper in the homes of all the people.

BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRY: We must rely upon you to secure a largely increased subscription list to the Southwestern and thus enable us to meet the large expenditure involved in doubling its size. Do not fear that your efforts to secure cash subscribers for the paper will diminish your salary receipts from your people. The more our people read our church papers the more liberal will be their contributions for pastoral support and general church benevolences. Make an earnest and persistent effort to double the subscription list of the Southwestern and you will reap the fruits of your labor in the advancement of every interest of your church.

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**THE NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL TROWN OPEN.**

Saturday, October 31st, should be a memorable day to our people of this city and to every one interested in the highest development of the race. On that day the Phyllis Wheatley Sanitarium, which is to be a department of the Mallalieu Medical College, was formally thrown open. The Club, with a vast concourse of interested friends, assembled in the lecture room at 1 o'clock and after recounting their trials and triumphs and listening to words of cheer by the different speakers, the Nurse Training department was, by the president of the Club, Mrs. Sylvania F. Williams, presented to the authorities of the Medical College equipped and ready for service.

The speakers were Mrs. S. F. Williams, Dr. L. D. Adkinson, president New Orleans University; Rev. L. H. Reynolds, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church; Mr. A. F. Gabriel, of Algiers, and the editor of the Southwestern.

After the speaking, which was appropriately interspersed with music, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Pierre Laudry and every one invited to look through the building.

The ladies have fitted three wards—nine beds in all—and conveniences for any infantile patients who may happen to apply.

The ward for surgery is not yet complete. The Alumnae of the Peabody Normal, the Young Female Benevolent Association of Louisiana No. 1 and the Jeunes Amies Association have each endowed a bed. The ward for females, in such cases as need to be strictly private, is endowed by the Club in memory of Clement Williams, the son of the honored and cultured president.

Mrs. Williams is a lady of commanding presence and much force of character. She evidently inspires the confidence and hearty support of all

her associates in this splendid work. The other officers of the club are:

Mrs. A. S. Clanton, vice president; Mrs. Julia Weeks, treasurer; Mrs. C. B. Wilson, recording secretary, and Mrs. S. A. Gates, financial secretary, all ladies of education and refinement. The club now numbers seventy-seven, but it is evident their numbers will be greatly increased.

**ANOTHER LOUISIANA LANDMARK REMOVED**

Rev. Stephen Priestly, one of the oldest veterans of the Louisiana Conference, succumbed to the inevitable hand of death last Thursday morning, October 29. He had been sick for a week or two with internal troubles, but we had no thought that his malady would prove fatal.

He joined the traveling convention in 1870 and has served his church faithfully as pastor and presiding elder for 26 years. He has served some of the largest churches in the Conference, and even at the time of his death was pastor of Mallalieu Chapel, this city. Bro. Priestly was a large-hearted man. He has no children in his family, but has for years made it a point to keep at least one child in his home to educate. After helping one he would send him out for himself and take another. In this way he has given the church that scholarly and promising young man, Rev. A. P. Camphor, A. M. B. D., now serving as pastor of our church in Orange, N. J.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday at 10 o'clock at the church which he built, which were participated in by all city pastors and presiding elders besides a number of preachers from points outside of the city. He was greatly beloved and respected both by his brother ministers and the people, and the church was packed to its utmost capacity. Dr. Albert will give us a full sketch next week.

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According to the latest reports three of the banks that failed in this city will be disposed of as follows: The Union National will be reorganized under its old name, depositors having agreed not to run on it for their deposits for a stated time. This is the bank from which the largest steal was made.

The Mutual National will be reorganized under a different name.

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As we go to press the ballots are falling in the National election and we can give no definite news as to the result.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Rev. J. P. Price, of Gallatin, Tenn., lost his brother last December 11, his wife July 10, and a 16-year-old boy on the 21st inst. Rev. L. M. Moores has also lost three children this Conference year.

Rev. A. P. Camphor, B. D., of Orange, N. J., is in the city this week to attend the funeral of his father, Rev. Stephen Priestly.

Rev. W. A. Fortson, Palestine District, has been pushing things lively for subscribers in order to have the paper enlarged. There are a great many pastors and presiding elders like him who will, I trust, soon realize the fruits of their labors.

Dr. A. E. P. Albert and Rev. A. Moore, of Baton Rouge, came to the city to attend Bro. Priestly's funeral. The Doctor is happy over the largely increased attendance at Gilbert Academy and Bro. Moore is delighted because he has just raised about \$200 on his beautiful new church.

A personal note from President Dogan of Wiley University tells of the fact that the enrollment to date is 210 and he has information to the effect that others are to follow. This is unusual for the first month and will be extremely gratifying to all friends of the institution.

Prof. Kelley Miller has a work on geometry in the press. It is thought his work on mathematics will rank with Prof. Scarborough's Greek work.

The name of the Rev. C. B. Wilson, A. B., was unintentionally omitted last week from his article on "Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society."

Bishop McCabe's address is No. 166 South Clinton street, Chicago, till December 1. After that it will be Fort Worth, Texas. Brethren, send on your invitations.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, by invitation of the faculty and students, delivered an address at Trinity College, a white school in North Carolina. His address was enthusiastically received and their guest and party shown every necessary courtesy.

The annual formal opening address at Gammon Theological Seminary will be delivered on Thursday, November 12, at 3 p. m., by the Rev. Dr. R. J. Cook, professor in Grant University School of Theology. The Seminary opened October 1 with a large enrollment.

Mr. John H. Whitaker, the son of the Rev. Dr. Geo. Whitaker, once president of Wiley University, is to go as a missionary to Singapore, Malaysia, to teach in the Anglo-Chinese School in that city. He expects to sail in November. His many friends at the South wish him great success.

Miss E. O. Elliott, superintendent of King Home, has just lost a loving sister, Mrs. Anna Exline, who was seven weeks ago a bride. All the family and the bereaved husband are prostrate with grief. May the Master comfort and keep them.

Rev. W. L. Duncan is happy because his brethren reported at his District Conference with most of their benevolent money raised and hundreds of souls converted.

Mr. E. S. Swann, of this city, has just returned from an extended trip through Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, where he has been delivering speeches in the interest of the Republican candidate for President. He is delighted with what he saw and heard.

D. A. Straker, Esq., Circuit Court Commissioner of Detroit, Mich., is to be congratulated on the fact that the leading business men and nearly every member of the Detroit bar ask his renomination for the position he now holds. He is considered the leading Negro lawyer of this country.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason's plan to raise \$100,000 during the present quadrennium among our people at the South, by securing subscriptions of \$2.00 and upwards to be paid in four annual installments, on the first of January each year, was enthusiastically approved by the Board of Managers of the Freedman's Aid Society. Both the East Tennessee and the Tennessee Conferences have made very liberal subscriptions and some cash was collected at each. Let the brethren of all our Conferences prepare to fall in line. Make your first payment at the Conference if possible. The Doctor has promised to give us his plan in full as soon as convenient.



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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Simpson Chapel.—Rev D. J. Price, A. B., pastor, had a great day of it Sunday, and 320 came forward for the communion service Sunday night.

Soldiers' Day at First Church.—Sunday, October 25, was Soldier's Day, and 130 marched out and fought bravely against that enemy, debt, and we are glad to say that he was routed on the right and left. As the enemy was charging upon us, the general attention, was called to company No. 3, coming under the leadership of Mrs. S. F. Green, E. J. Anderson and the old warrior, Jackson Little, and they had this inscription written upon their banner: "The Battle is the Lord's." The command was given by the captain to fire, and it was done and seventy of the enemy fell, which is equivalent to seventy dollars. The army clapped their hands and said: "Well done, faithful servants." But the end was not yet for the enemy continued to fight us and would not give one inch of ground until 8:30 p. m., when the drum of company No. 4 was heard coming to our rescue.

The Invincibles.—Mrs. V. Thompson was leading this band of young soldiers, who know no fear but go upon the field to fight until the war is over. After they had finished firing upon the enemy seventy-four of them lay upon the ground breathless, that is, \$74.00 was raised by this company. The war ended at 9:30 p. m. with \$206.07 of the debt dead. Rev. Phillips, of the C. M. E. Church, preached to the delight of all present. The good old Southwestern was not forgotten; one subscriber was taken.

November 24th the annual fair will open here and last six nights. It will be given by the Advisory Committee. I am glad to say that our people have a good deal of church pride and are struggling hard to pay the last dollar of debt on our church. Pray for our success. W. R. Butler, P. C.

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Alexander City, Ala., October 10, 1896.: The Dadeville District Central Alabama Conference convened August 26th, at 8:30 a. m., at Sylvauga, Ala., in the M. E. Church, E. Frasier, P. C., Rev. H. N. Brown, presiding elder, in the chair. The Baptists assisted in taking care of the delegates and made everything pleasant for them. The Conference will make a lasting impression upon the people at Sylvauga. We had a good number of delegates. Several had papers to read, two of which created much interest among the delegates: Should Women be Admitted in the General Conference, by O. A. Miller, Alexander City, Ala.; the other by Miss Artia Brown, of Opelika, Ala. Seven dollars and some few cents free will offering was taken up. We had four sermons a day, mostly by local preachers. The presiding elder came down on tobacco users and whiskey drinkers. Next Conference will be held at Lafayette, Ala. A motion prevailed to change the Dadeville District to Opelika District, and also to build a parsonage for the presiding elder. The Conference was conducted under strict rules, which will be very hard for some in future.

A. J. Burns, Secretary.

### BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

The seventh session of the Brookhaven District, Mississippi Conference, convened in the Little Rock M. E. Church under very favorable circumstances. Rev. I. L. Pratt, P. E., was in the chair and ruled as became a father. H. May called the roll which showed all the pastors present but J. Ford and Wm. Payne.

A motion that H. May be elected secretary with D. D. Duke as assistant was carried.

The welcome address was delivered by Miss E. M. McQuarters, and responded to by H. Huff.

The presiding elder read a touching report showing good success on all lines of church work.

The pastor's report indicated that much had been done for the Master this Conference year.

A number of local preachers, exhorters, Sunday School superintendents, class leaders and a few presidents of Epworth League Chapters made good reports on their lines of church work.

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the Home Mission work on the Brookhaven District by Mrs. Dr. Rust, was also present and made a good report. She reported about \$90 raised for Home Missions. She is a good worker. The Conference was well cared for by Rev. J. B. Smith and his people. This is said to be the best session ever held on the District.

Our next District Conference will be held at the White Oak M. E. Church. I want to say to the members of the Conference that any delay in sending the proceedings of the Conference was caused by the death of my dear wife one week after the adjournment of District Conference. H. May, Secretary.

P. S.—There was something said about the Southwestern Christian Advocate but nothing done. So I say to the brethren if we could do as much as we say we would be excused if we did not say so much.

(Good advice, Bro. May. Your report was misplaced.—Ep.).

### A WONDERFUL STORY.

One day a wonderful bird tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's home at Christina. Instantly the window was opened, and the wife of the famous Arctic explorer in another moment covered the little messenger with kisses and caresses.

The carrier pigeon had been away from the cottage thirty long months, but it had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen, stating that all was going well with him and his expedition in the polar regions.

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The frail courier darted out into the blizzardly air. It flew like an arrow over a thousand miles of frozen waste, and then sped forward over another thousand miles of ocean and plains and forests, and one morning entered the window of the waiting mistress, and delivered the message she had been awaiting so anxiously.

We boast of human pluck, sagacity, and endurance; but this loving little carrier pigeon in its homeward flight, after an absence of thirty months, accomplished a feat so wonderful that we can only give ourselves up to the amazement and admiration which must overwhelm everyone when the marvelous story is told. Mrs. Nansen's pigeon is one of the wonders of the world.—Atlanta Constitution.

### TOO GOOD TO MISS.

A woman in Boston is cursed with a drunken husband—thousands of women, in fact; but the particular one we have in mind possesses a drunken husband who staggers around on wooden legs. The other day he was already drunk enough, but insisted on going out for more liquor. Whereupon his wife, with the help of another woman, simply unstrapped one of her lord and master's wooden legs and he had to stay at home. What a blessing it would be if all drunkards had wooden legs and resourceful wives!—Golden Rule.

### How Some of Our Readers Can Make Money.

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### MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Rosedale, La.—Mr Charles P. Young and Miss Annie L. Weesinger were married Oct. 12th in Hartzell Chapel M. E. Church. The groom and bride were grand. I. R. Scott officiated.

Aberdeen, Miss.—On Oct 21, Mr. Spencer Davis was married to Miss Maria Hagadel, a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church. The church was decorated beautifully and the occasion was grand. Miss Maria is one of our best young ladies, and we congratulate Mr. Davis as a lucky man. S. R. Gilson officiated.

Scottsboro, Ala.—Mr. John Poe to Miss Ida Moore, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Moore, October 7th 1896. Bride and parents are members of our church. A. G. Glenn, P. C., officiated.

### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly.....

Baldwin, La.—Sister Lena Jones, a member of Trinity M. E. Church, Winsted, died in full triumph of faith, Oct. 26, aged 30 years. F. D. Bowers, Pastor.

Pearlington, Miss.—Sister Lue Allen, a faithful member of Holmes Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life Oct. 5th, in full triumph of faith. Her last words were that a ' was well between her and her Lord, and she was going home. We shall see you again, sister. W. H. Smith, Pastor.

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**MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, By J. M. Reid, D. D., Eaton & Mains, Publishers, 150 Fifth Ave. New York. 3 vols.

This remarkable record of Missions and Missionary achievements from their very incipency down to the present is just what every man and woman needs to read who desires to know of the world-wide trials and triumphs of the church. We are sure the readers of the Southwestern will be specially interested, not only in learning what the Missionary Society has done for this Southland but also the part a Negro took in first calling the attention of the church to the actual necessity for such work. Dr. J. T. Gracey has revised and extended this history on the now sainted Dr. Reid. Any one reading it will be amply repaid.

An article on "Sea Sculpture" by Bishop H. W. Warren, L.L.D., and explained by pertinent illustrations from photographs of the California coast line is an important feature of The Chautauquan for November.

Harper's Weekly for October 31st, as the last number to be issued before the presidential election will be largely devoted to the pictorial side of the political campaign, and will contain a double-page drawing by De Thulstrup of the Rotunda of the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago, headquarters for campaigners of both parties.

The complete novel in the November issue of Lippincott's is "An Interrupted Current," by Howard M. Yost. The scene is in Eastern Pennsylvania. "Simon Smith" was the alias of an innocent fugitive from justice in Colorado, who was sheltered by a clergyman of the improved modern type. His tale—from and to the life—is from the pen of the late Dr. William R. Mackay.

Everyone knows how eager and active children are in finding out what they want to know, and how listless oftentimes in learning what their teachers want them to know. Prof. Edward R. Shaw, of New York University, has prepared an article for the November Popular Science Monthly on the Employment of the Motor Activities in Teaching, in which he will show how much better it is to direct these activities instead of trying to repress them.

Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, have just received a single order from one firm for 100,000 copies of their celebrated Standard Dictionary of the English Language, amounting at retail to nearly one and a quarter millions of dollars. This is the largest single sale of so large a work ever made in America. Previous to this one

large transaction, over 100,000 copies had been issued.

One of the oldest and most reliable magazines published in the United States is Littell's Living Age. It has, through its more than fifty years of existence, maintained invariably the highest degree of literary excellence. The publishers now announce certain "New Features" which will greatly enhance its value in the eyes of every intelligent reader. The Living Age Co., Boston.

Mr. Duncan Rose, the son of a Confederate officer, will contribute a brief paper to the November Century on "Why the Confederacy Failed." He believes the failure was due to three things: The excessive use of paper money, the policy of dispersing the frontiers of the Confederacy being extended for many miles, and the neglect of the cavalry.

The November Arena contains a paper by Mrs. Mary M. Harrison, who has for years made a study of child life, on "Children's Sense of Fear," which will be of special interest to those engaged in training the young. Now that child psychology is being made a distinct study, it is to be hoped that the baleful and pernicious old-time custom of filling the minds of little innocent children with frightful pictures so largely resorted to hitherto as a factor in their moral training, will be relegated to the barbarities of the past.

Yost has hitherto been known only as the writer of some of the most famous songs known to musical people. He has now written his first purely instrumental composition, a minuet for the piano, which the Ladies' Home Journal has secured and will publish in an early issue.

The work of John Elliott, the apostle to the Indians, was something which is almost without parallel in human history. The great preacher's devotion, his untiring energy through a long life, his amazing mastery of the Indian tongue and his industry and success in his work of translation constitute him one of the most noteworthy figures of the Puritan period. The story of his work and life has never been better told for the people than in an article by Rev. James De Normandie, in the November number of the New England Magazine. The article is enriched by a great store of illustrations. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

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"During this conference Mr. Lee preached a sermon, the recollection of which, for its character and results, yet lives in the community. His text was Acts 17:6. 'These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.' His propositions were curious, well calculated to attract the attention of a promiscuous assembly, such as generally greets a ministerial gathering. They were 1. That when God made the world He placed it right-side up. 2. That by the introduction of sin it has been turned upside down. And 3. It is the business of the ministry to turn it back again to its original position. From these words he taught the whole plan of saving mercy. In the first, the purity and perfection of man in his original state. In the second, the awful and total depravity of the fall, the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam. In the third, the gracious economy of the Gospel in the recovery of mankind by the atonement of Christ, and the reconciliation as ambassadors of God, preaching peace by the Cross. Quaint as are the propositions, the sermon was mighty through God. It produced a deep and living impression upon the minds of many. But a singular visible effect was attributed to it by certain men mighty in the works of darkness. The next morning the town, through all its parts, presented a laughable spectacle of things 'upside down.' Carriages and all kinds of vehicles were bottom up. Boats drawn from the water were lying about, keel uppermost. Small houses were upturned, signs, boxes, gates, wrong-end foremost, upside down; and, in a word, everything was out of fix, and the whole town was one scene of confusion. Some were fretted at the injury sustained; others had trouble and inconvenience; but all seemed to enjoy the joke, especially when the supposed actors insisted that it was all done by the preachers. 'Didn't the preacher say that they were the men that turned the world upside down,' and had they not come up here to put the town 'right-side up?' This was giving his sermon a literal sense, and a plaid by the preacher; and which is not yet forgotten by the elder citizens of Newbern."

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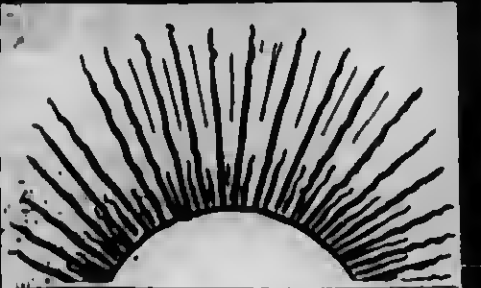
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## PALESTINE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Push your collections. The Annual Conference is almost here. Our District must come to the front on benevolences this year. Do not fail to observe Thanksgiving Day for Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. Wiley University must have a new building soon. Do not forget the Southwestern. Put it in every home. Yours, W. A. Forton, P. E.

## TUPELO DISTRICT.

The second District Conference of the Tupelo District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convenes at New Albany, Miss., November 23-29. Dear Brethren: As this year is passing away and we are nearing the Annual Conference please come to the District Conference prepared to make round reports on benevolences; swell the subscription for the Southwestern; look diligently to every enterprise of the church; make the Tupelo District the "Banner" District of the Upper Mississippi Conference. It can be done. Will you say it shall be done? God bless you, brethren. P. O. Jamison, P. E.

## HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

Programme of the second District Conference of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi Conference, to convene at Abbeville, Miss., November 18, 1896.

Wednesday, First Day, 9 o'clock a. m.—Organization of the Conference.

Sermon by L. W. Mosely.

Sermon by P. S. Bowie.

Thursday.—Sermon by G. E. Leatherwood.

Topic for discussion.—"Should a Gospel Minister Take an Active Part in Politics?" N. H. Williams, G. G. Logan and R. Sewell.

Sermon by W. H. Golden.

Friday.

Sermon by W. H. McCarty.

Freedman's Aid Anniversary, by Dr. C. E. Libby, et al.

Sermon by D. A. Bragg.

Sermon by J. J. Johnson.

Saturday.

Topic of Discussion.—"Would a Conference Evangelist be Helpful to the Work?" Joe McGhee, D. A. Bragg and C. W. Butler.

How can we best circulate the Southwestern among our people? G. J. Dohson, W. H. Golden and L. W. Mosely.

Shall Women be Admitted as Delegates to the Lay-Electoral and General Conference? L. F. Jones, S. D. Troup and M. D. McKinney.

How can the Epworth League be Made More Beneficial to the Church? Prof. E. H. McKissack and others.

Sunday.

9 o'clock a. m.—Love Feast, Revs. R. Sewell and G. G. Logan.

Sermon by W. McDonald.

Sermon by N. H. Williams.

Sermon by G. J. Dohson.

Trains going north and south make close connection at Abbeville. Members and delegates will be conveyed to and from site of the Conference. All are requested to be present first day and remain until the close.

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## MAKING OTHERS HAPPY.

There was a young lady once who was very unhappy. She lived in a fine house, and had lots of toys and a pony, and a watch, but she was very, very unhappy. Nothing could please her. Even the weather was never just what she wanted. It was sure to rain when she wanted it to be fine, or it was sure to be fine when she took out her nice new umbrella. From morning till night she murmured, grumbled, and was very unhappy.

One day she came upon two poor children playing in the field, and they were having such a hearty game! You could hear their shouts of laughter almost over the village. "These children," said the little lady, "are very happy; their eyes are so bright, and they seem so fond of one another. I think I shall ask them what makes them so happy." So she summoned up courage and went to the biggest boy—he was about seven—and said: "You are very happy; what makes you so?" The boy was a little shy at first before this fine little lady, with her fine dress, and his little brother came and half hid behind him.

"What makes you so happy?" said the little lady.

"I don't know, miss, what you mean. What's happy?"

"Why," she replied, "it means bright, glad, fond of things."

"Oh!" said the boy, "Jim and I are always glad, ain't we Jim?"

And the eyes of the little brother danced like sunshine upon ripples as he said, "Yes, always glad."

"But what makes you so glad?"

"I don't know, I am sure, miss," said the boy, "except when I try to make Jim glad I get glad myself."

And that was all that she knew about the matter. But as the little lady went home she thought about it, and said to herself: "What the little boy means is this—the way to be happy is trying to make other people happy." So she thought she would try; and all that day, instead of grumbling and murmuring and finding fault, she said "Thank you!" with a pleasant smile; and "Don't you trouble; let me do it!" in a nice spirit; and, "Well, this task is a little difficult, but I shall manage it!" And she found that everybody got pleasanter and pleasanter to her, and instead of always scolding her as before, or frowning on her, or sulking with her, everybody had a kind word for her, and people who used not to like her came to love her. So she learned that the secret of happiness was within herself.—Christian Herald.

## A Word or Two

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## SCIATICA AND LUMBAGO.

## A WOMAN SUFFERS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

Physicians Were Consulted, But Their Remedies Did Little or No Good.

A Permanent Cure is Effected at Last.

From the Free Press, Corning, Iowa.

A severe attack of sciatic rheumatism and lumbago completely cured, sounds like a marvelous story to those acquainted with the excruciating pains which accompany such diseases, and the unsuccessful treatment many have tried, but that such a cure was really effected is witnessed by the following sworn statement of Mrs. Frank Houck, of Hayes, Iowa:

"It was in the spring of 1893 that I was first afflicted with rheumatic pains in my left limb. I consulted physicians of recognized ability, who succeeded in relieving the pain for a time; but in a little while the rheumatism returned in a more violent form than before. Again I sought the physician's aid, and in my endeavors to find relief, I tried several of the most prominent physicians in various cities in this vicinity. Some of them succeeded in allaying the pain for a short period but none gave permanent relief, though I tried several.

"At last, in the spring of 1894, sciatic rheumatism and lumbago in its severest form set in and I was confined to my bed continually, although previous to this I had been very sick the major part of the time. All remedies prescribed did me little or no good. At last at the solicitation of a friend, who saw an article about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in one of our county papers, I decided to try that remedy, as I thought it would surely do me no harm, even though it might not benefit me materially.

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(Signed.) Mrs. Frank Houck,

To confirm the story beyond all doubt, Mrs. Houck made the following affidavit:

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## "LOVE THYSELF LAST."

Love thyself last. Look near, behold thy duty  
To those who walk beside thee down life's road;  
Make glad thy days by little acts of beauty,  
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.

Love thyself last. Look far and find the stranger,  
Who staggers 'neath his sin and his despair;  
Go lend a hand and help him out of danger,  
To heights where he may see the world is fair.

Love thyself last. The vastnesses above thee  
Are filled with Spirit Forces, strong and pure.  
And fervently these faithful friends shall love thee,  
Keep thou watch over others and endure.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

A hog is more selfish than some men.

Conference is coming! Be ready to settle with the Southwestern.

No man can get on and be happy without his neighbor.

Let the laymen take hold and help us with the Southwestern.

The person who can see no good in others is wrong himself.

The failure of the Southwestern would be regarded as a race failure.

Watch the man you dislike; when you find some good quality, tell of it.

We need not expect everything to go our way in this life; take things as you find them and be happy.

It is a blessing not to know what to-morrow may bring.

Bishop Taylor is preaching in the Transvaal country, South Africa, and writes that his health continues to improve and his voice to strengthen.

The General Missionary Committee is in session in Detroit, Mich. We expect to give our readers full reports.

What have you done to show your appreciation for enlarging the Southwestern? Or, in other words, what have you done to help enlarge it?

Bishop Hartzell sails for Africa this month. Let the whole church pray that his life may be preserved and his work greatly prosper.

You pray for the Southwestern, and we are glad of it; please work for it, too. Prayer and work will give us success.

Take courage, ladies! The McKinley Elector who has just been chosen is Wyoming is a woman! This is the first time such a thing has ever occurred. Sister, you are coming.

The gavel used at the laying of the cornerstone of the Hall of History of our American University, Oct. 21, was the same that was used by Washington in laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in 1793.

The Sunday School Union appointed the Rev. O. J. Jones Sunday School Agent for Texas some months ago, not knowing at the time just what could be accomplished for the cause by such means. Judging, however, from the reports that constantly reach this office, he is without doubt doing a great work for both the Texas and West Texas Conferences.

## AFTER THE REVIVAL.

As a rule it is considered somewhat in the nature of a reproach for a preacher to pastor a church and not have a successful revival every year, or, at the longest, every two years. In fact there are many persons in our section who consider the preacher's ability to work up a revival the best possible evidence of a divine call to the ministry. And yet we are fully persuaded that there are very many more preachers who can succeed in getting men converted than there are those who can manage to keep them converted. And it seems to be a greater test as to ministerial qualifications to be able to hold and drill the young soldiers properly than to gather them in when one has the assistance of an earnest membership and perhaps one or two preachers besides. It may require considerable skill to be a good recruiting officer, but how much more to be successful in properly drilling and disciplining the new recruits, who are wholly unaccustomed to obeying orders and otherwise doing a soldier's duty. If there has ever been a time when the more important question with us was, "how shall we get men in the church?" it is now; for without any doubt whatever, the question now is, "how shall we keep them in, after God gives them to us?" We are confident this is the burden of many a conscientious pastor's prayer; for we have almost reached the point where the man who has been successful enough to add one hundred persons to his church as the result of a revival, finds at the expiration of six months that he can really show only about twenty-five of them. Our Lord cleansed ten lepers, but only one returned to give thanks—only one followed Him. Perhaps the others might have done so had the disciples gone after them. At any rate, the question with the church should be, "How shall we save the young converts?" Couple that if you will with "How shall we get sinners converted?" But there is a far greater number of preachers who can answer the latter with all ease than there are who can give any light whatever in reply to the former. Let us ask ourselves and ask the churches which is the wiser thing to do, bend our energies toward saving the young converts or spend more than half of every revival reclaiming backsliders? We dare say there are many persons in the church and not a few out of it who have been reported as converts half a dozen times. The come in and go out.

We have no thought that we can prescribe a successful remedy for this whole evil, but we shall be glad to publish a few short articles from pastors who have been successful in saving these converts. Meanwhile we desire to give here a few hints that may prove helpful to those who are interested along this line. It is a well known fact that many of our churches seem to lose interest in the young convert as soon as he ceases to furnish the excitement for the services; hence we suggest, First: Have them feel you are interested in them. This you can do by means of special meetings for them, bible readings, song services, etc. In some cases it may be necessary to appoint a special committee, that the person may have the proper kind of association. Second: Put your church literature in their hands as soon as possible. Not only urge them to get disciplines, bibles, hymn books, church papers, etc., but get them for them. Have regular meetings to read and instruct as suggested in our first point.

Third: Be patient with them. They may make mistakes—will make mistakes; do not be labor and discourage them as though they had committed an unpardonable sin. The true shepherd takes the crippled lamb, binds its bruises and carries it in his bosom if necessary. Do not

kill every lamb that is overtaken in a fault, and do not allow anyone else to do so.

Fourth: Do not try to put old heads on young shoulders. We refer, of course, to the children. Do not require them to act just as old people do! Let them play and sing and be children. Have them cultivate the habit of asking themselves the question, "Is it right?" Parents drive hundreds of children from the church just because they hear them sing "Yankee Doodle" in their childish sports, or dance. Where one does wrong, see after him, of course, but as a loving father, and not as an old-time overseer.

There may be other points that will suggest themselves, but suffice it to say the coming pastor is that one who is as effective after the revival as he is when it is at its best.

The Cubans are still at war, contending for their independence, and some of our exchanges say their only support is what they get from faithful Cuban patriots in this country: men who live by their daily labor. Each man gives something for the cause that is dear to his heart. It is said their contributions aggregate \$60,000 to \$75,000 monthly. Were it not for this, Spain would have put down the rebellion long ago. Spain has 200,000 rifles; while the Cubans have only 40,000, but the war goes on. Spain is greatly in debt, and is now negotiating an immense loan that amounts to about \$80,000,000 in our money; but the Cubans live on their monthly income. They are in earnest: they mean business.

## THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

The great battle of the ballots has been fought and won. Ex-Gov. Wm. McKinley, of Ohio, has been chosen President of the United States. He not only receives a majority of the electoral votes, but a vast majority of the popular vote. He carried by pluralities ranging all the way from more than 200,000 down to a few hundreds the following States: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Kentucky and one vote from Wyoming, making 278 electoral votes, while Mr. Bryan has 169.

To our mind Mr. McKinley's election, under existing circumstances, shows him to be the most popular man in the United States. He has actually wrested victory from defeat. The coalition formed by the Democrats, Populists and disaffected Republicans almost insured the election of Mr. Bryan. But what with Mr. Hanna's most excellent management and his candidate's unbounded popularity, victory has been achieved and Mr. McKinley is our next President.

The business interests of the whole country were fully aroused, and it was evidently determined to put McKinley in at any cost. Thousands of Democrats voted for him, and it is to be hoped the bitter partisan spirit which exists in this country has received its death blow.

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Cleveland has proclaimed Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. We are sure nothing is more fitting than that a nation should stop long enough in the busy whirl of life to acknowledge gratefully the constant care and beneficence of an ever merciful Father. We must take time to thank God; hence, let no man say "I haven't time." We must find time. This service is one of the distinguishing marks of our Christian civilization, and every man has much for which to be grateful. Let us assemble in our churches for worship.



## BISHOPS TAYLOR AND HARTZELL.

This is the month in which Bishop Hartzell is to sail to take charge of his new field of labor, and we present our readers with a cut showing how Bishop Taylor greeted him immediately after his election.



## DEATH OF REV. LEMUEL ARTHUR.

South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, has suffered the loss of one of her strong men, Rev. Lemuel Arthur. He died September 25th near the town of Sumter, S. C., in the 55th year of his age. The remains were buried at the cemetery in Sumter.

Bro. Arthur leaves a wife and twelve children; four boys and eight girls, to mourn his departure. Bro. Arthur was a native of the city of Greenville, this State, and was married to Miss Martha Ann Brown, also a native of Greenville. He was converted and joined old Bethel Church in Charleston in the spring of 1866 under the pastorate of Rev. T. Willard Lewis. He entered the South Carolina Conference on probation at the session of 1870, and was admitted in full membership in 1892. His first appointment was Barnwell Circuit in connection with the writer. When we sent down to the presiding elder for help this young man was sent in 1871 from Baker Theological Institute, where he had just entered as a student. At that time he was learning to read. Bro. Arthur, notwithstanding his deficiency in education, soon took rank among the leading men of the South Carolina Conference. He was a hard worker; both in the spiritual and temporal; a church and parsonage builder, and a good preacher. Many a mile has he walked in order to fill an appointment, in hot and cold and dry.

He was among the pioneers in South Carolina in the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this State after the war. Over two years ago, while preaching in Mt. Zion Church, from whence his body was buried, he received a stroke of apoplexy. He rallied but never got the use of his right hand and foot and eventually succumbed to the inevitable. His dying words to his wife were: "Give me Jesus; we must walk in the

light of the beautiful light where the dew drops of mercy are bright; and you will meet me in heaven."

Thus a Prince in Israel is fallen. A vacancy in the militant host. May the good Lord raise up young men to take his place. Yours truly,

A. Middleton.

Mayesville, S. C., Oct. 15, 1896.

## A CHRISTMAS TRIP.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are solaces in the weary, struggle we make day by day to build in our new El Dorado a home to which our children in future time will turn, as we turn now to the old place where our loved ones, in the evening of life await the final summons.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company again offers you the opportunity to go "back to the old home." Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale from all points of the system on December 21st and 22nd, 1896, to points in the Southeastern States, at one fare for the round trip, tickets good thirty days from date of sale. See your nearest ticket agent for further information, and do not fail to send eight cents postage to the undersigned for a copy of the finest publication on Texas ever issued, to show to your friends at home.

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## WILEY UNIVERSITY.

Since our last statement the enrollment at Wiley has reached 210. The indications are that we shall be 300 by the Christmas holidays. Our work is well in hand, and everything runs like clock-work. Our monthly examinations will take place on Friday, the 30th inst. This feature of the work has been adopted by the faculty with the intention of acquainting our students thoroughly with the work they are pursuing. There will be uniformity in these examinations in every department of the school.

Our president visited the Dallas Fair last week and had the opportunity of coming in touch with many experienced educators of Texas, and meeting some of our brethren of the West Texas Conference. He is indeed favorably impressed with the cordial reception given him, and especially the interest manifested in Wiley University by the citizens and patrons.

Our library has been entirely renovated, books thoroughly classified and the room fitted up nicely with chairs and tables, thus having the library and reading room combined. An assistant librarian has been given charge of the room during the day, and the students are rapidly cultivating a taste for reading.

The Scott Literary Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Epworth League and Rhetoricals are all in full trim, together with the regular preaching services and Sunday school. These mark Wiley the most active spot in the county.

"Our Willing Workers" for the central building are still pushing the canvass. They held a very enthusiastic meeting in the University chapel on Saturday evening, at which time reports were made by the various heads of districts, as arranged last commencement for work during the summer, which showed some earnest work accomplished. Thus, things move on, while we are praying for the most glorious year in the history of the school.

October 27, 1896.

## CLARK UNIVERSITY

Dr. D. C. John, who has been president of Clark University for the past three years, has been appointed presiding elder of the Milwaukee District, Wisconsin Conference. He has consequently tendered his resignation as president of the university, and left on October 20th to assume the duties of his new and important office, which is one of the most honorable and influential in his conference.

Dr. John is a man of high scholarship, and as an educator has held the presidency of important schools in the West. He has given himself with great faithfulness and entire devotion to the work of Clark University, and during the summer he visited all the district conferences of the State and spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences on the educational interests of the university. The influence of this is seen in the present attendance, which is the largest, at the opening of the year that the University has had for several years.

The authorities at Cincinnati have appointed President W. P. Thirkleld, of Gammon Theological Seminary, as acting president of the institution. With great reluctance he has consented to serve for the time being, until the board can secure a man for this responsible position.

Prof. Croghan, one of the oldest and most honored of the teachers of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and a man whose high scholarship and ability as a teacher is acknowledged by all, takes the duties of vice president. Prof. Croghan has charge of the work of the literary departments of the university and the general work of discipline and governmental oversight of students. He is taking hold of his duties vigorously and enthusiastically, the result of which is seen in the excellent order that prevails.

The university is in fine condition for work. The classes are all well provided for and the institution offers fine advantages to students.

On the Friday evening before their departure the ladies of the faculty of Gammon Theological Seminary gave a delightful reception to President and Mrs. John in the library. Teachers from all the various colleges in Atlanta were present and the occasion was one of special interest. The rela-

tions between the schools have been delightful and harmonious, and the most cordial relations exist between both professors and students.

## HELPFUL ADDRESSES.

Winston is a great Methodist town, the center of which is Saint Paul Methodist Episcopal Church. Between six and seven hundred people file in Sabbath after Sabbath to hear God's word preached. Since our appointment here one month ago we have had a glorious revival.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and President J. D. Chavis, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., spent last Sabbath with us. At 11 o'clock President Chavis gave the Sunday School a very helpful and thoughtful address; at 3 o'clock Dr. Mason preached on working for Jesus to the edification of the church and friends; at night Dr. Mason gave his great lecture on education to the crowded mass of eager people which hung on his words with breathless silence. The collection for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education was \$75.00. This closed a Sabbath to be long remembered in Winston.

While the memories of the Sabbath are still fresh we gather seven hundred strong on Wednesday night to hear Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. For one hour and a quarter we sat at the feet of the great educator and learned of our "Fatherland," Africa. A missionary society was organized in accordance with the Stuart missionary plans for Africa. J. A. Rush.

Winston, N. C.

## THE PASSING OF A CENTENARIAN.

The Rev. Alexander Gilliam, of Hempstead, Texas, of the Texas Conference, surrounded by eleven children, fourteen grand-children, and twelve great-grand-children, died on Thursday, October 29, 1896, at 4 o'clock, aged 115 years. He died in the full triumph of faith after a lingering illness of fourteen months; was buried Friday, October 30, 1896, from the Bethlehem M. E. Church by Rev. H. S. McMillan and Rev. W. Hamilton, assisted by Revs. M. Reddick and E. Jefferson, also several Baptist ministers were present. This aged servant of God after assuring those that surrounded him of his faith in Jesus, confirming them of the bright heaven awaiting him, bade his family live together and that the home he has provided them they can make a palace of peace and harmony.

He was born in Atlanta, Ga. He began to preach long ere freedom and about sixty-three years in that service for the Master. He was ordained deacon by Bishop E. R. Ames in the year 1868, and was ordained elder by Bishop L. Scott in the year 1870, and served twenty appointments in the church. The last place he served was at East Liberty, when the Conference asked him to take a superannuate relation, though from age and the Conference thought it best, yet it was against his will, for he desired to spend and to be spent in his Master's work till death. H. S. McMillan.

C. H. Hendricks, Whitewright, Mission, Texas Conference: My Quarterly Conference was held on the 3rd and 4th of October. Rev. C. C. Minnegan, presiding elder, was with us. All the members were in their places and had their reports ready. The elder preached a fine sermon on Sunday. Twenty-eight took the Lord's Supper. Money raised for all purposes this year, \$71.70. Pray for us.

## INDIGESTION AND DYSPEPSIA.

"I received the Rainy Day Puzzle which was sent for three trade-marks for Hood's Sarsaparilla and eight cents in stamps, and the children are delighted with it, and it is also very entertaining for old people. I have taken about three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla for indigestion with which I suffered for years, and I have been greatly benefited. I can testify to the fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla deserves all the praise that it receives. I regard it as the best medicine on earth for indigestion and dyspepsia, and all troubles arising from impure blood. Jamea M. Turnley." West Monroe, La.

It is hard to tell another what God has told you.—Ex.



## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the First M. E. Church, Springfield, Ill., on Wednesday, October 21st, at 10 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by our honored president, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. E. S. Potter, of Bloomington, Ill. That grand old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung, followed by the reading of the 15th chapter of John.

Fervent prayers, invoking the help and guidance of the Most High were offered by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Potter.

The roll call of Conferences and the seating of delegates followed.

Mayor M. U. Woodruff extended to the delegates and visitors to this convention a cordial welcome to the capital of the great Empire State of the West.

Rev. W. A. Smith, presiding elder of the Springfield District, in an address full of happy thoughts, called the attention to the fact that in this central city of the central State all good things centered themselves.

Rev. Francis A. Havighorst, pastor of the church, extended a hearty welcome in the name of the members of the church.

An active member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church, Mrs. Samuel A. Bullard, also welcomed the delegates in a charming, womanly address, full of kindness.

The response to these inspiring words of welcome was given by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, of New York, the only daughter of the president of this Society.

Miss Belle Campbell sang "O loving heart trust on," to the great pleasure of the audience.

Then followed the report of the General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, read by Mrs. W. C. Herron, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Rust's cheering record is that not a missionary has been recalled from the field for financial reasons; rather, work has been extended and strengthened in many places. We have reason to rejoice in the increased number of bequests made during the past year to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. God's work demands money.

"Many of our members have expressed fears that should our Society engage in deaconess work to any great extent, it would interfere with the frontier missions. The experience of the last eight years furnishes convincing evidence that it aids rather than embarrasses our frontier work."

Our deaconess work has been to our Society a right-hand power. "I cannot close this report," says Mrs. Rust, "without calling attention to the supreme importance of providing adequate facilities for the training of our missionaries and deaconesses, and I most earnestly urge upon the Society the necessity of concentrating to a much larger extent than heretofore, effort, money and prayer in behalf of our Training School at Washington."

Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall, who has been our treasurer during the past two years, in consequence of failing health, sent in her resignation a few months ago, which was received with expressions of regret from the Board. Mrs. D. L. Williams, of Delaware, Ohio, presented the treasurer's report through Mrs. R. P. Graham, of Delaware. The figures presented through this report become full of poetry when we take into consideration the fact that they represent the labors of busy wives and mothers, of self-sacrificing, toll-worn sisters, and even of the little ones of our Society.

The doxology rang forth exultantly as the report of the treasurer showed the following grand totals:

Cash balance from last year, \$932.75; cash balance from last year, \$932.75; received during the year, \$139,218.50; paid out during the year, \$138,128.88; estimated value of property, \$465,800.00.

Have we not a right to feel a righteous joy that we can show such figures at the close of sixteen short years? We can but say, "God has prospered us." This is one proof of His guiding hand.

The report of the Auditing Committee was accepted, and recommendations referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, the capable editor of our paper, "Woman's Home Missions," and Miss Mary Bell Evans,

the publisher of this paper, and also of "Children's Home Missions," gave gratifying reports of this department of work. The "Woman's Home Missions" has never been in debt; each year a small balance in the treasury. The "Children's Home Missions," only eight months old, has already over 5,000 subscribers, and fills a long-felt need.

The reports of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries were called by the President. These reports are of much importance to this Board of Managers, showing, as they do, the amount of interest, time and money the women of our church are giving to the cause of Home Missions.

Mrs. James Dale, General Secretary of Supplies, reported boxes and barrels sent amounting in value to over \$70,000, the greater amount being sent to the families of our frontier ministers, who often respond most gratefully, saying: "We could not remain at our posts of duty without this aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Mrs. A. F. Beiler, Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, gave an intensely interesting report of the work being done in that far-distant portion of our country, where for hundreds of miles around our Jesse Lee Home there is no other place where the young people of that land can receive a Christian education. Her appeals for aid met with a quick and generous response.

Mrs. E. S. Schrock, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church of Springfield, Ill., came to the platform and presented to the National Society a gavel made of wood from the late home of Lincoln. The gavel is the handiwork of Mr. George Simmons, and beautifully ornamented by J. C. Klahort.

The first day's session closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. H. A. Havighorst, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

Thursday morning Mrs. E. L. Albright, Secretary of the Bureau for East Central States, presented a most interesting and complete report for the four industrial homes under her care.

Mrs. Albright made an urgent appeal for \$3,000 to complete the home at Asheville. The Conference Secretaries quickly pledged \$2,303.

Mrs. B. S. Potter, Secretary of the Bureau for Utah, reported eight mission homes and deaconess homes in Utah. She says polygamy is not dead—only hiding. Pledges were called for, and Conference Secretaries responded, pledging \$370.

Mrs. A. F. Beiler was then allowed to make a plea for Alaska. One thousand six hundred dollars was pledged for the support of missionaries and pupils, and \$600 for the completion of the building there.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, secretary of bureau for Indian and frontier work, read her report for the past year and \$530 was pledged for this work.

Mrs. M. C. Hickman, secretary of bureau for Texas, read her report, showing what a great blessing to the colored children of that state our mission work is becoming.

Mrs. P. R. Graham, of Delaware, O., read the treasurer's report. The following is a summary of this report from Aug. 1, 1895 to Aug. 1, 1896:

Cash balance from last year \$932 75  
Received during the year (general fund collections) 79,776 33

Beneficiary (for the assistance of poor students) 8,412 88  
Special 39,179 38  
Borrowed on notes 11,850 00

Paid During the Year.  
General fund \$80,966 73  
Beneficiary (for assistance of poor students) 4,514 06  
Special 44,198 09  
Paid on notes 8,450 00

Estimated Value of Property.  
In Southern States \$146,300 00  
In Utah 12,300 00  
In New Mexico and Oklahoma 15,000 00

On Pacific Slope 9,000 00  
City mission property 131,300 00  
Deaconess Homes 151,900 00

Total valuation \$465,800.00

From 1888 to 1891 our society had an average annual increase of nearly \$20,000. This stimulated the rapid extension of the work. Pledges were made for the erection of buildings for the use of schools and model homes.

At the close of the year 1893 the society found themselves in debt to the amount of nearly \$60,000. By careful management during two years of severest financial pressure, with-

out withdrawing any of our teachers from the field, this debt was reduced nearly half, and could easily be met in a single year of ordinary prosperity.

Saturday afternoon communion services were held. The consecration meeting preceding the communion conducted by Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Washington, D. C., was one of deep feeling, and the talks were earnest and heartfelt. The impressive communion service and the spirit of love and fellowship prevailing the ceremony suggested the words of Paul: "For we, being many, are one bread and one body."

Such meetings as this, being held by the women of the Home Missionary Society must inspire everyone present to greater interest in the work.

Saturday evening Mrs. J. P. Altgeld, wife of the governor of the State of Illinois, gave a handsome reception to the delegates. She was assisted in receiving by the president and officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This reception was held at the executive mansion, between the hours of 9 and eleven, and although informal, was very enjoyable. Mrs. Altgeld's charming and hospitable manner made her guests feel perfectly at home.

Under the direction of the following splendid corps of officers we shall expect to march on to greater victory: President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; vice presidents, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. J. M. Walden, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. W. Christie Herron; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust; treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Williams; recording secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken; managers, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Gosling, Mrs. J. L. Whitestone, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. E. L. Albright and Mrs. Lewis Curtis.

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In order to curtail expenses and bring the cost of publishing the Southwestern Christian Advocate within the subsidy allowed the paper by the General Conference, its size was reduced two years ago. Since that time many complaints have come to us that the paper is too small. We have decided therefore, to double its size, commencing with the first issue in January next, hoping thereby to increase the interest of our preachers and people in its circulation. The paper seems to be a necessity in the field which it is designed to occupy, and the pastors within our Southern territory will do themselves and their churches a most helpful service by putting the paper in the homes of all the people.

**BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRY:** We must rely upon you to secure a largely increased subscription list to the Southwestern and thus enable us to meet the large expenditure involved in doubling its size. Do not fear that your efforts to secure cash subscribers for the paper will diminish your salary receipts from your people. The more our people read our church papers the more liberal will be their contributions for pastoral support and general church benevolences. Make an earnest and persistent effort to double the subscription list of the Southwestern and you will reap the fruits of your labor in the advancement of every interest of your church.

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## REMOVE OUR REPROACH.

That the Southwestern is not self supporting is a reflection on our race. Brethren, remove the reproach. Let every man go to work for the sake of the race and the church. Tell the people the paper is to be enlarged the first week in January; that is settled. Now let every man and woman take hold and help us move things. Push the canvass!

## SPRING CONFERENCES IN OUR TERRITORY.

The announcement for Spring Conferences is too late to get the whole of it in this issue; hence we give this partial list and will publish the full list next week:

Mississippi, Jackson, Jan. 6, Fowler.  
Louisiana, Donaldsonville, Jan. 13, Fowler.  
Upper Mississippi, Greenwood, Jan. 14, Andrews.  
Florida, Tampa, Jan. 14, Hurst.  
Atlanta, Atlanta, Jan. 21, Foss.  
Little Rock, Forest City, Ark., Jan. 28, Andrews.  
Savannah, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 28, Hurst.  
South Carolina, Columbia, Feb. 3, Hurst.  
Central Alabama, Opelika, Feb. 4, Foss.  
Washington, Annapolis, Md., March 10, Newman.  
Central Missouri, Kansas City, March 18, Cranston.  
Delaware, Easton, Md., March 25, Ninde.  
Lexington, Springfield, O., April 1, Cranston.

The Southwestern is to be as large again as now — sixteen pages. Push the canvass.

Read God's Word daily; if you will its influence on your life is sure to be seen.

## OUR DEBT COLLECTION — THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.

Dear Brethren—Our plea is before you. Our Society is heavily burdened and we have come to you for help. Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 29, has been fixed as the day on which this special collection for our debt is to be taken. The Bishops recently in session have unanimously endorsed this plan. It is confidently hoped that every pastor in Methodism will present our cause to his people and earnestly urge them to give. Our brethren in the South will undoubtedly stand by us. Here is the territory upon which our battles have been fought and won. Hundreds, yea, thousands, of young men and women have been lifted out of darkness into light. They are in every profession and in every walk of life and are epistles known and read of by every one.

Make the day a glorious success. Begin at once. Plan, work, pray. Study our great work in your study, on your knees. Let no one fail to observe the day, and then out of a burdened heart lay this work upon the hearts and consciences of your people and trust results to God. Send the gleanings immediately to this office, for every dollar lessens our debt and saves interest.

M. C. B. MASON.

## IT IS NOT FAIR.

It is not fair for brethren who have been receiving the Southwestern all the year and have not sent the money to this office during the year, to go up to their Annual Conferences unprepared to settle with our collector. You say, "I'll settle when I get my money," when the fact is you cannot possibly know that the Conference is going to give you any money. You know it is not fair. Go prepared to settle.

## COURT VICTORY OF AN EX-SLAVE.

In Louisville, Ky., Anna Weir, the ex-slave who sued her old master, William Weir, for 24 years' pay at \$3 per week, was on the 14th ult. given a verdict of \$1,650. He had worked for him since her emancipation without wages on his agreement to lodge, clothe and feed her as long as she lived. Upon his second marriage he discharged her.

Mr. McKinley, who has just been elected President, is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hobart, the Vice President, is a Presbyterian. Both Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Hayes were Methodists, but their husbands were not members of any church while President. And yet we remember to have heard Col. Fred Grant say during our last General Conference that his family were Methodists for several generations back. Gen. Grant was a Methodist, although not a professing Christian, till near the close of his eventful life.

Speaking of McKinley's church membership reminds us that the day after the recent election, when for a short while a cloud of doubt floated over the Republican triumph, over which many were rejoicing, we were aboard an electric car and heard a lady discussing election matters with a gentleman who is partially deaf. She said: "McKinley is a Methodist, isn't he?" He said: "What?" She: "Isn't McKinley a Methodist?" He: "It is not settled yet; there 'pears to be some doubt about it." He thought, of course, the query was about his election. As to his church membership, we are glad to say there is no doubt whatever. Both he and his wife are regular communicants and earnest Christians. This all good Methodists will be proud to know. A live, active Methodist goes to the White House.

By reference to the New Discipline, paragraph 49 of the appendix, it will be seen that the minutes of only two of our Colored Conferences passed muster before the committee charged by the General Conference with their examination. The fact that a great number of White Conferences failed does not help us in the least. If Conference secretaries will keep their eyes on the requirements indicated in the paragraph mentioned they will no doubt be able to get in their minutes so as to pass the committee four years hence. At any rate we give you this hint that you may start in time. It might be well to suggest, too, that if our Annual Conference secretaries will study paragraph 49 during the Annual Confer-

ence session they will without doubt be much more efficient and save themselves a great deal of annoyance while reading the minutes of the daily sessions.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. G. A. Payne, of Jackson, La., called to see us last week.

Rev. E. Fields, of Darrowville, La., is dangerously ill. This we learn from Rev. R. C. Barrow.

Mrs. B. K. Bruce lectured recently to the students at Tuskegee Institute. Her effort is highly commended.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, A. M., and Rev. B. R. Crump, both of Mississippi, greatly encouraged us last week by sending in good lists of cash subscribers.

Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., has been appointed by the authorities of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, President, and Prof. W. H. Cragman Vice President. Prof. Cragman is to have full charge of the internal affairs of the institution. Read notes from Atlanta, found elsewhere.

Rev. Valcour Chapman, D. D., of Franklin, La., was in the city to attend the funeral of Bro. Priestly. He is still happy over his successful revival.

Dr. D. C. John, for three years president of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed presiding elder for the Milwaukee District, Wisconsin Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Easton are in the city from Ohio. Mrs. Easton was Miss Belle Morse, who used to assist her father in this office as business manager. They expect to remain in the city for some time.

Dr. W. E. Dubois, a graduate of Harvard some years ago and who has since spent considerable time studying in Germany, on his return to America taught for a while at Wilberforce, but has recently been appointed to a fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. A new thing for a Colored man even in Pennsylvania, but we are pleased to have this evidence that merit tells.

Rev. S. W. Thomas, D. D., has been chosen by the Board of Managers editor of the Philadelphia Methodist. He succeeds Dr. Swindells, deceased, and perhaps no more fitting selection could be made. Dr. Thomas has been a member of five General Conferences and is well known throughout the church. He will bring to his new position that degree of ability, energy and push that will without doubt make his administration a pronounced success. We congratulate him and the Methodist.

The twenty-third annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will assemble in Exposition Hall, St. Louis, Nov. 13-18. The annual sermon will be preached by Miss Elizabeth W. Greenwood at Union M. E. Church.

We publish the District Conference reports as rapidly as we can find space for them. Some we cannot straighten and hence cannot publish.

In the capitol at Albany, N. Y., the State is having the head of Frederick Douglass carved in one of the great stone pillars. In the same group are the heads of Lincoln, Grant and Sheridan.

Now that the election with all of its attendant excitement is over, let every Christian get right down to earnest, faithful work for the Master and His cause. Many have neglected class and other week night meetings for the longest time and some have even slighted the Sunday services. You have been busy talking and listening to others talk politics, and were so absorbed that you thought for the time being that was more important than anything else. Now that this is over, let each one try to atone for his neglect of duty. Your church needs you, both for your sake and for the sake of others. Answer her call at once; seek to strengthen your own spiritual life and be helpful to others. Study your own conduct right through the stirring scenes through which you have been passing, and if you have said or done aught that is wrong, seek forgiveness and avoid it in the future.



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There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

#### Cash Remittances.

From Nov. 2 to 7.

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J D Bright	M B Gols
T M Edwards, 1	H D Coleman, Co.
E H Clarke	S A Cowan, 9
J A Vincent, 2	E H Langston
W W Raver	Allen Dorsey
F T Chinn	H J Paal
H J Cozler	G L Logan, 2
J D Dixie, - 5	E P Chapman, 1
D G Leay	W E Ma
La A Generally	O W Cramp, 14
R H DeBoe, 1	N B Clay, 1
B F Grandly, 2	E D Reed
A J Robinzon	CH Brown
A Davis	A J Pickett
W L Duncan, 12	J S Marable, 1
J H Webb	O I Hood & Co.
S H Jordan, 1	W R Butler
E H Heriden	Amy Hopkins

\*Yearly  
†Part Yearly.

Some complaints of not receiving the Southwestern are made that we are not in anyway to blame for; but occasionally we find that the fault is here and is always corrected as soon as it is called to our attention. So many of our subscribers have been for only three months that great and frequent changes have to be made on the mailing "galley," and these have caused some wrong transposition by the printer having it in charge, though he tries to faithfully perform his work. With the increase of yearly subscribers and the improvements being made in the mailing department, we expect to make the system as nearly perfect as possible.

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#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Second District Conference of the Greenwood District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened in John Wesley M. E. Church at Durant, Miss., October 7th, with a full attendance. Rev. W. E. Mask, presiding elder was in the chair. Bro. B. F. Woolfolk, secretary, called the roll of pastors in charge and nearly all were present on the first day. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk was elected secretary, with F. G. Wilbon, assistant; W. H. Hundley was elected statistical secretary, with A. D. Geron as assistant; A. W. Wright, critic; W. H. Hundley was elected conference reporter. Presiding elder made an encouraging report showing the enlargement of the work. Reports from pastors show that many souls have been brought to Christ through their labors, and the financial condition of the District is ahead of last year. The footings of statistics are as follows: Paid presiding elder, \$784.00; paid pastors, \$3,128.40; on indebtedness and building, \$1,271.70; benevolences, \$406.00; other objects, \$1,304.15; total, \$6,889.15.

Resolutions to give the Southwestern Christian Advocate our hearty support were adopted.

A handsome purse was presented the presiding elder by the Conference to purchase a suit of clothes.

Rev. T. W. Davis, the faithful pastor, (at Durant), spared no pains in providing homes for the brethren. Yours. W. H. Hundley.

#### THE NAVASOTA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The eleventh session of the Navasota District Conference of the Texas Annual Conference convened in Lee's Tabernacle Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896, at Navasota, Tex., Rev. W. L. Duncan, P. E., presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. N. Chapman.

Organization—P. H. Jenkins, secretary; Revs. H. C. Watson and J. H. Manns, assistants; Revs. Thos. Cole and Frank Gilmore, treasurers; Sister H. E. Cole, recording secretary.

Four-fifths of members answered to roll call.

Reports from the presiding elder, pastors, and other officers or representatives showed marked improvements along all lines.

The various subjects were very ably and interestingly discussed.

Visitors—Revs. W. H. Logan, P. E., of the Marshall district, and S. M. Bolden, of the Conroe Circuit, Huntsville District. The former, W. H. Logan, preached as we never heard him before. The holy spirit accompanied the word and we were made to see Christ through the grand old Methodist Episcopal Church, subjecting the whole world unto Himself.

Prof. M. W. Dogan, A. M., president of Wiley University, gave a very pointed and comprehensive address in the interest of Wiley University and the negro race.

Resolutions of thanks to the appointing power for an able man to succeed our own Dr. Scott as president of Wiley University and pledging our allegiance to him in working for its prosperity both numerically and financially, were unanimously adopted.

Rev. O. I. Jones, the S. S. agent, whose face we always greet with joy, was with us in the interest of the cause which he represents. The borders of the S. S. work and its influence are widening and far-reaching.

Revs. J. H. Brown, of the A. M. E. Church, this city, and Wooten, P. E., Huntsville District M. E. Church South were introduced to the Conference, both of whom took active part in the discussions.

Rev. White, an ordained elder from the Free Will Baptist Church, was received as a local preacher.

Recommendations—Rev. J. A. Featherston was recommended to the Annual Conference for restoration of credentials and Prof. M. W. Dogan for admission on trial in the travelling connection.

It is generally conceded that this District Conference is unique in its results up to date, and Presiding Elder Duncan is jubilant over his success.

Hundreds of souls have been truly converted, new churches built, old church buildings remodeled, old debts settled and nearly \$500 collected on benevolences. More than \$100 collected for Lee Tabernacle Rock Building which is now being erected at this place, during the session of this conference.

Sunday, Oct. 18, was the great day

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of hallelujah. Three able sermons were preached by Revs. L. S. Blakeney Thos. Cole and O. J. Jones, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. W. L. Duncan, P. E., assisted by the pastors, to about 300 souls.

The good pastor, Rev. E. Lee, the church builder of the Texas Conference, and his people, very royally entertained the conference.

The conference refused, on motion of Rev. M. M. Muldrew, to license or renew the license of any local preacher or exhorter who would not subscribe for the Southwestern forthwith.

Everybody returned home with renewed zeal and stronger determination to do more work for Christ.

P. H. Jenkins, Secretary.

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Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, has made a contract with the Ladies' Home Journal, by which he will conduct in that magazine a series of popular Bible studies in the form of a great National Bible Class. It will be made into a regular and permanent department of the Journal, and is to be known as "Mr. Moody's Bible Class."

#### ANTONIO MACEO.

Antonio Maceo, the Cuban insurgent leader, is the only survivor of ten brothers, all of whom have given their lives in battle to make Cuba free. Antonio was the eldest, and he is described now as a fierce-eyed, heavy-browed, broad-shouldered, bulldog-jawed man of about fifty. His father owned a comfortable plantation and kept pack mules for hire, which the son, when he was a little fellow, used to drive along the mountain roads, sometimes going great distances, and thus came to learn every nook and corner of the island. In the first rebellion the Maceos took a neutral position until a band of Spanish guerrillas sacked and burned the plantation, leaving the younger children and the wife bound and gagged. Then the father called his sons together and exacted a promise from each that they would never lay down their arms until Cuba was free. This promise all have kept. Antonio entered the rebellion at twenty-three, a raw, taciturn, shy fellow, with little or no education. He was a born fighter, and in a short time developed into a soldier of the highest qualities, absolutely fearless, and a natural leader of men. He fought till the rebellion was put down and on account of his prominence in the war was exiled from the island. He received many dangerous wounds, being once shot through the lungs; and his hairbreadth escapes and exciting adventures were such as fall

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to the lot of very few men. Undiscouraged as to the liberation of Cuba, he made his way to the United States, where he received employment at West Point as a groom. There he had special facilities to watch the drilling and cavalry evolutions and study the theory of war. During this time no one knew who he was. He became a hard student, and for ten years spent all his time in perfecting his education, even borrowing books from the students, and in scheming to bring about another uprising in his native country. Once he tried to land in Cuba and start a rebellion; but his plan was frustrated. When, however, the news came that Cuba had actually arisen, Maceo, with a band of only nineteen confederates, determined to join the insurgents. He sailed to the island, effected a landing, and amid the greatest hardships and dangers joined his comrades. His presence was the greatest impetus to their cause; for immediately his fame and ability as a soldier enabled him to surround himself with a thousand followers, and from that time to this his doings have been reported in every paper all over the world. Spain, it is said, would give a million pesos for his head.—Independent.

#### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly. ....

Woodlawn.—Miss Eddie Virginia Fletcher, a member of the M. E. Church at this place, died in full triumph of faith.

R. C. Barrow, P. C.

Richmond, Texas.—Sister Menerva Hays, one of the oldest lives of this place and a faithful member of the M. E. Church, died Oct. 31, after many months of illness, aged 73 years. She was a faithful Christian.

J. F. Cozler, Pastor.

Mountain City, Tenn.—Sister Amy Look, a member of Jordan's Chapel M. E. Church. After seven years confinement to her room and bed of rheumatism, she departed this life Oct. 25 in full triumph of faith. Age, about seventy-three years. (Even done to old age, it will cause thee to stand.)

J. W. Watson, P. C.

Flournoy, La.—Bro Jack McKee, age 75 years, father of Rev. Jack McKee and a member of the Fairview M. E. Church, died in full triumph of his home, Sept. 23. He was a faithful member and an earnest worker. He leaves a wife six children and a host of friends to mourn. Rev. T. P. Jackson, pastor of St. Matthew's A. M. Church, conducted the services.

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### THE WHOLE FIELD.

S. B. Troupe, College, Ill.: Our Fourth Quarterly Conference was a success. It came off in the midst of our rally, which resulted in \$120.50 during the quarter. College is alive; four good churches. The pastor has been sick for two months, yet the people cared for him.

Wm. Perry, Clinton Circuit, Central Alabama Conference: Our revivals have closed on the Clinton Circuit with twenty-seven conversions and fourteen accessions. Some went to the Baptist Church and some to the Zion Church. The whole Circuit is spiritually alive. We are at work now raising our benevolent money. Pray for our success.

L. F. White, P. C., Columbus, Miss.: The grand rally at St. James M. E. Church last Sunday resulted in a collection of \$123.65. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. The grand old Southwestern is not forgotten. We expect to send in a few cash subscribers in the near future.

R. N. Jones, P. C., Heidelberg, Miss.: My Fourth Quarterly meeting was quite a success. Dr. J. M. Shumpert was present and presided. Reports were made from all parts of the church work, which show an advance in all lines. The Southwestern was looked after and one yearly cash subscriber taken. The Doctor preached to a crowded church at 11 and many took the Lord's Supper. Raised this quarterly meeting, \$21.46 for elder and \$69.50 for the pastor. Total for all purposes, \$90.96. My work is spiritually alive. I am trying to push the canvass for the Southwestern.

Emerson Hutcherson, P. C., Clinton, La.: Glad to say that I have just closed my revival meeting with twenty-seven converts and fourteen accessions to the church. The interests of the church are looked after. We are having a good time this far. We expect to bring up all our benevolent assessments to the Annual Conference. The Southwestern is not forgotten by any means.

N. H. Williams, Pastor: The grand rally at Sewall Chapel M. E. Church on the third Sunday resulted in \$74, and the Fourth Quarterly Conference, on the fourth Sunday was a success. Rev. W. McDonald was at his post, preached two heartfelt sermons, and ninety-two communion; \$14.50 was raised, and four subscribers for the Southwestern. We are hopeful of winding up this year's work successfully.

A Member, Fayetteville Circuit, Atlanta Conference: Our Sunday School is growing up on all lines. This is the first year that our Sunday School ran this long without going into winter quarters. I think it is because we have Rev. D. W. Winn with us. He is an able man in Sunday School and a power in the pulpit. We hope the Conference will return him to us. He argues the cause of the Southwestern every Sunday, and that we cannot do without the blessed old paper. So look out for some subscribers soon.

G. W. McFall, Supt., Waltham, S. C.: I am pleased to say that my Sunday School is doing something for God and humanity. We have a good Sunday School instruction during the last

four years. Our great leader is Rev. M. E. Cherry. The following are the names of the teachers: Mrs. M. E. Cherry, Miss Beniah Robertson, Mrs. Nancy Hamby, Mrs. Amanda Perry, Miss Janie Owens, Miss E. Owens. My school raised for all purposes this year \$31.25; donated \$1.10. A good many of Sunday School members are church members; ten of them have joined this year. Rev. M. E. Cherry and his wife are building up the Circuit.

A. W. King, President Epworth League, Jossesund, Texas: We are just from the Fourth Quarterly Conference which was held at Corrigan, Texas, on Rev. E. Michem's Circuit. There were nineteen officers reported. The pastors' reports were very good. His people have paid him \$43 since the last quarter. There were thirty-six members took the Lord's Supper. The collection raised was \$15.55. We organized the Epworth League and appointed its officers. Rev. A. C. Culbreath, presiding elder, preached a heartfelt sermon on Sunday and the pastor, Rev. E. A. Michem, on Sunday night. He has done well on this Circuit, having built a church since the Third Quarterly Conference.

Thornton Scott, P. C., Livingstone, Texas: My fourth quarter was held on time, with Rev. A. C. Culbreath in the chair. This conference was the largest held this year. The members were all present with written reports, showing that there had been a great increase in all lines. The presiding elder preached two soul-stirring sermons, which went to the hearts of many. He administered the Lord's Supper to 81. Collection paid the presiding elder \$26; pastor in charge \$80.80; missions, \$30; total, \$109.80. So we are moving on. Pray for us.

W. C. Clay, Tupelo, Miss.: Our Fourth Quarterly Conference convened October 24th and 25th. Elder P. C. Jameson presiding. Reports from members of Conference show progress. Elder Jameson, who is called a "Moses" all over the district, came to us full of the Holy Spirit, and by his able sermons our hearts were made to burn as we sat and shared in the glorious feast. One hundred and thirteen partook of the Lord's Supper. Collected \$25 during the Conference. Collected this quarter \$110. We have a band of good women in the church known as "Willing Workers." Their hands never tire in doing good. The officers, Mrs. Caroline Williams, C. E. Giles and Lucy A. Arnold, followed by others, presented the pastor a purse containing a handsome sum of money. We are marching on.

H. W. Tate, P. C., Cleveland, O.: We are moving on encouragingly at Cory Chapel. The services are well attended. Our Epworth League is a live chapter, and it is rendering much aid to the church. The Sunday School is prosperous. We love the Southwestern and it is a welcome visitor to three of our homes. I will do all I can to increase the subscription list, so that we can have it enlarged. I send one subscriber.

A. R. Perry, Central Alabama Conference Old Town Charge: We promised to pay this year to our preacher \$100 and we mean to do it. We had a rally on September 20th and October 18th and raised \$35.99, and paid the same to the pastor on his salary. I take the Southwestern and read it in

my church to them and find it does much good in bringing the people up to their church duties. If every person in the M. E. Church that can read would take the paper and read it we would have no trouble in paying up all the claims upon our churches. The pastor is doing what he can to get the people to take the Southwestern, and I am doing the same. Although the times are tight and cotton is very low we at my church intend to do all we can to pay up all we owe.

J. W. Terrell, P. C., Columbia, Miss.: This work is alive; this being my first year on it, I am enjoying one of the best years in my ministry. My Fourth Quarterly Conference met October 20th in Salem M. E. Church, Dr. H. R. Revels, presiding elder. After a few words in the interest of the Southwestern and the general working of the church, he presided in his usual way. At night the Doctor preached one of his able theological sermons, which was a blessing to all present. Then the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number. Collection was good, the amount for the quarter, \$53, for all purposes. I will send some subscribers in a short while.

N. R. Clay, P. C., Okolona, Miss.: Our Fourth Quarterly Conference was held on the 17th and 18th with our beloved presiding elder, Rev. P. O. Jamison, in the chair. The reports of the pastor, local preachers and class leaders were full and showed this charge to be on the advance. The elder preached an able sermon on Sunday night, during which our souls were made to rejoice in the power of the Gospel. Ninety partook of the sacrament. Collection during the quarter, \$204. Our leaders had a rally on second Sunday in which class No. 1, leader, Augusta Wilson, led by \$6.40. Okolona is in line with our first-class charges and is therefore doing a good work for the Master this year. We mean to see that our people read the Southwestern.

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### PROGRAMME.

Programme of the Second Shubuta District Conference to be held at Shubuta, in the new church, November 26-30, 1896: Introductory Sermon, A. C. Laey; needs of the Shubuta District, G. W. Smith and D. F. Dudley; should there be an evangelist in the bounds of the Mississippi Conference? James Jordan, W. H. Smith and R. N. Jones; How to raise benevolent money, A. B. Logan and O. H. Flowers; The Southwestern Christian Advocate, Aaron Davis and G. W. Brame; What is conversion, L. W. Price and Charles Frierson; Infant Baptism, G. W. Smith and A. C. Bradwell; Sunday Excursions, O. H. Flowers and E. E. Roussau; The Advantage of a District Conference, C. H. Brown; Why I am a Methodist, D. F. Dudley, L. W. Price and G. W. Smith; Mission Sermon, A. B. Logan; Children's Sermon, C. H. Brown; Justification, W. McNeil and Lewis Tate; Sanctification, H. T. Hampton and L. R. Carpenter; What is Life Without Christ? A. C. Bradwell and H. T. Hampton; Growth in Grace, H. M. Craft, R. L. Carpenter and Charles Frierson; the Relation of the Gammon Theological Seminary to the District Conference, a general discussion by the Conference.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 1896

## REWARDS OF OBEDIENCE.

Prov. 3: 1-17.

Golden Text.—In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6

1. Obedience. (1-2). Laws are precepts, orders, or commands. Knowledge precedes obedience. After the will of God is known, then it should be remembered. The mind may keep the laws of God and the heart violate them. We may walk in the commandments and love the ways of sin. This is not likely to continue. We keep the commandments with the heart by loving what the Lord loves, and hating what He hates. The laws of God should be fixed in the mind, loved in the heart and observed in the life.

2. Mercy and truth. (3-4). Mercy is the opposite of hardness and selfishness to others: it is the keeping of all the commandments of the second table: it is sympathy, forgiveness, and helpfulness: it is that love which is "the fulfilling of the law." Truth is character, stability, uprightness: it is the opposite of deceit, hypocrisy, and vacillation. Every one should so order his course in life that he keep these with him. He should bind them about his neck and write them on his heart. The neck has always been a symbol of the will. A stiff neck indicates a stubborn, rebellious nature. To receive the yoke upon the neck was to submit to the power that put it there. To bind mercy and truth about the neck was to have them rule the life. To write them upon the tables of the heart was to have them cut in the character, stamped in the emotions, and carved in their affections, so they could be seen and read of all men. The result of possessing mercy and truth, wearing them about the neck, and writing them in the heart, is favor with God and man. The Lord thinks well of those who think well of Him, and man, wicked though he be, admires a firm Christian character.

3. Trust. (5-6). The Lord is the first cause, the maker and ruler of the universe. To trust in Him is to confide in His veracity, integrity, justice, and goodness. To trust in Him "with all the heart" is to rely on Him alone for every "good and perfect gift." These verses anticipate justification by faith. The understanding is that faculty of the mind by which we comprehend the ideas of others. To lean to our own understanding is to rely upon our way of living: it is to form and prosecute our plans: it is a kind of atheism: it is to act as if there was no God. The man that walks in his own ways will perish. But if in his daily life he acknowledges God—testifies by word and deed, to His existence, love and goodness—then Jehovah will guide him with His counsel and afterwards receive him to glory.

4. Humility. (7-8). To be wise is to possess a correct knowledge of matter. To be wise in our own eyes is to think we have a correct knowledge of things when we have not. A man is what he really is, and not what he may think himself to be. The young have much self-confidence, and but little experience. Appetites and passions rule reason and judgment. They are passing through the storm-period of life, and are more likely than any other class to be wise in their own eyes. A correct knowledge of God will prevent the wrong and constrain the right. He will fear His justice and His goodness. The result of fearing and loving the Lord will be health to the entire man—soul and body. It will make him temperate in his habits and thoughtful in his life.

5. Honor. (9). Honor is esteem paid to worth. To honor God with our substance is to give Him a part of our increase. We are His stewards, and when we contribute to His cause we only pay back a part of what He has given us. We have not enough systematic giving. Riches are a blessing or curse to every one that receives them. It is their tendency to make men forget God, become selfish and self-confident. If they increase set not the heart on them. God governs every law that causes the earth to yield her increase. He will see to it that those who honor Him with their substance, shall receive many fold more in this life, and in the world to come everlasting life.

6. Chastening. (11-12). The class addressed are the young. Chastenings are corrections. They may come in the form of calamities of various kinds. They are of the Lord. We should receive them in love. His strokes are better than Satan's kisses. They are not to be despised; or treated with contempt, disgust, fretting or chafing. God's object is discipline. We should not grow weary of His corrections, but "let patience have her perfect work." God loves those He corrects, and has their happiness in view when He chastens them.

7. Wisdom. (13-17). In its highest sense wisdom takes in all the blessings of this and the future life. It is the attainment of the noblest and purest manhood and womanhood. It is knowledge and piety; judgment and religion. Wisdom, like God and heaven, exists, and may be sought and found. We may obtain wisdom in the Word of God, in communion with Him, and in the practice of His precepts. Wisdom brings happiness, riches, honor, long life, pleasure and peace. Peace with self, neighbor and God. This wisdom is worth securing and keeping forever.

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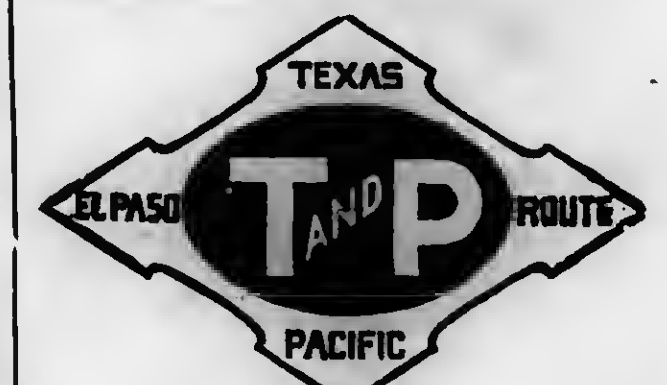
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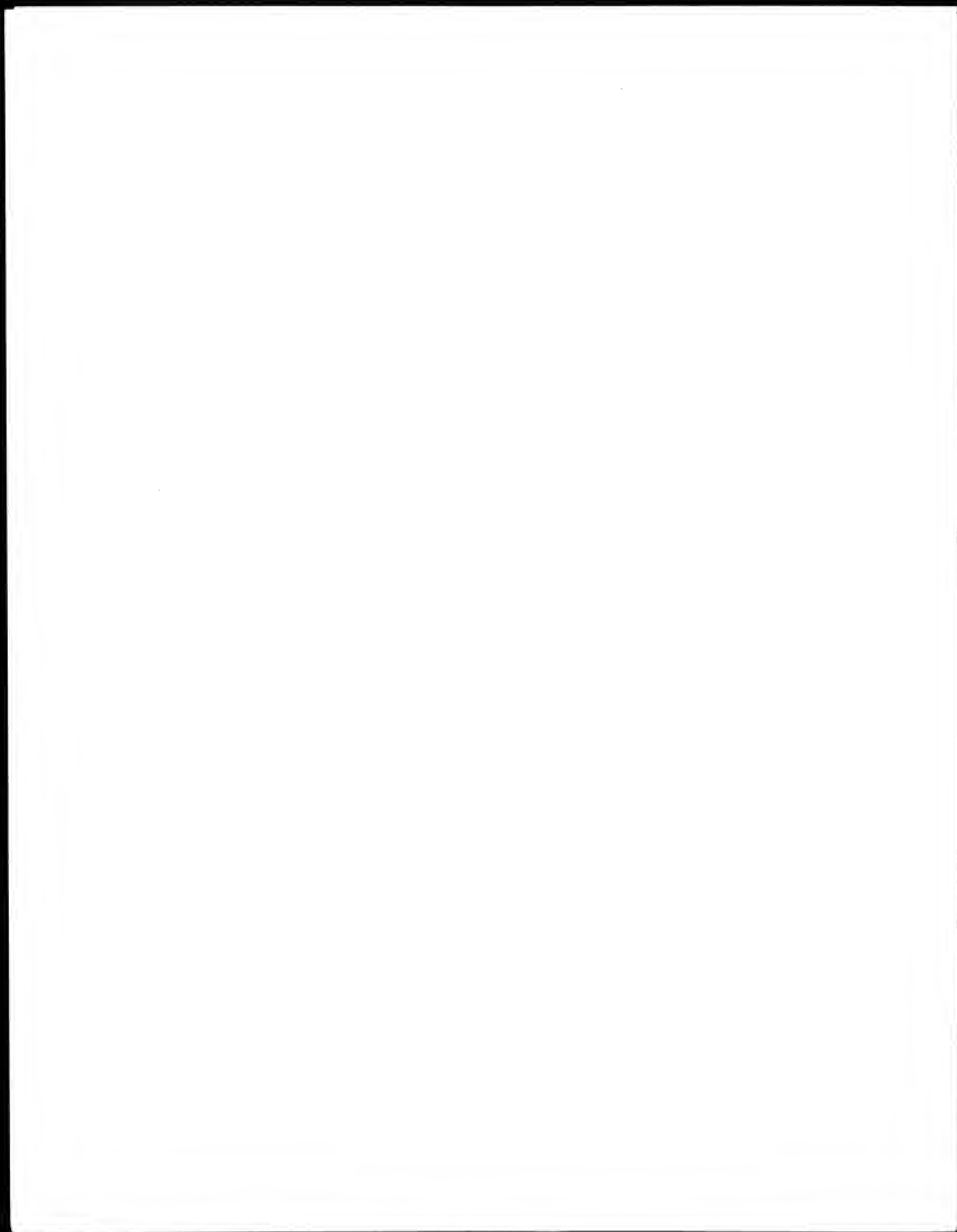


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## TO-DAY.

To shun the world's allurements,  
To bear my cross therein;  
To turn from all temptation,  
To conquer every sin;  
To linger, calm and patient,  
Where duty bids me stay;  
To go where God may lead me,—  
This is my work to-day.

I think not of to-morrow,  
Its trials or its task,  
But still, with childlike spirit,  
For present mercies ask.  
With each returning morning  
I cast old things away;  
Life's journey lies before me—  
My prayer is for to-day.

—Selected.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

What do you think of this issue?

Let every old subscriber renew before his time expires.

Read this issue thoroughly and carefully, we prepared it for you.

The legislature of Georgia has elected Alexander Stephens Clay United States Senator to succeed Gen. Gordon.

Read the report of the General Missionary Committee and learn what the church is doing for the salvation of the world.

The Washington Conference is arousing itself on Southwestern matters. All right, brethren, shout if you wish, we will help hold you.

Just to think you can get a free library for your Sunday School or Epworth League Chapter if you are only willing to work a little.

"The most unkindest cut" we have yet received is that a lady in Detroit at the General Committee meeting mistook us for Dr. M. C. B. Mason!

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has re-elected Miss Frances E. Willard president for the seventeenth time. There were five opposing votes.

One brother says his people prefer to wait till the first of January to take the Southwestern. That is strange when we offer it from now till then free, to all annual subscribers.

The people of Canada are to observe the same day for their Thanksgiving Day that we observe. Their business men found it inconvenient to transact business with the banks and business houses of this country closed.

We read with interest the circular letter sent out by Prof. E. L. Blackshear, principal of the Texas State Normal, who advocates the establishment of a Branch University by the State for Colored pupils. We are glad his ardor is not abated notwithstanding the position he holds. We desire to say that there is no doubt in our minds that he is proceeding in the proper way when he suggests that each county try to influence its representatives.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, who once ran for President of the United States, expects soon to start on a lecturing tour; if he expects as large crowds to listen to his lectures as came to see and hear him when a candidate for the Chief Magistracy, he is sure to meet his second great disappointment.

## OUR MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

We are sure it will be of interest to our readers to see just what the Conferences collected for missions during the year which closed October 31st. In the mission budget our Southern Conferences are denominated: "Colored Work Mostly in the South," and "White Work in the South, Maryland and Delaware excepted." We give both. It will be seen just which Conferences increased and which decreased in their collections for the year just closed. It will be seen also that the aggregate for both classes is considerably in advance of last year. This is gratifying when we consider the hard times and that some of these Conferences suffered from the drouth and others from the autumnal storm.

### COLORED WORK, MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH.

	Collection.	Increase.	Decrease.
Atlanta .....	\$ 172.00	172.00	.....
Central Alabama .....	407.00	162.00	.....
Central Missouri .....	446.00	36.00	.....
Delaware .....	3351.00	42.00	.....
East Tennessee .....	382.00	287.00	.....
Florida .....	547.00	.....	55.00
Lexington .....	363.00	21.00	.....
Little Rock .....	248.00	.....	42.00
Louisiana .....	783.00	.....	149.00
Mississippi .....	634.00	201.00	.....
North Carolina .....	413.00	124.00	.....
Savannah .....	847.00	.....	114.00
South Carolina .....	2316.00	660.00	.....
Tennessee .....	181.00	.....	302.00
Texas .....	1104.00	.....	285.00
Upper Mississippi .....	387.00	109.00	.....
Washington .....	2391	459.00	.....
West Texas .....	1383.00	189.00	.....
Totals .....	\$ 16,364.00	2167.00	947.00

### WHITE WORK IN THE SOUTH, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE EXCEPTED.

	Collection.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama .....	\$492.00	\$238.00	.....
Arkansas .....	687.00	.....	27.00
Austin .....	1050.00	121.00	.....
Blue Ridge .....	27.00	.....	202.00
Central Tenn. ....	482.00	42.00	.....
Georgia .....	209.00	27.00	.....
Gulf Mission .....	116.00	30.00	.....
Holston .....	1548.00	228.00	.....
Kentucky .....	2288.00	105.00	.....
Missouri .....	8702.00	1504.00	.....
St. John's River .....	668.00	.....	65.00
St. Louis .....	9897.00	2677.00	.....
Virginia .....	975.00	231.00	.....
West Virginia .....	8089.00	637.00	.....
Totals .....	35267.00	6040.00	294.00

## THE LAYMEN OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The General Conference evidently did a very wise thing when it arranged to have as members of all the boards charged with the management of the great business and benevolent interests of the church, successful business men—laymen—thoroughly identified with and unselfishly interested in everything that tends to the highest development and spread of the church; men who give the same close application and thought to the affairs of the church that they give to their own private business; men who will go and spend a week or more attending committee meetings without remuneration and consider it a pleasure to do so; such men are an honor to the church and a kind of a safety valve to the large-hearted and sympathetic ministerial brethren who for so long may be interested in pressing up the mountains for the Conferences representatives. They bring to these meetings the experience that has enabled them to manage their thousands and say to

such manner as seems best for the good of the cause.

The Missionary Committee had in attendance at its late session a number of such men who came as representatives of the Board at New York. We desire to mention them: Mr. Charles Scott, a wealthy manufacturer of Pennsylvania, is greatly interested in every part of our mission work, responding liberally to the calls of the church when and wherever made; Col. E. L. Dobbins, of New Jersey, who is in good circumstances, is in the insurance business and a thorough going and energetic business man. During the sessions of the Committee nothing whatever escapes his attention. Mr. J. S. McClean, a New Yorker, is president of a bank, and we are confident cannot give closer attention to his own business than he does to every item transacted by the Committee. Mr. E. B. Tuttle is an extensive coal dealer; he seldom ever speaks in the Committee but is perfectly attentive to every detail of business; he is also a member of the local Book Committee in New York and is thus compelled to give a great deal of his time to the financial affairs of the church. Dr. H. K. Carroll is one of the editors of the Independent published in New York, was appointed by the government in 1890 to superintend the taking of the census of the churches and is considered the best authority on religious statistics in this country. Mr. Alden Speare is from Massachusetts, he is an oil merchant, interested in railroads and president of the Board of Trade in Boston, where he has long been a leader in missionary giving; and last Mr. Anderson Fowler, who conducts the largest produce business in the world, having branches in Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis, New Orleans, Liverpool and London. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have backed up efforts to establish a mission in South America and Africa, and have spent thousands of dollars.

These men do not represent any particular race or class in men is bounded only by the being done by their efforts tends to the ends of the earth equal to it. God is working throughout the church.

### WHITE CITY.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
MOUNT ZION M. E. CHURCH.

Washington, D. C.

Mount Zion M. E. Church officers and members have just finished celebrating the eighteenth anniversary of the organization of the church.

The exercises began with a sunrise prayer meeting, Sunday October 11th, followed by the reunion of the Sunday School at 9:30. At 11 a. m. Rev. N. M. Carroll, the oldest ex-pastor of color, preached the anniversary sermon, at which time he related an interesting account of the growth of Methodism in this country, also the growth and prosperity of the church. The Epworth League reunion was held at 3 p. m. Rev. E. W. S. Peck, the pastor, preached at 8 p. m.

On Monday evening, October 12, the Official Board reunion was held. Tuesday evening Rev. I. L. Thomas preached. Wednesday the reunion of the classes was conducted by Bro. Clement Beckett, the oldest class leader living, who was once connected with this church. Historical services were held on Thursday evening. The report of the Historical Committee was read by Miss H. H. Benson, the secretary of the committee. Rev. Peck introduced to the congregation Mrs. Nancy Simms, the oldest member of the church. She united with the church in August, 1832. The congregation gave her the Chatauqua salute.

Friday evening at 6:30 p. m., memorial services were conducted by Mr. J. L. Turner. Pastor's reunion was held at 8 p. m., conducted by Rev. T. O. Carroll. Rev. R. H. Robinson, Rev. Sandy Alexander and others were present.

The services Sunday, October 18th, opened with sunrise prayer meeting. The reunion of the Sunday School was concluded at 8:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. An old-fashioned love feast was held at 3 p. m., which was enjoyable and soul-stirring. Rev. W. H. Brooks, presiding elder, preached a delightful sermon at 8 p. m.

As the congregation of John Wesley, Baltimore, could not come on the 18th of October and assist in the anniversary services, they were present November 1, and the choir gave a sacred concert at 6 p. m. This concluded the anniversary services, which have truly been soul-stirring, reviving and a feast of fat things to the members and friends of Mt. Zion. This is the oldest colored church in the District of Columbia. While the origin of Methodism in this city dates back to 1802 with 111 members including colored persons, the real organization of the colored members dates back to 1812, when 125 worshipped with our white brethren. They continued with them until 1816 when because of their increase in membership they were set apart into a church of their own. October, 1816, with such persons as leading members, viz: William Cruse, William Trunwell, Shadrack Nugent, Thomas Mason, Polly Hill, Tamar Green and Lucy Neal. The church is out of debt. Love and peace dwell in our midst at present. We are now engaged in the erection of a parsonage at a cost of \$3,000.00, which will be finished and paid for soon.

The anniversary was under the supervision of the following committee: J. T. Beason, chairman; J. L. Turner, secretary; H. N. Bowles, G. T. Beason, Miss Sadie Hall, Miss H. H. Beason, T. B. Locke, Rev. E. W. S. Peck, pastor; Rev. W. H. Brooks, presiding elder.

## LEXINGTON CONFERENCE NOTES.

Dayton, Ohio, under the pastorate of the Rev. S. G. Turner, moves steadily forward.

The Rev. J. H. Payne, at Madisonville, Ohio, is doing his best.

At Cumminsville, Ohio, the Rev. Scott Ward is trying to build a new church.

By action of our last Conference, each pastor is required to set apart a special day to canvass for subscribers to the *Southwestern*.

Wonder if Dr. Hagood intends to publish names of the subscribers to the *American University* who have not yet paid anything?

Presiding Elders: William Johnson and Sisak went home to Indianapolis to visit.

The Epworth League, Court House, New Castle, was a

success, although the attendance was smaller than we looked for.

The Rev. W. E. Wilson, P. E., of Iowa District, Central Missouri Conference, is well known here.

Bishop Cranston, who holds our next Conference, is well and favorably known and will be welcomed.

Our last Conference took the following action, and all our Conferences ought to do the same, our Bishops and our work are embarrassed when it is otherwise:

Whereas, We esteem it a high honor to entertain our Bishops who hold our Conferences, and are determined that their entertainment shall be just what it ought to be, so as to suit their comfort, convenience, and pleasure; and

Whereas, We are often deprived of this honor and privilege, simply because of our carelessness or willingness to let others do for us what we can properly do ourselves; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby ask the Bishop to appoint a Committee of one elder from each district, before the adjournment of the Conference, who shall be known as the Conference Committee on Programme and Entertainment of the Bishop, whose duties shall be to arrange a suitable programme for the anniversaries of the several benevolent societies, to fix the time and appoint the speakers, so as to give the Conference brethren time to prepare and to arrange for the entertainment of our beloved Bishops by some of our own families, where practicable, and where not practicable, to secure him suitable entertainment at our own expense.

Presiding Elder Gilliam was formerly principal of the public school of Jackson, Miss., and one time secretary of the Board of Trustees of Rust University, and at another of Alcorn A. and M. College.

Our districts are large. The following are the number of preaching places: Indiana, 40; Lexington, 41; Louisville, 37, and Ohio, 36. LUX.

## HOW TO CIRCULATE THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE AMONG US.

Read by J. W. Galloway to the Washington Preachers' Meeting, Nov. 9, 1896.

Mr. President: We are aware of the fact that the Washington Conference is regarded as one of the leading among the eighteen colored Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Conferences. And to sustain the reputation of our grand old Conference we should be more interested in the circulation and success of the *Southwestern*, as it is the only paper devoted entirely to the interest of the colored membership of the church. We admit, however, that the paper is not what it ought to be. But the cause is traceable to negligence. No paper can live and grow without the necessary support. The *Southwestern* is our paper. What are we doing to support it? We may talk and preach race pride, but we will never convince the church that we are advancing appreciatingly if we let the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* die for want of patronage. In 1895, the Committee on Periodicals and Literature, recommended our preachers to support the paper, and to pray for its continuance and success. And there the matter stopped. We should say what we mean and mean what we say. It is no use to recommend and pray for the continuance and success of the *Southwestern* and subscribe and pay for a host of other papers. And then say the *Southwestern* has no matter in it worth reading. Suppose you had a poor horse. Would you take your corn and give it to your neighbor's fat horse and then expect your own to get fat? No, you would give your corn and oats to your own. Why not do likewise toward the *Southwestern*? The paper needs patronage and appreciation. And moreover, we are under an obligation to help to place the paper upon a better basis. Are we trying to meet the obligation in an effectual and appreciative way? What have we done for the paper? What are we doing for it? What is the Washington Conference doing for it as a body? Can't we muster up one thousand subscribers within the bounds of the Conference. I believe we can. To think or say otherwise will be a reflection upon our intellectual giants.

1. Let all the pastors interest themselves in the paper.

2. Let us observe *Southwestern* day

regularly, and solicit subscribers.

3. Organize *Southwestern* clubs in all of our churches, and have them meet weekly, and pay 10 cents, more or less, until the full amount of \$1.25 is realized. 4. Have a rousing mass meeting in the interest of the paper once a year, and let our people know the paper is ours and that the church is looking to them to support it.

## CHANGES THAT MUST COME.

L. M. Hagood, D. D.

In a preceding article judicial administration and public worship were mentioned. It is thought that the mode of the worship of God is the best indicator of a people's moral, intellectual and religious improvement. If this be true let us speak further of the latter.

If there yet remain members in our church who object to the colored constituents because "their presence tones down the dignity, if it does not menace its perpetuity," they will have additional support if it can be proved that we are not capable of enjoying, or appreciating the benefits the great church affords us. Were they to argue the matter they would likely say: "It requires a different religious process to save them to that required to save other people; they do not (if capable) observe the rules and regulations of the Discipline from the facts: their form of religious services is out of harmony with Christian modes of worship today; when they are admonished about it, instead of trying to reform, they plead, 'we are Negroes and not white folks,' as if race or color cut any figure in such matters, and they persistently clamor for the mode of worship they used in slavery days." Would that it was possible to stand in line the two hundred and fifty thousand colored members in the church, and looking them in the face, ask, guilty or not guilty? Our members of intelligence not only do not concede these things, but they deny them. Why should we do otherwise when we serve the same God, lead the same kind of life (or ought to do so), die the same way and go to the same heaven? Why should a different religious process be required to save us? Since we deny these things we must see to it that our religious services—including revivals and camp-meetings—are conducted in decency and order, as directed by our unexcelled Discipline. We do not care to be misunderstood. We believe in evangelical repentance, thorough conversion, and that every one born of God hath the witness within him and that the after life will demonstrate this fact—that they "have been with God and learned His ways." However, we do not believe, we do not wish to believe, nor will we profess to believe or try to make others think we believe, nor allow them to believe, if we can possibly prevent it, that before a colored person can be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ that she must go into hysterics or a trance; that the success of our revivals depends upon holding the service until 11 or 12 o'clock at night; that it is essentially necessary to have a few loud shouters at hand, some to pat and others to dance—like the Samoans at the World's Fair—while others crowd round those "who are coming through" and vociferously shout at or in their ears; that when one who has been in a trance comes back and shouts "glory" that the Christians must manifest their joy by yelping at the top of the voice, knock down the stove-pipes, kick or fall over the benches, strike each other with clenched fists, and only find physical rest by going into a swoon, while some cracked brained rattle sings: "Job's Horse Was a Mighty Pony, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" or that any good comes from preaching in revivals, or else where, from such texts as: "A wheel in a wheel," "Seven eyes on one stone," or "I've put off my coat and how shall I put it on." It would seem that in such services those who came to pray would remain to laugh. Services conducted after the foregoing fashion would as certainly draw the hoodlum element only, as molasses draws flies, and would so disgust decent people as to drive them to churches where decency and order prevail. It has been estimated that the professed "converts" of our people since the war nearly equals the entire adult population. Hence, in agony, we cry, "Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?" Wherever such meetings

have obtained they must cease. We cannot "bulldoze" such stuff under the guise of "heart-felt" religion, into the minds of the coming generation. While it is true that anyone capable and willing to exercise faith, ought to be sought after and brought into the church, but this "warming over process" is only "love's labor lost." Such services bring into the church a class of ecclesiastical imbeciles who are so illiterate and unimportant that they can neither help themselves nor aid in saving others. Where services are thus conducted, decent people will continue to protest against them buying church property next to them, and in every case caste prejudice will not be so easily proved as the observance of the first law of nature. Many pastors object to living in parsonages built next to such churches. Many services of this kind may bring a little credit to some ministers who, at the Annual Conference, hear the reply when his name is called: "Bishop, this brother had one hundred conversions this year." No one would possibly be able to so report, after such services, unless he first rub his face on a brass candlestick. A case of this kind came to notice not long since. The pastor wisely arranged to go to Conference out of one of these "awful revivals," and it is well he did since most of his converts "backslided" before the adjournment of the Conference. A new pastor came and all that year he could hear about the "awful revival we had last year when brother Blood-and-thunder was our pastor." Investigation showed that the large list of converts was secured in a peculiar manner, peculiar at least to Methodism. The pastor requested all persons who desired to go to heaven when they died to come and shake hands with him before he left for Conference. A member, sitting near, was instructed to record their names. So the church record was burdened with the names of people who were out of sympathy with Christianity, and the benevolent assessments were increased. The successor, afterwards, used to say that he believed a few of the number may have been "convicts," but not converts. We have but little patience with that class of Methodists who fear to say "Amen," "Hallelujah" or "praise the Lord" or audibly rejoice when happy. Let it may reflect upon their supposed intelligence, or who object to decent enthusiasm in God's services, but we detest the disposition to palm off for Christian services, scenes in God's house calculated to make a statue laugh. Such are a scandal, a stumbling-block and menace to Christian progress. Apologists for such services plead: Our people have been used to such services and will attend no others; other churches do that way and we have to do it to keep our people; we get more money out of the people in such meetings; many white people will only attend such services amongst us, and besides our pastor says his reputation depends upon such meetings." No one has a right to do wrong even though good may be derived from it. Is it wrong to disturb an entire neighborhood every night in the week for several weeks, and to distract the sick? Is it wrong for any one to make a monkey or lughing-stock of himself for the pleasure of those who point to his antics as evidence of his inferiority? People who only come to the house of the Lord to be amused ought to go to the theaters, instead, where people play monkey for money. It is thought that the reason much of our work in the border and Northern States does not receive the support it should from our more favored white members is because we have permitted our people to conduct their services after the above mentioned fashion until they have become disgusting. Running a camp-meeting or revival simply to get white people to attend so they give money in the collection is very poor, if any business at all. No matter whether we are in New York City or the backwoods of Arkansas let us remember that, as ministers, we are not called to preach simply to keep from digging coal or picking cotton; that, as laymen, churches are not organized for the purpose of getting the largest membership, but for saving those souls who are in the shadow of death.

Let us everywhere see to it that their mode of worship in our churches—no matter what others may say or do—shall be so near in harmony with decency, common sense and true Christian practices that there may



be added to the church daily such souls as should be saved. Then and not till then will our denial of these charges be properly considered, then and not till then will intelligent men and women unite and remain with us; then and not till then will people of culture properly respect us as ministers and our members as true Christians.

#### THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE MEETING AT DETROIT, MICH.

For lack of space, it is absolutely impossible for us to give the discussions that took place during the sessions of the Committee, hence it is our plan to give just such portions as will be of the most general interest to our readers. The meetings were held in the Central M. E. Church, a magnificent stone structure, of which Rev. J. M. Thoburn, Jr. is pastor, and by whom all members of the Committee were entertained.

Rev. Dr. Baldwin, Recording Secretary of the Society, is Secretary of the Committee, and each Bishop takes his turn in presiding.

When the Committee assembled Wednesday morning, the roll was called and those who responded were: Bishops, Thomas Bowman, Stephen M. Merrill, Edward G. Andrews, Henry W. Warren, Cyrus D. Foss, John F. Hurst, William N. Nide, John M. Walden, Willard F. Mallin, Charles H. Fowler, James N. Fitzgerald, J. P. Newman, Charles C. McCabe, Earl Cranstun, James M. Thoburn, Joseph C. Hartzell; Corresponding Secretaries, A. B. Leonard and Abraham J. Palmer; Recording Secretary, Stephen L. Baldwin; Treasurer, Homer Eaton; Assistant treasurer, Lewis Curtis; E. M. Smith, W. F. Corcoran, D. F. Pierce, R. T. Miller, L. H. Stewart, J. M. Carter, H. N. Herriek, H. G. Jackson, J. P. Chaffee, Alfred Hodgetts, W. J. Martindale, A. J. Taylor, Bartholomew Lampert, S. A. Thompson, Rev. J. F. Goucher, Rev. A. K. Sanford, Rev. S. P. Hammond, Rev. J. M. Buckley, Rev. S. G. Upham, Rev. J. M. King, Rev. J. R. Day, H. K. Carroll, E. L. Dolhins, Charles Scott, J. S. McLean, E. B. Tuttle.

About the only absentees were from the list of bishops. Bishops Joyce and Goodsell are absent from the country on duty and Bishop Vincent is to leave in a short time for South America. Bishop Taylor, as our readers know, is in Africa.

George E. Wasey made a brief address of welcome to the distinguished guests. He took as a sort of text for his remarks, a little poem dedicated to the men who have no fear and complimented the bishops for the fearless way in which they had gone into foreign lands to carry the Gospel to the heathens. Mr. Wasey expressed a hope that the meeting of the committee would prove of great good to the Methodists of Detroit.

In calling upon Bishop Bowman to respond to the welcome extended by Mr. Wasey, Bishop Andrews referred to him as "the venerable Bishop Bowman." When that gentleman arose for his address he slyly called attention to the fact that he and Bishop Andrews were classmates in school. Bishop Bowman, however, is older in point of service than any other bishop in the committee. He made a few remarks of response.

"I have an especial interest in this part of the country," said he. "Thirty years ago my precious father came out here from Pennsylvania to investigate the character of this State of Michigan. He was so taken with the country that he purchased a farm near Three Rivers, and upon his return a number of families came out here and settled. When I had occasion to spend a day at Three Rivers a little while ago, I was delighted to find myself surrounded by a number of dear old friends."

"I am sure we all appreciate the hearty welcome extended to us and we will show before the sessions of the committee are ended that we appreciate them. We will show that we are fully able to eat three meals a day and enjoy them, and I hope that we will be able to do the people a great deal of good."

Reading the report of the treasurer opened the hard work of the business session. The report showed the cash receipts to be \$1,221,258.18, a gain over last year of \$46,703.80. Of this total \$78,098 was a special contribution toward the debt of the society. The expenditures were \$1,170,117.16, leaving a

balance of \$51,141.02. In fixing the total amount to be appropriated Bishop McCabe favored \$1,143,160, and so moved, but after various motions and an extended discussion, Dr. Goucher's motion to make the total appropriation \$1,121,000 was adopted.

Thirty thousand dollars was appropriated for the Contingent Fund and smaller amounts for salaries of secretaries, office expenses, etc.

A matter that gave the committee no little concern was the "scaling" or reduction from last year's appropriations, which it was found absolutely necessary to make. Especially the District representatives were exceedingly nervous, each desiring to save the Conferences from being "scaled," or "skinned," as one brother called the cutting down process. However, the committee decided to scale all appropriations 4 per cent. below what they were last year, except in extreme cases.

It was also agreed to give 55 per cent of the total to Foreign Missions and 45 per cent to the home field.

All preliminaries being settled the committee went at the appropriations with a will. In a few cases the aggregate amount was set aside for a group of Conferences and referred to a committee for distribution. Among others the colored Conferences and Southern white Conferences were disposed of in this way. That is to say the total amount appropriated last year was reduced by 4 per cent and referred to a committee for distribution. This prevented a general discussion of the whole Southern question which a number of the committee were confident would take place.

#### A Plea for India.

Bishop Thoburn, who is one of the strongest special plunders we ever listened to, made a strong fight for his field and carried his case as he usually does.

He said: "It is an immense task to start work among so many millions of people, yet we have already established there five Conferences. Some one asked a little while ago if any of our missionaries got less than ordinary salaries. I know one who for two years has received \$30 a year. Another some time ago received \$18.75 a month, of which \$10 was to go for board. But let me say that we are face to face in India with what promises to be the greatest famine in the century. It is just commencing, but already women are selling their children in the streets for ten cents apiece. The cost of living has been increased 50 per cent, and there is no hope or relief to be looked for in the next twelve months. I think we must ask this year for \$2,500 more than we got last year. Your recent political agitation had the effect of increasing the price of silver in India. Whereas I used to get 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 rupees for \$1, after the campaign here had started I could only get 3 1-4 rupees. This has cut down our income and somewhat affected your credit."

Bishops Fitzgerald and McCabe objected to any increase for India. They said that the appropriations for that field had been increased every year, that special contributions had been used to support preachers, and when these sources failed, the burden had fallen on the missionary committee. "Altogether," said Bishop McCabe, "India gets \$309,253 a year for Methodist mission work."

Bishop Fowler claimed that the board in New York had been prejudiced in favor of India. Bishop Andrews made an eloquent plea for India.

Secretary Leonard stated that the converts there were 75,000, while those of all China numbered 16,000. In India there are 91 foreign missionaries, a far larger number than that in China. In view of these facts, the larger appropriation of India was not at all out of proportion.

Treasurer Eaton opposed the increase on account of lack of funds. Bishop Foss made a strong appeal for the advance. "A few years ago," said he, "we thought that Bishop Thoburn was speaking wildly when he predicted that the number of converts in that land would soon number 10,000 a year. Now we find that predilection more than fulfilled and 18,000 converts made in ten months. With such a wonderful increase in the work, and its results, can we cut down the means of its support or even fail to increase them?"

Bishop Walden held the chair after the noon recess. Bishop Thoburn again made a strong appeal for the India appropriation. It appeared that it had been found necessary to raise \$10,000 for the payment of salaries in India

outside the appropriations made by last year's committee. The speaker wanted that sum counted in with last year's appropriation to form a basis for this year's sum. He was opposed by Bishop McCabe. It was finally decided, however, to devote \$134,400 to the whole of India and \$8,036 for the work in Malaysia, a cut of 4 per cent in each case.

The most important step taken thus far by the committee was the adoption of the report in regard to the African missions. It means a radical advance in the work of evangelizing that land. The address of Bishop Hartzell, in regard to this work, was a scholarly appeal, and brought him warm congratulations. Although in the prime of life, his hair is silver white. His face is full of strength, combined with the kindly Christian love which has led him to make extraordinary sacrifices. The impressiveness of the scene can scarcely be imagined when the African report had been adopted, and one after another rose with expressions of trust in him and invoked God's blessings on him and his faithful wife.

We give the committee's action.

The report of the special committee on Africa was read by Secretary Palmer. It recommended the appropriation of \$14,700, the adoption of extensive missions in Africa, known as Bishop William Taylor's self-supporting missions, and their institution as regular foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church. This will mark a great advance in the African work and will initiate a new epoch in the missionary history of the dark continent. Bishop Foss moved the adoption of the report.

Bishop Hartzell, who leaves for Africa shortly, gave an interesting account of the African field, of which he has made a close study. He went over the needs of the work, telling of the Congo, East Africa, Central African and South Africa districts. Dr. E. H. Richards, he said, had nearly completed the translation of the Bible into the Tongo language in Eastern Africa, which would open the way to mission work among 3,000,000 people just south of the Zambesi river.

Bishop Newman thought it advisable for Bishop Hartzell to spend a year or two in travel over the African fields before the church should undertake the responsibility of such an increase of work there. Bishop Fowler gave an eloquent eulogy of Bishop Hartzell, and praised his loyal Christian spirit.

Dr. Buckley advised the appropriation recommended by the special committee. The report was unanimously adopted, notwithstanding that it made an increase over last year's sum of \$9,000, the greater amount being deemed advisable to enable Bishop Hartzell to carry the enormous task he has undertaken.

Bishops Fowler, Merrill, Andrews, Hurst and Walden rose in quick succession and spoke in glowing terms of praise and love for the bishop of Africa, and from the depths of their hearts wished him God-speed. "There is a lady in the gallery," said Bishop McCabe, "whom we must not forget in our appreciative thoughts of our brother. She has been to him a helpful and loving wife, and no one can overestimate the extent of her sacrifice."

"Hers is the greatest sacrifice on the altar of Africa to-day," remarked Bishop Walden. Then as if at a signal the whole company rose and sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." There were tears on the faces of the strong men when business was again resumed.

Strong resolutions were adopted, complimentary and no doubt encouraging to Bishops Thoburn and Hartzell.

The self-supporting missions in Chili came up for discussion and received a full share of the Committee's time.

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#### A PLEASANT FEATURE.

It so happened that the General Missionary Committee was in session on Monday, November 16, which proved to be the sixty-second birthday of Rev. Dr. Homer Eaton, the treasurer of the Society. Dr. J. M. King conceived the idea of doing a pleasant thing in this connection, and therefore on behalf of the Committee presented Dr. Eaton a beautiful bouquet in recognition of his birthday and his eminent services to the Society. Dr. Eaton accepted the memento in a few well chosen remarks, at the conclusion of which he was heartily applauded.

#### WORSHIP AND GIVE THANKS.

Our date of issue falls on November 26th Thanksgiving Day, but we go to press long before that time and desire to unite with a grateful nation in worshipping and giving thanks to an all-wise and beneficent Father for the many gracious benefits bestowed during the present year. And to this end we trust that every individual whose eyes shall fall upon these lines and every home into which our paper shall go may feel drawn toward the house of God to worship and magnify His holy name.

While gratitude is not peculiar to civilized nations, they should nevertheless be foremost in acknowledging Him who has made their civilization possible, and home and happiness and heaven all blessed realities. Let him who does not think it worth his while to offer grateful praise to our God study the condition of the nations who know Him not and compare our surroundings in this Christian land to that of those whose God is not the Lord.

"O, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Who has not some cause for gratitude to God?

#### APPEAL FROM THE BISHOPS.

The educational work of our Church in the South has been, and is now, worthy of the highest commendation. We have expended millions of dollars, employed hundreds of teachers, and educated many thousands of young men and women.

We have sought to benefit blacks and whites alike; for there are many of both races who have sadly needed our help and still need it.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is the agency through which we have sought to uplift, educate, and train for usefulness these multitudes.

It has come to pass, in these recent years, that the Society has been badly crippled by debt, and yet it has gone on with its work; it could not do otherwise in view of the needs of the field where it has been called to labor; it had to meet the constant and pressing demand, believing the Church would come to its relief.

One thing we have urgent need as a Church to do, and that is, to pay off the last dollar of this debt. The debt can be paid; it ought to be paid; if must be paid, it will be paid.

There are those who give thousands of dollars in this country. Let our well-to-do people give of their substance; let all our people do something for this worthy cause to relieve the suffering offering!

We appeal, then, that in all our churches on Thanksgiving day, our National Thanksgiving day, a special collection and subscription may be taken to pay off the debt on our Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Thus liberating it can go on widening mission with enlarged power.

On behalf of, the Board of  
J. M. Bowman, President.

Edward G. Anderson, Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., November 1896.

#### A NEGRO IN THE CABINET.

The Washington Post, one of the leading dailies of our Capital City, actually urges that Mr. McKinley select some prominent and able Negro as a member of his cabinet. A number of strong Republican papers of the country have discussed the matter and not a few urge it as the proper thing to do.

The Post says it is due the Negroes of the country as a fitting recognition of their loyal support to the cause of sound money in the recent election. It thinks except for the Negro vote the Republicans could not have carried either Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Delaware or Indiana.

In discussing the position taken by the Post the Times-Democrat of this city undertakes to show that the Negro vote was of no assistance to the Republicans, and to sustain its position calls attention to the smallness of the vote cast for McKinley in this State and Mississippi. We know of no two States in the whole list that could be more inappropriately cited as examples to show that the Negro did not vote in the last election. To say, that "Mississippi only gave 4,398 votes and not over 2,000 were from Negroes, and that it was much the same way in Louisiana," simply shows how effectual the efforts to disfranchise the Negro in these two States have thus far proven. The editor of that paper knows far better than we, what strenuous efforts have been made in Mississippi and Louisiana to eliminate the Negro vote. The legislature of this State certainly did its best a few months ago and ought to be gratified with the result. Hence the idea of attempting to show by the result in these two States, that the Negro vote in the northern and border States did no good is an exceedingly cheap argument. In fact the Times-Democrat reflects on the intelligence of its own readers. In the one case all voters are urged to exercise the right of citizenship; while in the other everything possible is done to prevent the Negroes doing so. Our argument is based on the supposition that we had a fair count in these two States, which for the sake of public morals, let us hope was the case.

However, it might be well for our political friends to remember that the Negro in this respect is growing to be more and more like his white brother, he thinks his loyalty should be appreciated. When he helps to pull the shehnuts out he thinks the fair thing is to divide them. We must say, we know nothing the Republican party could now do that would so fully convince the Negro of its appreciation and sincerity as to give some one of its able men a position in the President's cabinet. Since it has cost the Negro more suffering and bloodshed to be a Republican than any one else in this country, his loyalty to the party and the nation should be duly recognized and rewarded.

#### SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONS IN CHILI.

One of the most interesting discussions that was had during the recent Committee meeting in Detroit was occasioned by the proposition made by the representatives of the Transit and Building Fund Society of Self-Supporting Missions, to sell to our Society the mission work and property in Chili for \$100,000. The property embraces that used for church and school purposes and is said to be worth about \$200,000. In 1893 Messrs. Fowler and Grant, representatives of the Transit and Building Fund Society, tendered this same work and property to the Missionary Society without charge, "provided Chili be set apart exclusively for self-supporting work." The Committee then and there accepted; but has not succeeded in meeting the conditions made by the gentlemen tendering the property. On the proposition to purchase the property there was a majority and a minority report. Dr. Buckley presented the former and Bishop Foss the latter. Both the reports were fully and ably supported after which the minority report was tabled. The majority report was adopted by a vote of 36 to 9. By the terms of the majority report the Society is to have fourteen years to pay for the property without interest and of course run the mission as it thinks best.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. A. J. Taylor, of Arkansas, who represents most of our colored work in the General Committees, takes hold of his work like a veteran and shows very great interest in every part of his District. He had to leave before adjournment on account of sickness in his family.

Rev. J. M. Carter, D. D., of the Central Tennessee Conference, who represents the Sixth District, which embraces most of our Southern white work, was on hand and as watchful as ever of the interests of every part of the Southern field. The Committee knows the Doctor's zeal on this line.

Bishop Hartzell said in his remarks before the General Missionary Committee that there is a converted native African down on the Congo in Africa who set all the type and corrected the proof of the translation of the whole of the New Testament. It was of course translated into one of the African dialects.

Bishop Foster is enjoying good health and is hard at work on his books, which he considers the last great work the Lord has for him to do. He feels grateful to the General Conference for relieving him from the active duties of the Episcopacy.

Miss Hattie M. Rees, the daughter of Dr. W. H. W. Rees, recording secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, died on the 11th inst. at Holly Springs, Miss. She was one of the teachers in that institution. We extend the Doctor our heartfelt sympathy in his hour of bereavement.

Rev. Manly S. Hard, D. D., was re-elected by the General Committee of Church Extension assistant corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society. He has made a faithful and efficient officer and we extend congratulations on his re-election for another quadrennium.

Miss Clara Spencer, the daughter of Rev. Dr. W. A. Spencer, secretary of the Church Extension Society, has gone as a missionary to Japan. The Doctor and Mrs. Spencer accompanied her as far as San Francisco, from which port she sailed on the 12th inst.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Shier, pastor in Detroit, who during the last quadrennium represented the Seventh District on the General Committee, attended the recent session of the Committee and seemed greatly interested in its proceedings. His successor on the committee is Rev. H. N. Herrick, presiding elder of the North Indiana Conference.

Rev. R. F. Hurley, who was formerly pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, this city, is now in charge of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Detroit, Mich. The Doctor is well known and has many friends in these parts. We had the pleasure of preaching for his magnificent congregation while attending the Missionary Committee.

Rev. W. Scott Clinn, who graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary last spring, has been appointed pastor of Mallalieu Chapel, this city. He succeeds the Rev. Stephen Priestly, lately deceased.

Zion's Herald was represented at the late Missionary Committee meeting by Rev. F. N. Upham, D. D., of Boston, the son of our good friend, Dr. S. F. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary. Bro. Upham stuck to his work like a veteran. Our readers will have the pleasure of hearing from him later.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that Hon. R. L. Smith, of Oakland, Texas, who acquitted himself so creditably during the last session of the legislature of his State, has been re-elected to that body by a largely increased plurality. He is a credit to our race, and his constituents of all races, whom he is thus called for the second time to represent.

Samuel H. Pye, manager for Curtis & Jennings, St. Louis, gave us a pleasant call last week, having finished up a prosperous year's work and earned his well merited though short respite from business cares. His wife accompanied him. We are glad to learn that \$200,000 was the amount of sales at that depository for the year ending October 31st.

The farewell meeting to Bishops Thoburn and Hartzell during the session of the Missionary Committee was one of the greatest and most impressive gatherings it has ever been our good fortune to witness. Our space will not allow us to give the speech of either of the Bishops this week.



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### Cash Remittances.

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W. McNeil	W. J. Walker
J. P. Caloin	J. D. Gibson, 2
D. J. Price, 1	A. D. Harris, 1
H. Adams	A. C. Carter
T. J. Johnson	J. Jones, * 1
W. H. Whitlock, 12	W. P. Ryder, * 2
A. B. Young	J. W. Winbush, 2
Mrs. M. J. Borders	J. S. Wyatt
P. B. Bennett, 1	Prof. Brown
M. M. Alston	E. D. Giddings
W. C. Conner	A. Butler, 1
P. H. Travis, * 1	Cornelia E. Slaughter
Taylor Reid	E. Province, 1
Mrs. Armstrong	A. P. Melton, 3
B. J. Lewis, 1	

\* Yearly.  
† Part yearly.

The New Orleans Central District, Dr. L. G. Adkinson, P. E., is the first (and only one as yet) to be placed in the first class for missionary collections. Every one of its five charges and missions have come up and two months yet remain of the Conference year. When Conference meets further amounts will be reported. This district includes all the white work of the Louisiana Conference.

J. B. Webb, P. C., Montgomery District: I arrived at Mt. Sterling, Ala., September 22d. I have had two revivals—one at each church. I have taken in 27 members since I have been here. We have erected a new church at St. Marys and our work is moving on grandly. The Southwestern is a great help to me. In my first effort I secured five subscribers I am doing all I can for the paper; I am trying to get it in every home among our members. Pray for us.

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## NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

On the evening of the 11th inst. the editor's family was most delightfully surprised and entertained at their residence by the King's Daughters and choir of Wesley Chapel, one of our largest churches of this city. The music consisted of choruses, solos, and duets, all of which were more than well rendered. The party was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, and Rev. H. Taylor, of Union Chapel. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and the ladies conducted the whole affair so successfully we wish our space allowed the mention of each person taking part. The refreshments they brought could not have been more appropriate. Their invited guests were Misses Hickman and Pappino, of Peek Home, who enjoyed the entertainment very much indeed.

Mallalien Chapel is moving along nicely under the care of the new pastor, the Rev. W. Scott Chinn. All day Sunday the Lord poured out His blessing upon us. The revival is progressing, and many souls desire to be saved. The Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph. D., of Gannon, will lecture there on Friday night in behalf of the "Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa." Everybody is cordially invited to be present to hear this logical and forceful speaker. Come early. Pastor.

Among the various institutions of New Orleans, industrial education has been forgotten. Peek Memorial Home, No. 1906 Peters Ave., under the management of the Woman's Home Missionary Society furnishes industrial training to colored girls. The young ladies board in the Home at the low rate of seven dollars a month and are taught all kinds of housework, cooking and sewing. They also attend the New Orleans University, which is near by. In this way they are able to acquire a college education without neglecting the home training so essential to every woman. The Home has been opened this year for day students also and the sewing and dressmaking classes are rapidly being filled. An industrial class for children has been started by Miss Poppino, in one of the churches. It now has about five enthusiastic members and is doing good work.

### FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The General Committee of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society in its annual session at Pittsburg, Penn., has learned with great pleasure that the secretaries of the Society have designated Sunday, November 29th, as Thank-Offering Day, for the purpose of raising money to meet the indebtedness of the Society.

We have looked with grave apprehension upon this large debt, as we have considered its embarrassing effect upon the prosecution of the Society's good work, using, as it has been compelled to do, not less than \$12,000 of its income in meeting the annual interest of its debt.

We welcome this effort to relieve the Society of its embarrassment, that it may devote its energies and income to its legitimate mission of furnishing the advantages of Christian education to the needy people of the South.

We heartily commend this collection to our members, and appeal most earnestly to every pastor of our widespread connection to present to his congregation the claims of this Society and of the grand work in which it is engaged, and urge upon all our official members to make an earnest effort to free this Society from its debt which is seriously crippling its usefulness.

We have a carefully organized system of schools, commodious buildings and excellent teachers, but our Society is burdened with this debt, and suffering for money to prosecute its work. We beg each pastor to see to it that the charge entrusted to his watch-care report at an early day a liberal response to the Secretaries appeal for help in this time of need.

R. S. Rust,  
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The complete novel in the December issue of Lippincott's is "The Chase of an Heiress," by Christian Reid. The scene is in Santo Domingo, a region hitherto unfamiliar fiction. "The Whipping of Uncle Henry" is a tale of Georgia before the war, by Will N. Harben. Pauline Shackelford Colyar tells a Thanksgiving story of "Two Old Boys." The methods of "Shutting out the Sea" are set forth by George Ethelbert Walsh.

The Living Age, founded by E. Littell in 1844, has never ceased to occupy a prominent place among the foremost magazines of the day. The publishers have arranged for the introduction of certain "New Features" so widening its scope as to embrace translations of noteworthy articles from the leading publications of France, Germany, Spain, Italy and other continental countries. In addition a monthly Supplement will be given, containing three departments devoted to American literature. A year ago the price was reduced from \$8.00 to \$6.00 a year. The Living Age Co., Boston.

Announcements of the Youth's Companion for the coming year is an article of exceptional value by Mr. Andrew Carnegie on "The Habit of Thrift." Successful men in other walks of life will second Mr. Carnegie's paper with readable, practical articles based on their own experience. Stories will be given by Ian Maclaren, Rudyard Kipling, Stephen Crane, Harold Frederic and Clark Russell. Speaker Reed, Secretary Herbert, Senator Lodge, Hon. Carl Schurz, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt are a few of the two hundred names in the latest list of contributors. New subscribers sending \$1.75 to the Companion for 1897 will receive the Companion for the remainder of the year free, also the Companion's artistic twelve-color calendar, and the paper a full year to January, 1898. The Youth's Companion, 205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Agnes Smith Lewis has written for the Christmas number of the Century a paper entitled, "What Language did Christ Speak?" She brings many arguments to prove that Christ spoke the Aramaic tongue, which was not, as once popularly supposed, a corrupt form of Hebrew, but a language as regularly formed, and with a grammar as distinct, as either Hebrew or Arabic. Mrs. Lewis bases some of her conclusions on the priceless manuscripts in the Convent of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, with which she is probably more familiar than is any other European scholar. It was at this convent that Mrs. Lewis made one of the greatest Biblical discoveries of the century. Under a late and worthless monkish biography she found the faded letters of an ancient Syriac text of the four gospels. She took four hundred photographs of the manuscript, which proved to be a peculiar and very old version of the gospels of extraordinary interest.

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West Point, Miss.—I wish to inquire for my people whom I left in Western Virginia when I was nine years old. I am now getting old, and have something to give them. My mother and father were Robert and Leta Woods. I had three brothers (Reuben, Andy and Robert), and three sisters (Phyllis, Mervin and Rhoda). Dear ministers of Virginia, please read this letter before your congregations and oblige.  
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Care of J. W. Winbush, West Point, Clay Co., Miss.

### MARRIAGES.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly .....

Jeanerette, La.—At the residence of the bride's god-mother, Mr. Alexander Peyton to Miss Rosa Bougeois. C. W. Kershaw officiated.

East Waco, Texas.—Mr. Richard Edwards to Miss Etta Irvin, on October 23rd. J. A. Hall officiated.

### WITHERSPOON—MELVIN.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 in Old Bethel M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., the Rev. B. F. Witherspoon the popular Presiding Elder of the Beaufort District of the S. C. Conference, and Miss Mary Louise Melvin, one of Charleston's fairest daughters, were happily united in marriage.

Promptly at the hour the bridal party reached the church, which was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. Over the altar was an arch from which suspended a handsome floral bell. Beneath this was the word "Mistaken," the mystic name of the church of which the bride presided. Keeping time with the music the bridal party marched up the aisle, and on reaching the altar the bride stepped forward and presented the diploma containing the marriage ceremony to the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Johnson, who immediately performed the service. This being done, the party at once took their departure for Orangeburg, their future home. And here they met with a perfect surprise. Their reception far exceeded all expectations and demonstrated the high esteem in which the groom is held by the citizens of the Athens of South Carolina. The college buildings were lighted from bottom to top, and the grounds were illuminated with great bonfires. On the arrival of the train the Ceceful Band discorded sweet music, which was the signal for a display of fireworks.

A procession was formed, headed by the band. Fifty boys followed immediately in the rear each bearing a torch, and four white horses rode by four boys each bearing a torch upon which were suspended six Japanese lanterns. The carriage containing the bride and groom brought up the rear. The procession proceeded to the beautiful home of the happy couple and from thence to the University's drawing room, where after a few hours of very pleasant chat, we listened to a most beautifully rendered programme. We were then escorted to the dining hall where delicious abundance was served. This ended one of the most brilliant and joyous banquets ever given here. I. K. L.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Written for the Southwestern.

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, Kentucky Conference

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DEC 6 1896

## SOLOMON'S SIN.

I. Kings 11:4-13.

Golden Text—"Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." I Cor. 10:12.

This lesson introduces us to that strange, dark period in the life of Solomon. Jewish pride and German rationalism unite to explain it away. The unpleasant record stand, and presents to the world the frailty of of man. In the early part of his life Solomon was rich in wisdom, faith and love, but later he multiplied gold and silver, horses and chariots, wives and concubines and became rich to himself. His fall was not sudden. Sin grew on him. He no doubt passed through many deep heart struggles before it gained the victory.

1. The fall of Solomon (4:8). Many facts contributed to his apostasy. We notice three. 1. Negligence. He likely did not wholly give up the worship of the true God, but he grew weary in well doing. His visits to the temple were less frequent. Sacrifices were seldom offered. His prayers were few, and void of faith and earnestness. He found no time for meditation upon the law of the Lord. He seldom talked of the goodness and mercy of Jehovah. To cease to do right is to begin to do wrong. We cannot give up a means of grace without suffering loss.

2. Polygamy. Solomon had many wives. It was no doubt God's plan for man to have one wife only. In the beginning He made him just one companion. The Lord has suffered some things he never endorsed. It is likely Solomon never knew half the women that dwelt in his harem. Many of them were Princesses and were there to keep up friendly relations between Israel and other governments. Others were there for honor. In the East a monarch's wealth was estimated by the number of wives he was able to support. Solomon had strange, or heathen wives. If his companions had all been chosen from among the modest daughters of Israel, results would no doubt have been different. But many of his wives worshipped the creature and not the Creator. It is very hard no doubt for a man, whose heart is inclined to evil, to be true to God, when the wife of his bosom is an idolator. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Solomon loved these strange wives. I do not suppose he greatly admired all of them, but to some of them he was profoundly attached. Man belongs to the woman he tenderly loves. For her no sacrifice is great, no duty slavish. Her joy is his delight. Woman was given to man to be his companion, not his counsellor.

3. Idolatry. Solomon did not live to be very old. He likely died before he reached sixty years. His conduct was suicidal. His wives turned away his heart. This they did because their hearts were not in love and sympathy with God. All labor to make others like themselves. The man is, or should be, the head of the woman. The King's heart ceased to be perfect with the Lord. In the Old Testament, the man who abstained from idolatry, who was devoted to Jehovah and who walked in the commandments of the Lord, was perfect. Completeness in love is taught throughout the Bible. Ashtoreth was the principal female divinity of the Phoenicians, called also Astarte by the Greeks and Romans. She has been associated with the moon and planet Venus. She was the female sex deified and was especially adored by women. Molech, or Molech, was the fire-god of the children of Ammon. It was a huge human form (sometimes with a head like a calf), made of brass, and seated on a brazen throne. The throne and image were both hollow. A fire was kindled within, and when the image became red hot, a child was placed in its arms, which soon slipped down into the flames below. Chinoah, worshipped by the Ammonites, was the god of war. He is depicted on coins with a sword, lance, and shield in his hands, and with two torches by his side. For these, and the strange

gods of his other wives, Solomon erected altars, and likely offered sacrifices. We have in this age many who violate the spirit, if not the letter, of the first and second commandments. II. Some results of Solomon's fall (9-13) 1. The Lord was angry. We serve a God of passions, but not a God of caprice. His holiness produces a deep hatred of sin. He cannot look upon it with the least degree of allowance. He is a jealous God and will not tolerate idolatry. Man is the keeper of his heart, and if he turns it, or suffers it turned, away from God, he will be held responsible. We need not hope for heaven if we continue in sin. God had done much for Solomon. The king could expect no more. His conduct is not excusable. Jehovah had just cause to be angry. The Lord has been very gracious to us, and we have no excuse for sin.

2. The rending of the kingdom. These words with regard to the division of the kingdom were no doubt spoken by some prophet. Two acts of mercy are here shown to Solomon. (1). The kingdom would not be divided in his day. (2) Two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, were to remain with his family. Only one is in the lesson named, but the other is implied. (1:21) In the midst of wrath God remembers mercy. Those who sin may hope for pardon if they repent. The Lord will show mercy to children for their parents' sake.

3. The fate of Solomon. Was he finally saved or lost? We know not. The church is not agreed. Nearly six hundred years after his death, Nehemiah recognized him as the beloved of his God. The book of Ecclesiastes was no doubt written by Solomon near the close of his life. In its concluding words, can we not detect a wandering, sinning spirit, returning to its God?

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**Illinois Central.**

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Chicago limited,.....	7:20 pm	Chicago limited.....	8:00 am
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Fast mail.....	7:40 am	Fast mail.....	7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.		Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.	
No. 3.....	7:20 pm	No. 4.....	8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.			
No. 31.....	9:35 am	No. 32.....	5:15 pm
<b>Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.</b>			
No. 5, Memphis Express.....		No. 6, Memphis Express.....	
No. 21, Vicksburg express.....		No. 22, Vicksburg express.....	
No. 33, Baton Rouge a.c.....		No. 34, Baton Rouge a.c.....	
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<b>Texas and Pacific.</b>			
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex.....		No. 53, Cal. ex.....	
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<b>Southern Pacific Company.</b>			
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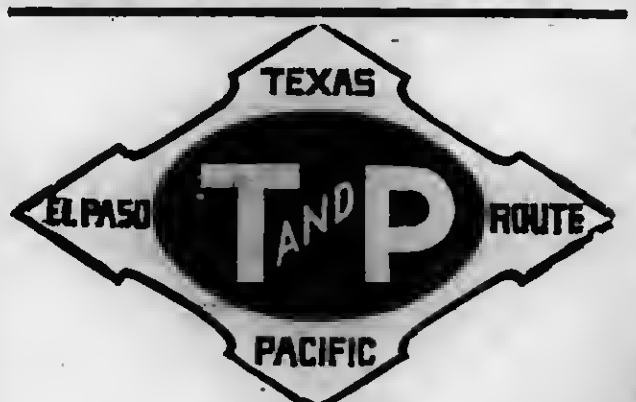
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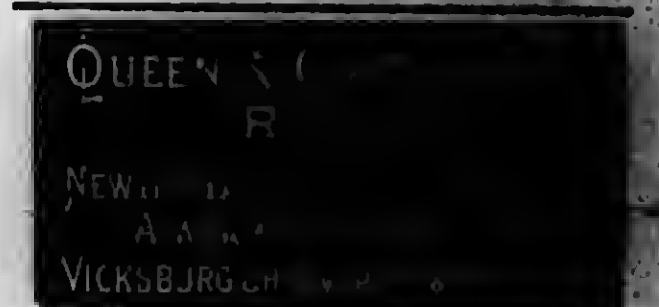
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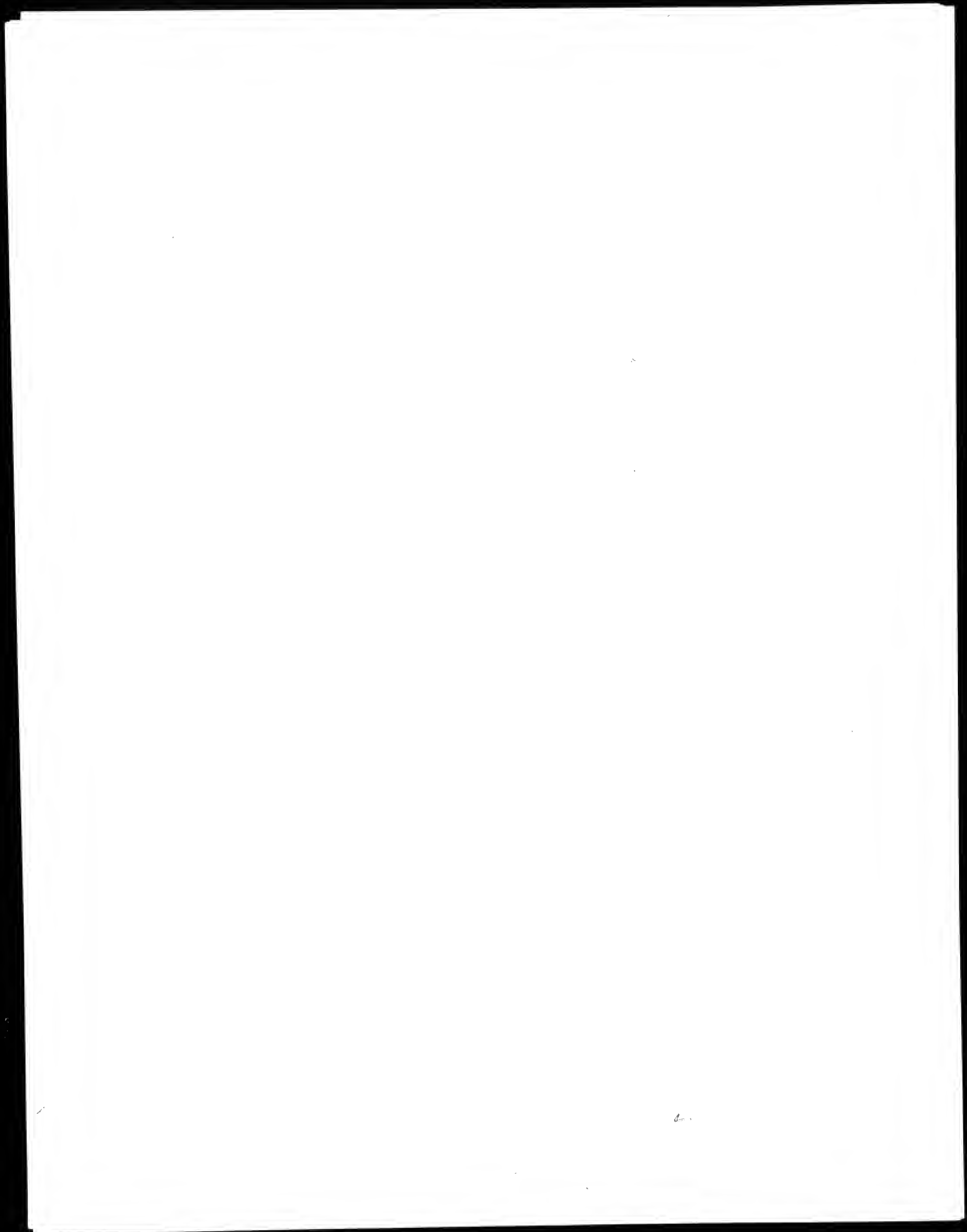




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## EN DE CO'N PONE'S HOT.

novelist, William Dean Howells, created a new poet. He is a full-blooded Negro, named Paul Dunbar, a son of former poet's verse, is this typical

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## THE SPIRIT OF SLANDER.

We were in a certain city not long since and learned from a gentleman of prominence that the superintendent of the city schools had just informed him that he had in his possession anonymous letters reflecting on the character of nearly every colored lady teacher in the employ of the city. Said he also: "In coming to my office to-day I met a lady of my own race on the street who desired to speak to me. I stopped and we spent several minutes there in conversation and nothing will be thought of it; but as a colored man you do not dare stop on the street and speak with one of your own young ladies, if you do both of you will be at once subjects of slander by your own people."

We must say both of the above statements struck our mind very forcibly indeed. As to the slanderous letters mentioned we trace the spirit that prompts those who write them back and ally it to the same that prompts one washer woman to "undermine" another, and that led some enterprising Negroes during the days of slavery to "pack tales to the big house," as our old people used to express it. The old spirit, that "all slaves are equal, therefore one must not fare better than another," still lives. True it now appears in various guises but it is the same old snake. There is no denying the fact that there still lives in the vast majority of our people a spirit that may be expressed in these words: All Negroes are equal, therefore one must not fare better than another; one must not accumulate more than another; one must not receive more honor than another, and if by any chance he happens to do so we will set up late and get up early to bring him down to our level.

We do not profess to know the merits of the case or cases mentioned as giving rise to our thoughts; but we do know that very few ministers or other public functionaries among us escape the tongue of slander. We insist that our public servants shall be friendly and familiar, and some actually draw off from them, if they are not and say they are "stuck up" or have the "big head," and then when they do try to satisfy us in this particular, we soon begin to whisper and spread the information abroad that there is something wrong "sho' as ye'r bo'n."

We have no desire whatever to make excuse for wrong doing in high or low places, for we believe confidently that one of the very necessary elements in the elevation of any race is pure and true leadership; but we are also fully persuaded that those who are to be pure in life and character must have pure minds out of which which must emanate pure thoughts that will in turn prompt pure actions. Hence we are convinced that persons who are so ready to think evil of the words and actions of others, certainly draw their thoughts out of minds woefully corrupt and degraded. It is time enough to say persons are contemplating, planning for doing wrong when one has good reason for saying so; it is impossible to say just what two individuals are thinking or saying except in so far as we see reflection of their supposed thoughts or actions in our own evilly inclined minds. In other words we only know other men as we know ourselves. "To the pure all things are pure," and without any other authority, it is reasonable to say it is equally true, that to the impure all things are impure.

We have teachers or preachers who are leading lives, we ought certainly to get rid of it is not only cowardly but mean to spread anonymous letters, when if "the game is up" we should come right out and

make a square open fight. Know something before you talk; if this rule is followed you will not talk nearly so much.

## WHAT WE COLLECTED FOR CHURCH EXTENSION AND FREEDMEN'S AID.

We think it very important that our Conferences should know exactly what they are doing for the various benevolent causes of the church, hence we called attention in a previous issue to what we contributed for missions and now give the collection by Conferences for Church Extension and Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. It is to be hoped that our presiding elders and pastors will study these figures closely and take hold to push these very important causes with greater vigor than ever before.

These figures are for the year which closed October 31, 1896:

### CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Collected Authorized Apportionments			
Atlanta .....	9.00	700	250
Central Ala. ....	108.00	800	300
Central Mo. ....	207.00	1100	350
Delaware .....	597.00	1700	900
East Tenn. ....	52.00	800	200
Florida .....	21.00	1000	150
Lexington ....	185.00	900	400
Little Rock ....	72.00	1000	250
Louisiana .....	417.00	2500	600
Mississippi .....	170.00	1200	400
N. Carolina ....	89.00	700	300
Savannah .....	280.00	700	200
S. Carolina ....	369.00	2000	600
Tennessee .....	90.00	900	200
Texas .....	223.00	1800	400
Up. Mississippi ..	11.00	800	300
Washington ....	386.00	1200	800
West Texas ....	186.00	1000	300
Total .....	3474.00	22000	6900

### FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Apportionments. Collected.		
Atlanta .....		30.00
Central Alabama ..	750.00	280.00
Central Missouri ..	750.00	425.00
Delaware .....	1500.00	858.00
East Tennessee ..	500.00	177.00
Florida .....		142.00
Lexington .....	1000.00	253.00
Little Rock .....	750.00	253.00
Louisiana .....	1250.00	734.00
Mississippi .....	1000.00	443.00
North Carolina ..	750.00	716.00
Savannah .....	1000.00	247.00
South Carolina ..	2000.00	691.00
Tennessee .....	750.00	84.00
Texas .....	750.00	328.00
Upper Mississippi ..	1250.00	836.00
Washington .....	2500.00	1435.00
West Texas .....	1000.00	177.00
Total .....	18,250.00	8846.00

## THE CALL ANSWERED.

No doubt many persons who know Bro. Camphor, A. M., B. D., will be surprised to know he and his wife have offered to go with Bishop Hartzell as missionaries. Bro. Camphor is a young man who was educated by the late Rev. Stephen F. Johnson of the Louisiana Conference, and spent a few years in New Orleans University, he went to Gammon Seminary and took the theological course. He has for some time been a church in the Delaware Conference, N. J., which is his second charge in the Conference.

We hail with delight the decision of an educated and thoroughly trained young people to give themselves to God and the church for the redemption of Africa. May their number be increased.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE WOMAN QUESTION AND OUR COLORED CONFERENCES.

By Isabella West Parks.

If there are any two classes of people in the world who should be able to sympathize with one another, those two classes are women, of whatever race, and the colored people of this land. The one has constantly been denied his rights because of his color; the other, because of her sex. The one has been regarded inferior in mental equipment because his skin was black, often, rather, because some remote ancestor's skin was black; the other has been supposed to be unable to reason logically because she was a woman. Only those who have had to suffer injustice and contempt for such inconsequential reasons can appreciate how exasperating and galling the experience is. I believe, therefore, that I am appealing to those who can understand the situation and whose sympathies will be full and free when I address the Conferences of our colored ministers on the question of the admission of women to General Conference. That I am right in this belief has been proved by the way in which our colored brethren have so generally and so boldly stood for the rights of women. I believe that these brothers will maintain their past good record, but I wish to call their attention to the fact that unless they are more vigilant than our white brothers have been in the recent Conferences, aye more, unless by a special effort they make amends for the laxity of these brothers, the question will again be defeated and another period of agitation and unrest will follow. I desire, therefore, to present a few points to the colored Conferences which have not yet voted upon the question.

1. The women of the church constitute at least two-thirds of its membership. As a rule, they are the most active and devoted part of the membership. Many a Methodist Church must disband to-day were it not for its women. Are our colored brothers willing to assent to the principle that those who must obey the government of any institution from the nation down, and whose loyalty and service are strong supports of the institution, should have no voice in framing its laws?

2. The women of the church are carrying on most important enterprises, without which the Methodist Church would be shorn of much of its strength. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society came to the rescue of the Parent Missionary Society when the latter had reached a point in its work in foreign lands where it could make little farther progress. The Parent Society could not enter the zenanas and preach to the women, and trying to convert men alone, while heathen mothers were constantly turning up children in the doctrines of heathen religions. This was like trying to purify at its mouth the stream whose source was polluted. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is an important adjunct of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The denance work is one of the greatest movements of modern times. And every such movement conducted under the auspices of the church increases the usefulness, the influence and the power of Methodism. These great enterprises are largely controlled by the General Conference, but in that body women have no voice. Does it not stand to reason that it is for the best interests of these lines of work and hence for the church itself that those who are so successfully carrying on the work should represent it in the great legislative body of the church? Who can know so well the needs of any line of work as those who are carrying it on? Admitted that their plans may need to be modified by the needs of the other work of the church, on the other hand it may be quite necessary for the best results in the aggregate that the enterprises which thus far have been carried on chiefly by the brethren should also be modified by the needs of those of the women.

3. The history of the church thus far gives every reason to believe that we should be nearer to accomplishing our mission, had women from the first held their rightful place in the councils of the church. If women had always been members of the General Conference, the work now being done by the women's Missionary Societies would have been incorporated from the first as a part of that of the Parent

Society. We should have begun with the heathen women and children and our mission work would have been generations ahead of where it is to-day.

We should not so long have neglected our own children and young people had the mother two-thirds of the church helped to plan its work. A writer in a recent number of the New York Advocate speaks in a somewhat complaining tone of the way in which the Women's Missionary Societies capture the children irrespective of sex, and lobli them even after they have reached young manhood and womanhood. The inference is that the Parent Society is thus robbed of its rightful constituency. But the fathers had the field long before the mothers entered it, why did they not capture the children themselves? Is there any reason to suppose they ever would have captured them until the hint given by mother wit? Would it not have been wisdom for the church to have made the mothers joint partners in the original society? There the women's societies would simply have been departments of the one great society and the children would have been captured, not for the distinctively woman's side of the work alone, but for the whole field of missions.

Brothers of the colored Conferences, justice and the best interests of Methodism alike demand the admission of women to General Conference. No question will ever be settled until it is settled right. The agitation on this subject will never cease until the admission of women is secured. There is absolutely nothing to be gained by further delay. The matter has been long and thoroughly discussed. The change of sentiment is all in one direction, towards admission. It is only a question of time. No one can complain of hasty and ill-considered action. We can complain that the rights of the women of Methodism have been too long ignored. Continued delay will serve only to alienate the women and weaken the church. Many new fields of work are opening before the women of to-day. Into these fields such of the best thought and energy and life of the foremost women of Methodism have already been diverted, because here these women find opportunities for the exercise of their God-given abilities which the church refuses.

The General Conference of 1872 said: "The General Conference holds that, in all matters connected with the election of lay delegates, the word 'Laymen' must be understood to include all members of the church who are not members of the Annual Conferences." Surely, then, as women are "members of the Annual Conferences," they must be "Laymen," and as such are eligible to General Conference. But no, the General Conference of 1888 in its famous Judicial decision declared that women are not "Laymen." I acknowledge freely that my reasoning powers are not equal to the feat of evading the conclusion that if, in the face of that definition, women are not laymen then they are not members of the Methodist Church. But no one for a moment supposes that the brethren had in view such suicidal result. We are, therefore, forced to the conclusion that, in the eyes of the brethren who succeeded in imposing this interpretation upon the church, we women are nonentities, not worth the trouble of even making an exception of when the term "Laymen" was defined. We were of less importance than the male children for they took care to except them by stating the age of eligibility. Do the colored ministers of our church of whose birthright such experiences form a part, blame the women of Methodism if they feel a little hurt? I appeal to these brethren to do the utmost in their power to make amends for the, perhaps, unconscious injustice and contempt with which the church has treated its women, by giving the largest possible vote in favor of the admission of women to General Conference.

## HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

The joint fair of St. Paul M. E. Church and St. James M. E. Church, Shreveport, La., as organized at the residence of ex-Senator Harper and his noble wife, October 16, went into operation November 9 and concluded November 16. The design of the above fair was to make a gracious gift to Presiding Elder H. James, Revs. B. M. Hubbard, J. A. Tinent and S. Armistead. The results of the fair were \$194.10. The handsome sum of \$59.70 was given

to each of the first named three, \$15 to the last named. We take this means of pressing our most grateful thanks and unstinted appreciation for the high esteem in which we are held by the movers of the fair, Hon. Wm. Harper and Mrs. Harper. To the members of each church who took an active part and to the public who patronized we extend our thanks and appreciation. Hubbard.

## AMERICA AND THE NEGRO.

An address delivered at the Thanksgiving Day services at Clark University, by Rev. W. W. Lucas, of the Senior Class.

I have heard that in some of the far off Eastern countries there is a bird that is guided by a remarkable instinct in providing for its young and in teaching them to fly. It builds its nest of a bitter bark which contains the egg of a worm. By the time the birds are hatched out, the worms begin to eat the bark and appear on the inside of the nest, where they are picked up by the greedy young occupants; and as the worms bore the nest through and through, the birds continue to eat worms and gather strength. Just as the worms eat the nest to fragments, the birds have feathers. The nest drops to pieces and the birds, to keep from falling, are forced to try their wings and they sail away into the airy kingdom. The Negro's introduction into this country was into a bitter nest, more bitter than that of any other race which has come to these shores; but that bitterness has drawn around him a web of sympathy and regard and help which has nourished him and given him much needed strength. Now the supports are beginning to slacken and the bird is asked to try his wings and join the upward flight of American civilization, or to fly to Africa and establish for himself a name and a nation.

America has been the foster mother of many different races; but the Negro has given more in return for the benefits bestowed, and shown himself more capable of assimilating the white man's civilization than any of the other races or nationalities.

The Indian was here at the very beginning and saw the first pulsations of American life and the rise of her civilization. He traded with the pale-faced man, and sold him land on which to begin the nation. But the Indian himself has been an idle observer, assimilating nothing of the national life and contributing nothing to its progress. Even where the government has been educating both races together—as at Hampton—the Negro turns out a Booker T. Washington, while the Indian shows no aptitude for the genius of American life; and to-day the last remnants of the Red man's race is still retreating towards the setting sun, and the race may soon become extinct.

The Chinaman has been fostered in the country for many years, but he aspires to nothing higher than to iron the American shirt and get the American dollar; while the Negro's life and activity has entered into the very warp and woof of the nation's history and contributed to the progress of Church and state. The Negro has grown with the growth and strengthened with the strength of American development—from the hardy man of toil, who with brawny arms felled these forests, cultivated these fields and laid the foundation of these cities, up to those who like Frederick Douglass, have linked their names with the names of the heroes and statesmen that adorn the brightest pages of American history.

The Negro's treatment in America has been peculiar in the extreme. The Indian was invited to take part in the government, but would not. The Negro was invited to keep out, but pressed in. The Indian was given a hook and urged to read but would not. Books were taken from the Negro and he was ordered not to read, but he read all the same. The Chinamen care nothing for this government, and on the slightest impulse would use the torch; while the Negro will take his musket and march in defence of his country.

At one time America, like a frenzied mother, would treat the infant with the greatest cruelty, then after a little reflection she would fondle him with tender carresses. At one time he is the bone of contention; at another, he is the object of the greatest solicitude and charity.

Through it all the Negro has been

hopeful, patient and loyal to his country, and like Joseph in Egypt, has last received favor with the king, when he compares his condition America with the Armenian in Turkey with the starving Irish, or with the Jewish Jew, his heart turns to America with renewed gratitude as he hopefully sings:

"My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing."

## THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE.

In thinking over the present and future situation, and scanning the distance and dappled horizon, the pressing demands of these stirring times, of business depression and financial stringency, and the consequent suffering for the need of the common necessities of life, three questions arise before my mental vision, as plainly as did the hand-shaped cloud out of sen, before the eyes of the prophetic servant's eye. They suggest to my mind the following, viz: 1. Are the demands of the people reasonable? 2. If reasonable, have they a limit? 3. If not reasonable, what is our moral and religious duty?

It might be unwise to answer questions like the above by yes or no; for the simple reason that there are so many demands made by the people to be considered. For instance, the people four years ago clamored loudly for a change in the management of public affairs. But subsequently we see that the change was not a good one. And four years later the people demanded another change in the head of the government. And on November 3rd they spoke out in their "sovereign might." And the change was made which seems just and reasonable, at least the majority of the American people say so. But the change entails great responsibilities, as well as to suggest a different administration of governmental affairs; this is plainly seen in the logic of events. By this action the American people suggest the idea of the support of the nation to their selected chieftain, and without this, the administration must be a signal failure. What is true in the above sense would be true in the administration of the affairs of the church. In the beginning of the important changes which mark an epoch, and the era of progress in the race so lately clothed with grave responsibilities. We often ask the demands, we make reasonable? For the sake of argument, we answer yes. From the first it was said that the Negro must be educated to fit him for the great battle of life and help lift up his own people. Others spoke of his being educated as a matter of personal experience, but have no faith in his capacity for education. As to whether he could learn or not was unknown to himself, but time itself furnished the solution to the great problem. And soon the Negro found out something about himself that he never knew before. And there came with these new facts, new aspirations, and he soon found himself with education, but without experience or business tendencies. He was said to be only imitative, and his enemies began making faces at him, and he realized more fully.

class of American citizens began to insist upon his rights, and make demands, but these demands met with discouragement and disfavor. But his voice is still heard, and he continues to advance, the church recognizes his claims and begins to comply with the order made. Thousands of these people were educated in our schools, and are members of the M. E. Church, and the church can afford to trust her own children. And now we have the learned minister, the editor, the college president, the skillful physician, the gifted lawyer, the artist, the surveyor. Therefore the people are reasonable, righteousness of the church upon reasonableness, sound Christian ethics. The claims are not ignored, and the strongest argument in favor of limiting the said claims is seen in the support necessary to inspire confidence. Those who occupy positions made possible by connection with a great church, must be supported by their own constituency, for two reasons, viz: 1. Some delight to say we would not stand by them. 2. Others said we could not. The responsible places now filled by educated men and women, of the race



need that assistance to make success possible, knowing as we do that many presumptions are against the race, by its old-time maligners. Yes, the college president, the editors, the lawyer, the physician, merchant and skilled workman, must have our unhesitating, and untiring support. Petty jealousy and envy must not influence our action. There are no disguising the fact that the trouble with the Negro is that he is too easily led in the wrong way by empty plaudits. He is so easily swayed from confidence to mistrust that the keenest logic can not be forced in edgewise. Even our politics and much of our religion, it is sad to say, is too much of a mockery. Politics and religion that feel no responsibility to better the condition of mankind, is a paradox, a snare and a delusion. Again, too many of our young men and women, without experience, or good taste, but with a little education, demand for themselves everything—that is in sight. Self-centered and vain in their imaginations, they are in a great wilderness of bewilderment. 3. If not reasonable, what is our moral and religious duty? (1.) To perform a moral duty one must have courage and fortitude. (2.) To perform a religious duty, one needs faith and courage. While we admit that some of the demands made are right, we are forced to acknowledge that many of them are not reasonable nor are they lawful, viz: What right has any person to a position which they will not give their moral, nor religious, nor financial support, those impecunious and supercilious individuals want the whole world, if some one else would gain it, and turn it over to them. "But he that is not faithful in a little," will never be trusted with "much." And judging the future by the past, we would soon have a ruined world. The business depression and financial stringency are very sensibly felt all over the country, but there are thousands of persons in and out of the church that are receiving as much wages as they have ever received; but find it convenient to join in the chorus, to sing "hard times," the notes are difficult to understand, but they have no trouble in singing by rote. So they permit the church and all of its institutions to suffer need, and make "hard times" their most potent argument against every claim. Such people never purchase a Methodist hymn book, a Discipline, nor subscribe for the Southwestern, or any other one of our many periodicals. They are the most incorrigible and hard to get rid of people in the church to-day.

Mack Henson,  
Pastor of St. Paul Church, San Antonio, Texas.

## CLAFLIN NOTES.

Thanksgiving Day was observed with appropriate services. Rev. Wm. Hanna, of Trinity M. E. Church, of this city, preached to the students a thanksgiving sermon in the University chapel. At night there was a vocal contest in the University chapel for the purpose of securing onetenor and two bass voices for the Claflin Glee Club. The successful ones of the contest were Messrs. H. W. Owens, of the University; Edward Miller, of the University; and L. Hardy, of Spartansburg. The contest was a very lively and much enjoyed by the large audience who witnessed it.

The Claflin Missionary Society paid a pleasant visit to the county poorhouse and took with them such articles of food as provided a bountiful feast to the inmates.

Mrs. Dunton, who has gone North in the interest of Claflin University, sends back glowing reports of her success, and soon the erection of the left wing will begin. Claflin has not a more faithful friend and worker than Mrs. Dunton.

The department of masonry is to begin plastering on the right wing and ready for use.

Conversation Club is having much success; the students of the club are taking much interest in it and spare no pains in contributing to its time and talent in its behalf.

The Belles Let Society are doing much good for the students, in giving them drill in elocution, declaiming and orating.

Claflin is to have a future and will continue in the near future, D. D.

S., who is a graduate of both Claflin University and Meharry Medical College.  
T. L. B., Jr.

## NOTICE TO BRETHREN OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The G. C. & S. Fe R'y Co., has made the following rates to the Texas Conference M. E. Church to be held in Paris Texas, December 16, 1896: Round trip tickets from all points 75 miles or less from Paris, 4 cents per mile. From all points 75 to 100 miles from Paris, \$3.00 round trip. From all points over 100 miles from Paris, one fare round trip. Tickets to be sold December 15, and for trains arriving at Paris on the morning of the 16th. Tickets to be limited for return not later than December 24th. Brethren who have no half rate permits over Santa Fe, secure blanks from your agent and send to me at once and I will secure the same in time for Conference. The Santa Fe has notified all roads in the State of the above rates and asked that they put on the same rates. Inquire of agent at your home ticket office.

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## DRESSING TO PLEASE HUSBANDS.

Many a girl dresses to please her lover, but how few wives, in comparison to the many, dress to please their husbands; and yet the husband, if he be a good one, and oftentimes if he is not, is infinitely dearer than the lover. Many women think anything is good enough for home, especially in the morning, but when they appear on the street they are as stylishly and neatly dressed as one could desire. This is a grave mistake, and one not easily rectified, for, alas! smaller things than this have caused men to seek entertainment and enjoyment away from home. How often do we see women in old slipshod shoes, and soiled or faded wrappers, with hair uncombed or up in curl papers!

I have in mind a pleasant picture of a trim little matron, who, no matter what time of day one calls, is sure to be neatly dressed, with smooth, shining hair. It is not because she has so much more time than her neighbors, but she realizes that a lady, however hurried or busy, should always take time to be neatly dressed. This same little woman does her own housework, is the mother of two wide-awake children, does much of the family sewing. The simplest gown of cambric or muslin, daintily made and scrupulously clean, is always in good taste, while an elaborate one of silk or velvet, if soiled or half worn, presents a most untidy appearance.

Because a gown is dainty and becoming is no reason why it need be expensive. Simplicity should be observed in dress as in household decorations. Frequently we hear women say, "I can't afford all the pretty and dainty things you have for the house," to some friend. If they would count up the cost they would soon see that the difference in expense is in favor with the friend whose clever fingers

fashion the attractive trilles which add so much to a woman's toilet.

Most men are fond of pretty things, and like to see their wives becomingly attired. As a rule, they dislike black and dark colors. Rich golden browns, soft grays and tans, warm shades of red and delicate pinks, blues and greens, are usually among their favorites.

A young girl once remarked to a matron who was busily engaged in making some very dainty underwear, negligé robes and dressing sacques of pale tinted muslin and laces: "Why do you fuss so much on such articles of dress? I should consider it wasted time when there are so many more important things to do." The little woman, with loveliest shining in her eyes, replied as follows: "Why should I consider it time wasted when my husband loves to see me in dainty and becoming costumes? As long as I have the time, strength and money to afford it, I shall study to please him in my dress."

A woman who is considered one of the most faultlessly attired women of our city, dresses every day as stylishly and becomingly for her husband as though they were entertaining visitors. Her dainty muslin, wools and silks are the envy of many of her friends. Sydney Smith once said: "How exquisitely absurd to teach a girl that beauty is of no value, dress of no use! Beauty is of value. Her whole prospects and happiness in life may often depend on a new gown or a becoming bonnet."

If it is necessary to dress attractively to win a husband, how much more is it necessary to dress to hold that love!—Carrie May Ashton, in New York Observer.

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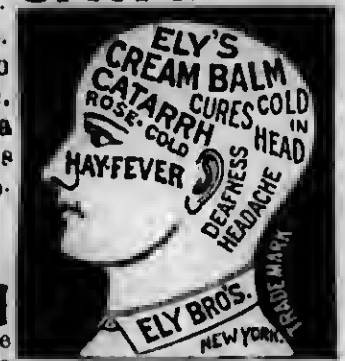
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**THE SITUATION AS IT IS.**

We hope all our readers studied closely the report of our missionary collections given in a recent issue of this paper. We purposely separated the Colored Conferences from all others that our people and the ministers especially might see just how we look when standing alone. The total, while not as large as we wish it was, did very well for the times through which we have been passing and the circumstances under which it was collected. But it is well to remember that the report looked as well as it did because some of the Conferences made a most excellent showing while others did comparatively nothing. We admit there is some excuse and yet we fear a few of our Conferences have not thoroughly awakened to the responsibilities of the hour. We admit our poverty and the fact that it is our indispensable duty to do our part for the other benevolent causes; we admit that our people are not yet trained to give just for the love of the great mission work, and that we have no eloquent secretaries to plead with and inspire the people, and yet we believe that notwithstanding the disadvantages under which we must of necessity labor that we can and will do better this year. If it be a fact that some of the Conferences did not send in their collections in time this will account for the smallness of their contributions, and give the best possible opportunity for an increase this present year. We believe our people are perfectly loyal to the great benevolent causes and devoted to the church of their choice. We believe they are just like other people in that they only need to have these important interests placed properly upon their hearts and that they will respond according to the full measure of their ability. Hence we expect every pastor and presiding elder to begin the campaign at once and push it till every man, woman and child in our whole membership have an opportunity to know something of the missionary achievements of the church and to contribute something toward their support.

There is no denying the fact that there are many who do not think we contribute as liberally as we should. Some of these are narrow enough to desire that the church withdraw its benefactions from the South because, as we suppose, the membership in the South does not give as liberally as that portion of the membership located at the North. While we believe such a view of the case altogether unfair we nevertheless urge all concerned to push the idea of self support and confine the missionary money wholly to new work and points where the membership is weak.

We thank Bro. R. W. S. Thomas, secretary of the North Carolina Conference, for a copy of the minutes of the late session held at Charlotte.

**DR. J. W. E. BOWEN AT THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

The West Texas Conference at Cuero was greatly delighted with Dr. Bowen's address at its recent session. His strong plea for an educated ministry was like a new message from a far off and goodly land. Men who had hitherto been well satisfied with themselves and the matter and manner of their preaching seemed to realize that there is something more to be learned and that after all their ideal may not be the highest. The Doctor's brotherly way of putting things removed to some extent the sharpness of his blazing arrows. He will certainly secure as a result of his visit two or three promising young men. We are sure the community was greatly benefitted by his presence.

**LETTER FROM REV. J. A. P. CAMPHOR.**

Orange, N. J. Dec. 3, 1896.

Dear Dr. Scott. We are packing up to sail for Africa on the 19th of December. We leave earlier than we first thought. The Liberia Conference, to which we transfer, convenes on February 3rd, and to get there in time, we must leave on December 19th.

Dr. Hartzell sails on the 9th, as you know. We meet him in Liverpool, and from there we embark for Africa on December 30th.

We go to Africa believing with all our soul that the voice of God, the Church and conscience call us there. We further believe that the time has come for our young men and women, trained and consecrated in our Christian schools, must help in Africa's redemption. For thirty years we have been recipients; now the thought comes to me that we ought to impart the light unto others less fortunate. In these thirty years we have seen examples of heroism and self-sacrifice and service on the part of the white man to us; to me these lessons and examples are unlearned and meaningless, unless they stir us to like heroism and service even at posts of danger and death.

We may not be able under the peculiar difficulties of that work to do much in a short lifetime, but we can at least, using the words of Melvil Cox, "establish a connection between Africa and the church at home that shall never be broken till Africa is redeemed."

We go to take charge of Monrovia Seminary. We can say nothing now of our plans and work; we have first to reach the place, get initiated to the climate, learn the ways and customs of the people, etc.

We shall keep with us our love for all our brethren and people in the South, for the dear old Southwestern, and for every interest that purposes the betterment of our people and the spread of Christ's kingdom. I am very glad to have had the honor of spending an evening with you in your charming home with your amiable wife and children. God bless you and them.

May the Southwestern grow and increase in influence and strength, even till it touches the regions beyond the sea. We ask an interest in your prayers. We hope that our life and health may be spared many years to toil for the Master in that far-away land.

Your brother in Christ,  
A. P. Camphor.

The following from the Richmond Christian Advocate will impress a great lesson on those who have never thought of the importance of the church paper:

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Judging from the information given by Mr. Do Bos in the New York Age concerning the illegitimate births in Washington, D. C., missionaries to labor among both races there would not be out of place.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Rev. Dr. H. W. Bolton, pastor of South Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, has invited the Salvation Army to conduct nightly meetings in his church for two weeks.

Rev. C. W. Reeves, of the Louisiana Conference, having finished up his course at Gammon, has returned to the city to await the session of his Conference. We are pleased to record that himself and family are in good health.

Rev. T. J. Clarke, for the past four years pastor of Wesley Chapel, in Charleston, S. C., has just entered Gammon Theological Seminary. A native African, of excellent ability, from Sierra Leone, has also recently joined the junior class, which is quite large and promising.

The decision of the Rev. A. P. Camphor, B. D., of the class of '95, has stirred Gammon to its depths for Africa. A special service for Bishop Hartzell and Brother Camphor will be held on next Tuesday. Two of the strongest men in the Seminary, both college graduates, some time ago announced the consecration of their lives for Africa. The great work of the Stewart Missionary foundation is bearing fruit.

We are glad to know that Prof. E. D. Wright, formerly of Gilbert A. and I. College, delivered a series of lectures in Vermilion Parish, of which his last subject was "Educate Your Children, and the Country is Safe." Miss Maggie A. Smith, formerly of Gilbert, was the musician for each occasion. The Professor is principal of a very progressive public school in the Vermilion Parish, but never fails to invite his friends to attend Gilbert.

Rev. A. P. Camphor and wife of Orange, New Jersey, will go as missionaries to Africa. They sail on the 20th inst. Rev. Mr. Camphor is a graduate of New Orleans University and was professor of mathematics in the same institution for four years. His many friends though proud of him in his great undertaking regret very much to part with him.

We had a pleasant call last week from Dr. Geo. P. Mains and wife, one of our publishing agents at New York. The Doctor showed a lively interest in our work here, fully in accord with Dr. Eaton in whatever will tend to make the Southwestern one of the best papers of our church. Verily we are in good hands, and should put forth our utmost efforts to make the paper self-supporting, and a great power for good among our people.

Rev. R. T. W. James, pastor of our only colored church in Chicago, is making a heroic fight against very great odds for the success of his work. Mrs. James is a cheerful and determined worker and nobly seconds her husband in all he undertakes to do. It is certainly to be hoped they may succeed in establishing our work there on a sure foundation.

Mr. Murray will not be in the next Congress unless he is seated by contest as he was in the present Congress, but Hon. Geo. H. White, of another district, goes up from North Carolina. G. L. Jones was elected to the Indiana legislature and J. C. Buckner to that of Illinois.

Wright was elected a county clerk in Oklahoma. Besides we have several Negroes elected to office down in these parts.

The Automobile is the latest invention of the bicycle family. It however is to go on three instead of two wheels and be propelled by a continuously running gas motor which is to be concealed under the passenger seat. The motor may be started in the morning and will run all day unless it is desired to stop it. The two wheels of the tricycle are to be in front instead of behind and the seat for the passenger is located directly between them. The inventor is Reuben H. Fass, of Brooklyn.

A colored Orphan Asylum was recently dedicated in Cincinnati. Prof. B. T. Washington delivered the dedicatory address.

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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

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### A YOUNG AFRICAN HERO.

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In Central Africa, a few years ago, some boys were burned to death by order of the king because they were Christians. Yet in spite of this, a boy of about sixteen was brave enough to wish to become a Christian. He came to the missionary, and said in his own language:

"My friend, I wish to be baptized."

"But I don't know what you are asking," said the missionary, in surprise.

"I know, my friend."

"But if you say that you are a Christian, they will kill you."

"I know, my friend."

"But if they ask you if you are a Christian, will you tell a lie, and say no?"

"Bravely and firmly came the boy's answer, 'I shall confess, my friend.'"

A little talk followed, in which he showed clearly that he understood what it was to be a Christian, so the missionary baptized him by the name of Samwell, which is the same as our Sam.

The king found him so useful that he employed him to collect the taxes, which are paid in cowries—little shells which are used instead of money.

One day when he was away on his business, the king again got angry with the Christians, and ordered that all the leading ones should be killed. Samwell's name was found upon the list. As he came back he heard of the death of the one who was waiting for him. That night when it was dark the missionary was awakened by a low knocking at the door. It was Samwell, and his friends came to know what he would do. Should he run away, or should he go and hand over the money?

collected? After a silence the missionary said:

"Tell me what you think."

Looking up, Samwell replied: "My friend, I cannot leave the things of the king."

His friends earnestly begged him to fly, but the missionary said: "No, he is right. He has spoken well; he must deliver up the money."

They all knelt down in prayer together, the missionary wondering sadly if he should ever see him again.

"My friend, I will try to start early, and leave the cowries with the chief," said the lad, as he set off; "but I fear my carriers will not be ready till after daylight, and if I am seen I shall be caught. Good-by."

But God kept him. He went boldly to the chief's hut, put down the cowries, and walked away. He went again a few nights after to tell the missionary, who said: "You ran when you got outside?"

"No, my friend, for I should have been noticed at once. I walked quite slowly until I got out of sight, and then I ran as fast as I could, and so I escaped."

This is a true story, taken from Mr. Ashe's book, "Two Kings of Uganda." It shows that the love of Christ can make a boy brave to do his duty, even in the face of danger and death.

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence."

### THE WHITE HOUSE.

The executive mansion has been undergoing repairs, and looks fresh and beautiful. Some of the magnificent elms in the grounds were blown down by the great wind storm, which destroyed 5,000 of our ornamental trees; but everything about the presidential palace now wears the aspect of comfort and convenience. Mrs. Cleveland and the children have returned, and the president would have been at the corner-stone laying only that he had a previous engagement. I believe, at old Princeton's great sesqui-centennial, which has brought together the most notable body of educators and scholars in the annals of American scholarship. Indeed, the president is a most busy man and no doubt earns his salary of \$50,000 a year. It is well that so many of his expenses are met by the government, else he would find it difficult to run the White House on his income. The incidental expenses of the establishment are \$100,000 a year. Hon. Mr. Thurber, the private secretary, has a salary of \$5,000 a year, and an assistant at half that amount. The table linen, china, etc., are furnished, and his postage, stationery, telegrams, etc. cost him nothing. It costs \$15,000 a year to light the White House and grounds, and another \$6,000 for the conservatories. Door-keepers, messengers, ushers and watchmen are all furnished by "Uncle Sam," and paid from his bank, the United States treasury next door.

As Methodists, we are interested in the president's house, for the greatest occupant of it since the days of Lincoln was a Methodist, and we hope soon to have it graced by another distinguished follower of John Wesley.

The congressional library building is approaching completion and is one of the most elegant, elaborate and costly structures in the national capital. Its great golden dome rivals the snow-white hemisphere which surmounts the capitol, and though it has not the majestic appearance of this greatest structure in the world, yet in massiveness, symmetry and richness it is a thing of beauty. The interior is one glittering mass of costly marble and gold.—H. Johnson, in Michigan Advocate.

### A CHRISTMAS TRIP.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are solaces in the weary struggle we make day by day to build in our new El Dorado a home to which our children in future time will turn, as we turn now to the old place where we loved ones in the evening of life.

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February.	
Flatonio	6 7 Oakland
Sublime	20 21 Hallettsville
March.	
Yoakum	6 7 Wharton
Edna	20 21 Victoria
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#### Lexington District.

Fourth Round.	December.
North Middletown	22 23 Moorefield
Sherburne	27 28 Sharpsburg
January.	
Mayslick	23 Kenney
Germanstown	8 Washington
Falmouth	13 14 Leesburg
Orangeburg	2 Flemingburg
Spears	27 Cleveland
February.	
Ruddell's Mills	24 Boyd Circuit
Cynthiana	8 Cadottown
Paris	13 14 Corinth
Winchester	20 21 College Hill
Asbury Temple	27 28
March.	
Frankfort	3 Versailles
Georgetown	13 14 New Zion
Gunga Tabernacle	27 28
	Joseph Courtney, P. E.

#### Louisville District.

Fourth Round.	December.
Simpsonville	19 20 Wilcoxville
January.	
Chaplin	14 Shelbyville
Hardinburg	16 18 Harned
West Point	21 22 Lettfield
Morgantown	25 27 Beaver Dam
Hartford	30 31
February.	
Greenville	4 Taylor's Mine
Auburn	5 Bowling Green
Franklin	9 Cave City
Coke Chapel, Lou.	12 13 Lagrange
ville	12 15 Worthville
Owenton	23 24 Bedford
Pewee Valley	27 28
March.	
Loyd Street, Louisville	6 8
Portland, Louisville	9 11
Anchorage	13 15
New Haven (Communion)	13 14
New Haven (Conference)	15 16
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### OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

..... Give Name and Place Distinctly. ....

Conrad, La.—Miss Martha Wright died Nov. 29. Just before her death she called her friends to her bedside and kissed them farewell. She was a niece of Rev. S. Wright. B. J. Keith, P. C.

Kendleton, Tex.—Richard Bray fell asleep in Christ, October 20th, aged 66 years. He was a member of the M. E. Church twenty years. Leaves a wife and six children. J. Jones, P. C.

Texarkana, Tex.—The death angel visited the residence of Mr. Samuel Lane on the morning of November 7th, at 9 a. m., and took sweet little Ora, only four years old, then returned on the morning of the 14th inst. and took Sister Ella Lane, the beloved mother. Sister Lane was a faithful and consistent Christian of the M. E. Church twenty-four years. She looked on the death of little Ora on Saturday morning, and said, "Well, Ora, mamma will be on soon." On Sunday morning, before the child's remains were removed from the residence, the mother joined her. Sister Lane had three children to precede her to the better land. She left a husband, six children, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Sleep on, mother, we will meet her in the land beyond. W. H. Jackson, Pastor.

On the 18th of November, Sister Martha Dillon, the mother of St. Barney's Chapel M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith. She was 64 years old, and lived in the Methodist church 30 years. She left several children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Sleep on, mother, we will meet you again! Wm. Payne, Pastor.

Lafayette, Ala.—Bro. Samuel Findley, of Lafayette, Chambers Co., Ala., died a few days ago. He lived a Methodist sixty-five years. He was a good man and neighbor and a worthy brother. He was the first man to meet the preacher and presiding elder. His doors were always open to them; his house was a resting place for the weary. He was a steward of the church, and for years a district steward. He was also a class leader and trustee of the church, and was always ready to pay the preacher and presiding elder. He was the first to meet the quarterly meetings. If there was a church to be built, he was the first to lay a dollar for church or school. If any man was sick, he was found at their bedside to aid and give of his earnings. When the preacher called for the benevolent collections, he was the first to give. We call him a Christian, a Methodist knight. At his death he was 65 years old. After he and Sister Harriet Findley had lived together as man and wife for 67 years, he now leaves her behind with a large family, all grown, most of whom live in the M. E. Church. Peace to his ashes. We will meet again. E. B. McCauley.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Wm. Bellinger, P. C., Wadley, Ga.: Dear Editor.—This being a section in which we have for a long time been striving to plant the banner of our lovely Methodism, through much earnest toil, and suffering from the want of means and friends, have but partially succeeded. There have not been at any time more than fifteen full members, with only one church house and one preaching point in the work during its history. The trouble arises from the fact that even our congregation belonged to other churches, by which we are entirely surrounded. But from the powerful influence which is awayed by the literature of our blessed church, we are able to see future membership among the great host of children and young people which flock to its open doors each Sabbath evening. This is the first and only work of our church in this county, and should have much attention from the brethren. The people do not know the M. E. Church in this county, as the Negro's best friend, morally, spiritually, intellectually and financially. But they are now seeing our church in its true light and are rapidly learning to love it. I have evidence of their love by a surprising visit to the home of the pastor on the night of October 20, 1896, made by a host of friends, among whom was only one member of our church. They are among the best people of Wadley. About 12 o'clock on said night my wife being away on a visit among her relation at Waynesboro, I was aroused by a beautiful strain by voices, which greatly resembled the music of angels, singing softly; and at the conclusion of the song they entered the door and after singing again they disappeared as angels do, and left two tables laden with groceries. I hope they will soon come again.

D. G. Taylor, P. C. St. John Parish: St. John is yet alive. Everything is on the up grade; every member of the church holding up to the principles of the M. E. Church. All are now fighting to meet the demands of the Annual Conference.

L. J. S. Bell, Meridian, Miss.: Haven Chapel work has just completed a decisive battle against the powers of sin, the result is a great victory on the side of the Saviour, the Captain of our salvation. Fourteen surrendered to the Master and joined our church. All of the church was greatly revived, and four have enlisted under the banner of Christ this year. God be praised—to Him belongs the honors. During our meeting at Rose Hill the greatest trouble befell the writer that could come to one. I lost my precious wife by death. How sad and cold and lonely is this dark world. But she is gone to be with Christ which is far better than to remain here and suffer more; but we would rather retain her here. She said she wanted to be buried with her children, and that they were angels and had long white wings, and she had wings and was going to fly to Jesus. How sweet to think on such a scene, where heaven and earth touch each other. As we listened and held her hand and held our breath,

methinks I could hear the voices from the great white throne, and in the midst of them my dear wife and children. By the help of God I will preach and live the Gospel and meet them again. Heaven is nearer, richer, sweeter and brighter than ever to me, so I take hold of the hand of Him, who has been with me for many years, and go forward saying, "precious wife, meet me at the Beautiful Gate."

Mrs. Mary Tubb, Alexandria, Tenn.: Now that the Annual Conference is over and through it, and I believe the providence of Almighty God, our beloved pastor, Rev. Robt. H. Johnson, has been returned to us; we begin work in earnest. We have pledged ourselves to do more this year than ever before. The pastor is urging every one to take the Southwestern; and it is hard to get around his earnest pleading. Take it all in all, I think this will be a prosperous year for Methodism in this part of the world, as everybody who loves God and the church, loves our dear pastor. I hope every charge in Methodism will rally to every department of our great church.

J. F. Cozier, P. C., Richmond, Fort Bend County: Election is over. Our fourth quarterly conference came off Saturday and Sunday. It rained very hard. Our finances were not as we anticipated, yet we paid our presiding elder's apportionment, all to six dollars; for the year, \$4.90.

B. W. Kirtley, P. C., Augusta, Ky.: Just closed a two week's meeting, which resulted in five conversions and twelve accessions to the church. The Spirit of the Holy Ghost was wonderfully manifested in all of the services. The weak were made strong, backsliders reclaimed and the church edified. Rev. James Taylor, of Ironton, O., was with us and rendered very efficient services.

S. T. Miller, P. C., Lexington, Tenn.: This is my first year here at Mt. Pleasant. When I returned the people received me gladly, and we hope to have a good time this conference year. We are coming up with our benevolence collections. We will remember the Southwestern.

L. Mann, Bridgeport, Belmont Co., Ohio: I wish to say we were honored with the presence of the Rev. H. W. Tate, to preach for us on Monday night. He served here more than two years ago. The people received him joyfully. He also visited a t my home. May God bless him in wisdom and knowledge to do work for God and for humanity.

J. H. Jackson, Falmouth, Ky.: In regard to a question asked by some one in the Southwestern of October 15th, "Ought a Methodist preacher invite a Methodist woman into his pulpit?" First, I will answer regarding this important question: If she is not a preacher, she should not be invited to a Methodist preacher's pulpit. No one has any right to a seat in this holy place, but those who are called to preach. Second; if she is a preacher and is not living as a preacher ought to live, she should not be invited to a Methodist preacher's pulpit. But if she is a true Christian lady, and the Lord has called her to preach, and she

being a devoted member of the M. E. Church, no pastor should be so narrow minded as to object to her and keep her from his pulpit, simply because she is a woman. A woman has as much right to preach as a man, if God has called her, and we have as much right to believe her claim as to believe a man. We men say God called us to preach, and the woman says the same. Must we believe the man just because we think no one has a right to preach but men, and dispute the woman? I answer, no! We men belong to God, and the women belong to God—and He can use either. We have no right to call God in question as to whether he called woman to preach or not. We see they do preach, and have great success in winning souls for the Master, then why not let them go on and encourage them as they go. I do not believe in incompetent men any more than I believe in incompetent women in the pulpit. It will take all the men and women and children that God has called to defeat the Devil. So we cannot afford to drive away or discourage any.

W. R. Smith, P. C., McMinnville, Tenn.: I was appointed to this charge by Bishop Mullalien on the 26th of October last and on the 31st of same month I arrived here and began the work of the great church which the bishop trusted to my hands. I found the church in a fair condition both spiritually and financially. On the 9th and 10th of November our beloved presiding elder, Rev. M. W. White, was with us and held his first Quarterly Conference, which proved to be quite a successful one. As we thought it best to raise our benevolent moneys in the first of Conference year, we began immediately after Quarterly Conference to arrange a programme to be rendered on Thanksgiving night. The programme was very carefully arranged by Dr. R. F. Burt and Mrs. R. O. Speers, who are both members of our church and are at the head of our educational institution in this city. The programme was nicely rendered and \$16.00 was realized for Missions. I am glad to say during my stay here of three weeks, we have realized for all purposes the sum of \$42.44. I have visited the public school several times since I have been here and find that the work done in this institution by Dr. Burt and Mrs. Speers compares favorably with the work done by any institution north or south of the Ohio river. They are also quite useful in helping the pastor to carry forward the great work of the church. The members in general are quite loyal Methodists, and are willing to do all in their power for the advancement of the church in every conceivable way. We are struggling hard to raise \$1000 this year for all purposes if it is the Lord's will. We kindly solicit the prayers of our Methodism throughout the world that we may be successful in the work.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DEC 20, 1896

## THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Matt. 2:1-12.

Golden Text—"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10.)

Jesus was born. He became a real man. He was in his nature both human and Divine. He was born in Bethlehem, a village six miles south of Jerusalem. The home of Ruth and David. The place of his birth was a matter of prophecy. He was born in the days of Herod, the king. It was in the year of the world 4000, in the year of Rome 749, and four years before the date of the Christian era. The month, and day of the month, are not certainly known. The same may be said of Moses, David and Paul. All peoples do not to-day record their ages.

Soon after the birth of Jesus Mary was removed from the manger to a dwelling house. Joseph likely began work at the carpenter's trade. On the eighth day Jesus was circumcised, not because He was a sinner, but because He was in the room of the transgressor. When He was forty days old He was taken to Jerusalem and presented to the Lord. The offering made for Him was a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. They likely returned the same day to Bethlehem, and Joseph resumed work at his trade. Some time after this the wise men found them.

It is not certainly known who the Magi were. They may have been kings or priests. They likely came from Arabia or Persia. The venerable Bede says they were three in number; that their names were Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar; that one was old, another middle-aged, and the other young; that one represented Shem, another Ham, and the third Japheth. This is good fiction. In them the Gentiles brought their first offerings to the Messiah.

We know not what this star was. Some suppose it was a comet that made its appearance at that time. Others think it was a meteor, or a miracle of light, that was seen only by the wise men. A third class believe it to have been a conjunction of the planets, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. It was a guide to lead these wise men to Jesus. If we seek the Saviour with our whole heart the Lord will see that we find Him.

When Herod heard of the visit of the wise men, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. He was at this time old, afflicted, and ready to die. He had like Alexander the Great, Nero, Tiberius and Henry VIII, grown in sin as he had increased in years. There was no deed too wicked for him to do. He was jealous of every apparent danger to his throne. All Jerusalem may only mean executors of the law who held office under him. Touch a man's honor or way of making money and you touch the man.

Herod called together the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the Christ should be born. Heliel, a noted Jewish rabbi, the founder of a theological school, and a man noted for gentleness, likely presided at this council. The object of this meeting was to learn not the manner and time but the place of Jesus' birth. The answer was "Bethlehem of Judea." This city was little yet out of it should come a ruler whose going forth should be of old, even from everlasting. This prophecy shows the fore-knowledge and providence of God. It also teaches that the sacred Scriptures were studied and understood by the Jews. This council represents the members who rest in the letter of the truth.

After the sanhedrim had adjourned, Herod privately called the wise men to him and inquired diligently of them about the star. It would seem that others had not seen it, or if they had, they did not attach any Divine significance to it. All persons do not see the same facts in the same objects. He then sent them to Bethlehem with the request to search diligently for the young child. A wicked man may give good advice. God may bless His message independent of the messenger. He desired them to bring him word

again that he might come and worship Him also. He would have them think he was a true seeker of the Christ, but a baser hypocrite never drew breath. He sought the young child not to worship but to slay Him. He is a type of false worshippers who have been in the church.

The wise men continued their search. They showed their faith and energy. Those who believe and persevere succeed. The star continued to guide them. The Bible, Holy Spirit, ministry and church are given to lead us to the Saviour. When they again saw the star "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." This shows how earnest they were in their search. Did ever a poor lost soul seek Jesus with more earnestness than did these Magi? It was, when searching for Christ, miss our way then our light goes out, but when we return to it, the star will again appear.

When they came to the young child they worshipped Him. They paid homage to Him. We should adore the God we love. They also presented Him gifts. Gold for Him as king, frankincense as priest, and myrrh as prophet. He is our King to govern us, our Priest to intercede for us, and our Prophet to teach us. We should present our best gifts to Him. They were warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod, but departed to their own country another way. We cannot always dwell in the place of worship while on earth.

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No. 1, lim. ex.....	6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc.....	3:30 pm
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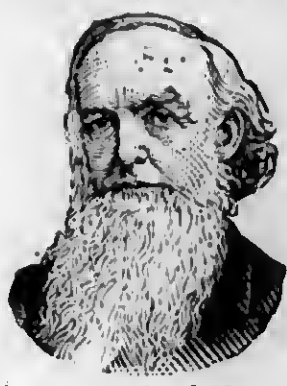
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Yours truly, W. E. PENN.  
Enreka Springs, Ark., May 24, 1894.

The above is a letter written by the late Rev. W. E. Penn, the noted Evangelist, to Mrs. W. H. Watson, New Albion, N. Y.

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**"THE DEADLY TURNED-DOWN LAMP."**

Thank you, dear editor, for passing along the valuable information of this article. For years I have fought a good fight against them. Not in my own home, that shall never be defiled with them. I was early taught to use the sense of smell that with our other senses was given us by a wise Creator for our well-being, and consequently could never sit when a kerosene lamp was smoking without my throat becoming sore in half an hour, and it is inconceivable how anyone can. I have tried to point out their danger to parents who have left them in the room where little children had been put to bed; in many instances have been able to enlighten them. I recall how my washerwoman ran over one night to beg me to come up and see Maggie, who was the doctor feared, going to have diphtheria. I went directly, and when I got there I only wondered the little girl was alive. Actually strangling in a bit of bed-room reeking with the smoke of a turned-down lamp. "Please turn up the lamp at once," I said to the mother, "and let me open this window and open all the windows in the kitchen, do." She demurred a little, feared "she would take cold," but I said, "I fear she will die if you keep her longer in this atmosphere." Frightened she turned up the lamp, and with the windows and doors we soon cleared the foul odor out. The child's labored breathing improved, and asking the mother to let the window remain so during the night, came home, certain the doctor's fears of diphtheria would be vain.

Sure enough the next morning over came the mother full of joy that Maggie was so much better and that the doctor had approved of my action. "Bless you, m'm," said the mother, "how much better she rested, and I never mistrusting it was the kerosene." She was a thorough convert. Maggie was soon about, and I kept preaching to all to use their noses. Oh, that with all that is taught in our schools, why are not children taught the proper use of their five senses? I say children, but how many adults go blindly through life—tobacco users especially—without seemingly aware of a sense of smell?

I rejoiced when my eye fell on this article, and that it was passed on by the Advocate. I hope it will do a vast amount of good among ignorant people. As to folks with educated noses, if they allow one turned-down lamp in their homes, or any other place, they deserve to suffer. I could wish this true sentence copied into every paper in this land: "A turned-down kerosene lamp is a magazine of deadly gas to which the strongest lungs cannot be safely exposed."—Michigan Advocate.

**GOOD GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE.**

A Chicago man applied for a divorce last week on the ground of cruel treatment. The presiding judge entered the decree just as soon as the plaintiff proved that his wife gave him a poem, which she had clipped from a humorous paper, with the remark: "That is the way to treat men." The judge read the poem and severed the marital bonds with one swift stroke. Here is the poem:

"The Ten Commandments."

"These are the new commandments ten. Which wives now make for married men:

1. Remember that I am thy wife, That thou must cherish all thy life.
  2. Thou shalt not stay out late at night When lodges, friends or clubs invite.
  3. Thou shalt not smoke, indoors or out, Or chew tobacco "round about."
  4. Thou shalt with praise receive my pies, Nor pastry made by me despise.
  5. My mother thou shalt strive to please, And let her live with us in ease.
  6. Remember, 'tis thy duty clear, To dress me well throughout the year.
  7. Thou shalt in manner mild and meek Give me thy wages every week.
  8. Thou shalt not be a drinking man, But live on prohibition plan.
  9. Thou shalt not flirt, but must allow Thy wife such freedom anyhow.
  10. Thou shalt get up when baby cries, And try the child to tranquilize.
- These my commandments, from day to day, Implicitly thou shalt obey.

**Plan of Episcopal Visitation FOR 1897.**

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Alabama—Heflin, Ala.	Jan. 31	.....	Foss
Arkansas—Stuttgart, Ark.	Jan. 21	.....	Andrews
Atlanta—Atlanta, Ga.	Jan. 21	.....	Foss
Baltimore—Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 3	.....	Mallalieu
Central Alabama—Opelika, Ala.	Feb. 4	.....	Foss
Central Missouri—Kansas City, Mo.	Mar. 16	.....	Cranston
Central Penn.—Clearfield, Pa.	Mar. 17	.....	Ninde
Delaware—Easton, Md.	Mar. 25	.....	Ninde
East German—Scranton, Pa.	Mar. 25	.....	Walden
East Maine—Carleton, Me.	April 22	.....	Mallalieu
Florida—Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 14	.....	Hurst
Georgia—Tallahassee, Ga.	Feb. 11	.....	Foss
Gulf Mission—Jennings, La.	Jan. 21	.....	Fowler
Kansas—Manhattan, Kan.	Mar. 3	.....	McCabe
Lexington—Springfield, O.	April 1	.....	Cranston
Little Rock—Forrest City, Ark.	Jan. 28	.....	Andrews
Louisiana—Donaldsonville, La.	Jan. 14	.....	Fowler
Maine—Portland, Me.	April 14	.....	Mallalieu
Mississippi—Jackson, Miss.	Jan. 6	.....	Fowler
Missouri—Bethany, Mo.	Mar. 24	.....	Cranston
New England—Lowell, Mass.	April 7	.....	Fowler
N. E. South'n—So. Manchester, Conn.	April 14	.....	Nowman
New Hampshire—Manchester, N. H.	April 8	.....	Ninde
New Jersey—Trenton, N. J.	Mar. 24	.....	Warren
New York—Sing Sing, N. Y.	April 7	.....	Merrill
New York East—Brooklyn, N. Y.	April 7	.....	Walden
Newark—Newark, N. J.	April 7	.....	Andrews
North Dakota—Park River, N. D.	April 22	.....	Merrill
North Indiana—Kokomo, Ind.	Mar. 17	.....	Merrill
North'n New York—Watertown, N. Y.	April 14	.....	Warren
Northwest Kansas—Beloit, Kan.	Mar. 24	.....	McCabe
Philadelphia—Bethlehem, Pa.	Mar. 17	.....	Nowman
St. John's River—Tarpon Springs, Fla.	Jan. 21	.....	Hurst
St. Louis—Nevada, Mo.	Mar. 10	.....	Cranston
Savannah—Savannah, Ga.	Jan. 28	.....	Hurst
South Carolina—Columbia, S. C.	Feb. 3	.....	Hurst
South Kansas—Pittsburg, Kan.	Mar. 10	.....	McCabe
S. W. Kansas—Winfield, Kan.	Mar. 17	.....	McCabe
Troy—Schenectady, N. Y.	April 14	.....	Ninde
Upper Mississippi—Greewood, Jan.	Jan. 14	.....	Andrews
Vermont—Springfield, Vt.	April 15	.....	Walden
Virginia—Roanoke, Va.	Mar. 11	.....	Mallalieu
Washington—Annapolis, Md.	Mar. 10	.....	Nowman
Wilmington—Chestertown, Md.	Mar. 17	.....	Walden
Wyoming—Ogden, W. Y.	April 7	.....	Warren

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"Night has a thousand eyes,  
Day has but one;  
The light of the whole world dies  
With the setting sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,  
The soul has but one;  
The life of the whole world dies  
When love is done."

—Boutillon.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Borrowed trouble is always the most burdensome.

Congress convened on Monday, the 7th inst., and will of course spend the next few weeks showing the country how to keep from enacting any important legislation.

We learn from a private letter from one of the officials of the A. M. E. Church that the Bishops of that church will hold their next Council in this city. We are sure they will be heartily welcomed.

Five Mormon Elders were whipped and ordered to leave Sewanee County, Florida, last week. They were converting the women to their doctrines; we should have thought the naughty men would have been the first to embrace their teachings.

According to an exchange, New York has its first colored policeman, and he is not regular. Wm. Schuyler has been appointed a special officer. This is strange, what is the matter with our Negro politicians in that city? Down this way we find as a rule that when our people are not getting their rights they are getting something they prefer instead.

It was reported last week that Gen. Maceo, the leading spirit in the Cuban rebellion, had been killed, and that his dead body, together with that of a son of Gen. Gomez, had fallen into the hands of the Spaniards. At the time we write this there are very few people in this country who believe it. Many think the report is to prevent Congress from taking any decided steps in favor of Cuban independence, and yet three different resolutions were presented to the Senate the very day an account of Maceo's death was published.

The Pennsylvania Bible Society contributes \$500.00 to pay the expenses of a second edition of the Tonga New Testament; for the Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Africa. The translation was made by Rev. L. H. Richards, Superintendent of East African Missions. He will superintend the printing of the new edition. The American Bible Society does the printing. Dr. Morrow, Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society, was in New York December 1st, in consultation with the translator; Bishop Hartzell and the Corresponding Secretary completing the arrangements.

Hon. Thos. A. Cage, a prominent and remarkably successful Republican leader since 1868, died in this city the 10th inst. He has served as Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, County Collector, a member of the Legislature, and at the time of his death was filling the responsible position of Chairman of the State Executive Committee. He was a State Senator for twelve years, and in all his career was never defeated for any position to which he aspired. He is said to have held and paid out more of the money commonly known as campaign funds than any colored man in the State. As a politician he was much respected for his ability to do the seemingly impossible. The funeral was largely attended; four prominent whites and four prominent Negroes serving as pall-bearers. He was 52 years old and a native of Louisiana.

## A NEW CENTURY THANKSGIVING OFFERING. (Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Cor. Sec. Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.)



Dr. M. C. B. Mason

When Israel reached the borders of Canaan after their sojourn of nearly forty years in the wilderness, they were commanded to roll away the reproach of Egypt from off them. They were not to go into their new home with any of Egypt's slavery upon them. They were to be free, and their new life was not to be entangled with the old and degraded civilization they had left behind them. The Twentieth Century, now almost upon us, will mark nearly forty years since the Negro with sanded feet and staff in hand, but nothing with which to sacrifice save his strong right arm and his unflinching faith in God marched out of Egypt into a new and inexperienced life. These have been years of peculiar struggles, and of unusual hardships, but withal of marked numerical growth and moral and intellectual development. No department of our Church has done so much for our people in rolling away the reproach of Egypt from off them, and in blotting out and obliterating the effects of slavery from among them, as the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Indeed this has been our special work, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in prosecuting it. Our difficulties have been many, our trials severe, but our help has been correspondingly great. The most unselfish movement of the centuries for the uplift of a people has been put forth in our behalf. Into our lives during the last thirty years have been poured treasures of silver, of gold and of life itself. As a result, thousands of young men and women have been educated and uplifted, their lives and characters thoroughly transformed, and they have been sent forth into the world with promise of great usefulness. Something now ought to be done by the people themselves as a Thank-Offering to Almighty God as a means of appreciation for what the Church has done as a challenge for the favorable consideration of mankind everywhere, and as a recognition of our own manliness and worth. Accordingly we have inaugurated a plan to raise \$100,000 as a Thank-Offering for Christian Education by the first of January, 1900. The amount thus received to be applied on the payment of our debt.

The plan is a simple one. Subscriptions will be received from \$2.00 up, payable in four equal yearly installments from now until January 1st, 1900. Subscriptions will be opened at this office at once. The first year's payment, or a part thereof is to accompany each name, and a certificate of membership in our New Century Thank-Off-

ing Association will be sent. Special services will be held in every Church and congregation on the first day of January of each year throughout the entire South. The people will come together for prayer and praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the rights and privileges of the freedom, and for preparation in mind and heart for its duties and responsibilities. Every Presiding Elder, pastor, graduate, former student, or friend is urged to take hold with enthusiasm and lend a hand. The entire amount can be raised; it can be done! it will be done.

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Let three hundred give \$100.00 or more each, four hundred \$50.00, five hundred \$25.00 three thousand \$10.00, five thousand \$5.00, and ten thousand \$2.00. A separate account will be kept of the amount contributed by Presiding Elders, pastors, laymen and by graduates and former students, and these will be subdivided into Literary, Medical, Law, Industrial, Theological, etc. The children will be given a chance, and the plan will be outlined in a latter issue of this paper. Every Church and Conference will receive credit for what its members give, but this special effort must not under any circumstances take the place of the general collection.

So enthusiastic has this plan been received, that scarcely before it was made public, subscriptions have been coming in. Dr. D. W. Fields, of Memphis, a graduate of our Medical School at Meharry; Mrs. M. V. Lovell, of Chattanooga, a former student of Central Tennessee College, and one of our old veterans, Presiding Elder H. W. Key, of Mason, Tenn., have each subscribed \$100.00—\$25.00 of which is paid in cash, and many others have paid smaller amounts, so that nearly \$5,000.00 are already subscribed. It is earnestly hoped that the whole amount will be subscribed between now and January 1, 1897. Send subscriptions to me, 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### AND NOW IT'S GOV. OATES OF ALABAMA.

We really believe lynch law in the South is doomed. This belief is not founded on what might be called an optimistic view but on the evident signs of the times. Gov. Hogg, of Texas, led off in the commendable work of trying to suppress lynching and did and said some things that, notwithstanding his name and what was understood to be his prejudices against intelligent young Negroes, made many friends among our people in that State. But his example is being followed gradually by other Southern governors. Govs. Atkinson, of Georgia; O'Ferrall, of Virginia; Evans, of South Carolina, and lately Oates, of Alabama, have declared for law and order. No longer than last week, Gov. Atkinson sent State troops to guard a "trustworthy convict" accused of a nameless crime. He sought to prevent his being lynched. It is to be hoped that good people may rally to the support of such men. They deserve it.

### MARRIAGE BELLS.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Clarissa M. Thompson to Mr. Wm. A. Allen, December 24th, at Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Mamie A. Johnston to Dr. Francis F. McClellan, of Palestine, Tex., December 23rd, at Navasota, Texas.

Miss Shirley H. Allen to Mr. E. H. Gooch, December 16th, at Woodlawn, Texas.

These are among our best young people in the Lone Star State and they certainly have our hearty good wishes for a bright and prosperous future.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FAITHFULNESS TO THE MASTER'S COMMANDS.

By J. F. Chaffee, D. D.

Pilate's question, "What then shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?" was larger than he knew. To Pilate, so far as he could see it, was only the question of Christ's life or death. He did not know that the plans of wicked men, adopted in order to humiliate and defeat Jesus, accorded exactly with Christ's plan in order to his own exaltation and victory. It was his purpose to work out and exemplify in himself his own teaching, that if a man should gain his life he must first lose it. The question of life and death having been determined, "death having been swallowed up in victory," and "God also having exalted him" because of his humiliation, the question—what shall we do with Jesus?—has large implications which must forever tax to their utmost the faith and effort of the Church to save the world.

The great personality Jesus, who is the Son of God as well as the Son of man, and who in virtue of that fact is "alive forevermore," is still with us. We are not executing the behests of a dead Christ. His head and heart and all that sprang out of them are here with us now. The grounds on which he purposes to subject the world unto himself were never so well understood as they are to-day. The Fatherhood of God, as revealed and interpreted by Jesus, carries with it the brotherhood of man. Until that revelation was made ethnic religions alone were possible. National deities, whatever else they may have failed to do, did not fail of being the occasion of national conceit, bigotry, and narrowness. Even the Jehovah of the Jews, as conceived and interpreted by them, was the God of the Jews and of them only, and hence their prejudice against the cosmopolitan aims of the great Teacher. But, thank God, all that is changed now! Therefore, there is no longer occasion for Paul, or any other preacher, to argue that God is the God of the Gentiles also. We have one God and Father of all, from which it follows that every man the wide world over is brother to every other man. It is on these foundations that Jesus proposes to build his universal kingdom of God among men, and because he does he has given his command that we shall go into all the world and preach his Gospel to every creature.

Brethren, what shall we do with Jesus? What shall we do with his plans for saving the world? Do they rest on good and substantial foundations? Do we accept the fact of the Fatherhood of God? Is it true that every man is our brother? Is there obligation resting on us to carry to our brother, no matter who he may be, or where he is, the glad tidings of salvation? That is what Jesus thought, and the mind that was in him should be in us also. That is what he commanded. Dare we call ourselves his disciples and refuse to obey? We must honor the Lord Christ's head and teachings and plans, even if it takes all of the Lord Christ's heart to enable us to do it.

Again, I ask, What shall we do with Jesus which is called Christ? What shall we do with his heart, his love, his sympathy, his sacrifice? There is little hope for the Church except in the fact that we all become like him and have his spirit. The travail of his soul must become the travail of our souls, and only when he is satisfied can we be satisfied. As he laid down his life for us, so must we lay down our lives for our brethren of every color, tongue, and nationality. As he came down into our corporate hell in order that he might succor and save us, so we also must go down into the conditions of those whom we would save, that our sympathy and sacrifice may secure their confidence, and so their salvation. And as Jesus did not despair of the salvation of lost men, not even of the demagogue among the mobs, so neither should we despair of the salvation of the naked pagan millions on "Africa's golden sands." But does the Church, can the Church, realize what all this implies? Have we thought out what all this means in the way of consecration and sacrifice, of working and giving, of watching and waiting, till the times of reaping and rejoicing—in some cases, it may be, far off—shall come? We may well question ourselves in respect to this matter, for we have

on our hearts and hands the problem of the world's salvation, and there is no hope of our solving that problem unless the very moods of love and sympathy and compassion which led Jesus to begin the work are in us to enable us to carry it on to its final and glorious consummation. Our hearts must take on the same temper as that of Jesus, which, like "the heart of the Eternal, is most wonderfully kind;" They must be copies of the heart of Christ, the outcome of which was a life that was the first and only adequate interpretation of infinite love. This means heaven's own equipment for heaven's own work. It means a pentecostal baptism in order to pentecostal success. It means lives devoted to a service which implies loss and suffering and, if need be, even death itself. It gives devoted men and women for work in all lands, but specially it gives us our Taylors and Hartzells, and others less known to us, but not less beloved of God, for Africa, that land of fevers, where so many tombstones mark the resting places of the dust of our heroic and sainted dead. The Church should consecrate itself by and through the sacrifices of these holy men and women, should emulate their love and sacrifice, and culture its faith to the point where, like theirs, it can brook delay and remain calm and hopeful in the midst of temporary defeat.

How far the Church is now from such a consecration it is painful to contemplate. If we were doing with Jesus what we should; if we were utilizing his heart—that is to say, if every so-called Christian's heart were a copy of the heart of Jesus; if each such heart had in its measure his spirit of love and compassion and sacrifice—could it be that our very successes should, to the extent which now confronts us, have become such a painful source of embarrassment to us? Instead of having reached up to that sublime consecration where, like Paul, we can say that we count not our lives dear unto ourselves, we have not yet reached the point where, except in rare instances, we can truthfully say that we count not our paltry dollars dear unto us. For while, in this great Methodist Church which we represent, there are some who give their thousands, and many who give their hundreds of dollars annually to this great cause of missions, it still remains true that with all these noble souls to help us out, the average member in our great Church gives less than one cent per week for the spread of Christ's Gospel in the world. What amazing parsimony! It is frightful to contemplate it. What an abyss does it uncover between what we profess so much to want, and what we do to bring it to pass! If you will pardon the homeliness of my illustration, and I think you will, because we have classic precedent for it in the immortal Iliad, in which you will remember Homer used horses in order to illustrate his great theme; and if horses, why not hens? Well then, a hen, just think of it, a hen, if only some one would lay hands on her and consecrate her to his service so that all her "time and attention might be turned this way," could give larger results in the way of money than does the average member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For don't you see, it is a bad time for eggs when they are not worth a cent apiece, and no man would keep a hen which would not lay more than one egg each week; but now, even in that calculation, which without doubt is against the hen both as to what she can do and its commercial value when it is done, 2,700,000 hens would give you annually a reliable income of \$1,350,000. That would pay all the money we shall appropriate at this meeting, and the debt beside in a single year. O, I wish we had the hens! I should like to listen to their cackle. There would be something in it, at least an egg, which would make it that much better than some people's shouting with nothing to back it up. But how much better is a man, aye, even a little child, than a hen. Therefore, let us wish for something better than hens, namely, men, women and children intelligently consecrated to God in such away, and to such an extent, that their offerings to our cause would reach thousands of dollars where it now only reaches hundreds. The thing is possible; let us therefore not rear to contemplate it. There are very few of our people who could not, if they would, give a penny a day to the cause of missions, and even our children and young people in the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues could give more than the

whole Church gives to-day. We need, brethren, a campaign of education. We need it in order to better circulation. There is approximately brain enough, but not heart enough, nor blood enough; and what blood we have does not reach the extremities. We have need of greater heart force. This dynamic should be in such abundance as to cause the blood to thrill along our veins till it shall reach the finger tips. For the cause demands not alone the sacrifice and, if need be, the life of Bishop Hartzell, and such other men; it needs also the widow's mite, the offerings of the poor, the pennies of the little children whom Jesus loved so much, along with the gifts of the rich, who out of their abundance are casting into the treasury, that we may all come at last singing and shouting our hosannas in honor of our triumphant King.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Tam.

In general the work of the Conference moves onward with encouraging prospects.

The three-room parsonage at Charleston, W. Va., has undergone extensive repairs. It now has nine rooms. Rev. Shaw is comfortably located, and is doing good work.

Rev. C. E. Hodges, Union Charge, is the right man in the right place. He is having marvelous success. In his benevolences he has surpassed the record of the past years. A bright future is anticipated for this charge.

October 18th was quarterly meeting day for Harrisonburg, Va. The presiding elder, Rev. John A. Holmes, was at his post and rendered valuable service. Harrisonburg, led by Rev. S. H. Brown, B. D., is advancing rapidly.

Rev. J. A. Holmes, presiding elder Staunton District, is nearing the end of his sixth year. During his term the members of the District have stuck to him and he to them. He is ever ready to go, preach, advise and help in any way possible. As a result of his untiring zeal and energy the District has advanced 100 per cent. This is the banner District. His successor must be an energetic man or the cause will lag.

Rev. C. I. Withrow, A. B., is pushing matters in Lexington, Va. He hopes soon to complete the new church. He recently visited Baltimore in the interest of his church.

Robert's Chapel M. E. Church, Alexandria, Rev. W. H. Gaines, pastor, was damaged by the storm to the extent of about \$400; the work still goes on.

Tarrytown Church, Rev. Noble Watkins, pastor, was destroyed entirely. The congregations was struggling with a burdensome debt but the noble pastor says the church shall be rebuilt, for he is himself a carpenter. He has begun to rebuild doing the work with his own hands. Bro. Noble Watkins is noble indeed. May the Lord bless him with great success.

The front was blown out of the church in Rockville, Md., Rev. T. O. Carroll, pastor. The congregation worships in the lecture room until the needed repairs are made.

Ebenezer Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. M. W. Clair, pastor, was so badly damaged that it has been torn down and a new church built at once. The entire congregation is rallying, and declare that the work shall not be retarded.

Mrs. Mary J. Brooks, a member of Ebenezer Church, went to class Tuesday night, started home, fell on the street and never spoke again. She died Wednesday night at 9:30. She died in the discharge of duty.

Asbury, Rev. I. L. Thomas, D. D., pastor, is enjoying a gracious revival. Blessings come from the Lord to them in showers. May the fire continue to burn.

Mt. Zion, Rev. E. W. S. Peck, D. D., pastor, has just closed the celebration of their 80th anniversary. It was a grand occasion. The history of the church was compiled by Miss Harriet H. Benson. This congregation is building a parsonage—a long-felt need is supplied.

The North Baltimore and South Baltimore Districts have held their Epworth League Conventions, the former at Bel Air, Md., Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins, B. D., President; and the latter at John Wesley, Baltimore, Md., Rev. C. G. Key, President.

Epworth League interest throughout the Conference grows.

The corner-stone of the College of History of the American University

was laid with imposing ceremonies October 21.

The following delivered addresses: Bishops J. F. Hurst, LL. D., A. W. Wilson, D. D., C. H. Fowler, D. D., C. C. McCabe, D. D., Revs. C. H. Payne, D. D., J. M. Buckley, D. D., and ex-Governor R. E. Pattison. The stone was laid by Bishop Thos. Bowman, D. D., and the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the District of Columbia. All hail to the American University!

## BISHOP MALLALIEU'S RECEPTION IN NEW ENGLAND.

Rev. F. N. Upham.

New England Methodism has given Bishop Mallalieu a royal welcome. He comes as our new resident bishop, and, though we accord him readily and cheerfully all his Episcopal honors and titles, he is still first and foremost "a brother beloved."

He is not a stranger, for here all his ministry was spent prior to his election to the Episcopacy in 1884. Boston spoke its greeting at the last meeting of the Social Union, November 30. The gathering was large and representative.

Bishop Foster was present, the honored and beloved guest of the occasion. The ministry and laity of the city and a generous share of the surrounding cities and towns came with loud enthusiasm and Methodist fervor. The inevitable speeches had to be made, of course, but they were so hearty and apt that frivolity did not stereotype a single sentence, nor insincerity shadow a thought.

Dr. J. W. Hamilton, corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, evidently had great satisfaction in seeing his old-time friend, now Boston's chief pastor. With a familiarity that "auld acquaintance" warranted he ventured to rehearse history, which only he who reads "between the lines" could know. He seemed to know. It was his conviction that Bishop Gilbert Haven's mantle had fallen on worthy shoulders, and that with the descending mantle had come the "double portion of his spirit."

Rev. William Ingraham Haven, son of the honored and sainted Bishop, spoke with exquisite taste. Though the circumstances would have warranted it, he refrained from much that was personal, and referred particularly with gratitude that a man of New England intuitions and ideas had come to lead New England's hosts.

Bishop Foster was received with the most marked evidences of love and fullest honor.

Boston is proud of this magnificent man. With utmost frankness he expressed himself as convinced that the General Conference had been just and right and kind in putting him on the retired list. He spoke of his love for Boston, and of his life that many days might yet be given to him to live among his dear friends in New England.

Advancing to his colleague, he extended to Bishop Mallalieu his hand, and with an eloquent charge and fatherly benediction he welcomed him to his high responsibilities. It was a thrilling scene.

Bishop Mallalieu replied with fervor and evangelistic unction. He is always spiritual, and at this time, in the midst of the congratulatory and reminiscent, did not forget himself. Representatives of other churches extended greeting. Altogether it was a notable occasion.

The resident Bishop is working vigorously among the churches. He is a genuine leader in the aggressive work of calling sinners to repentance, and, after all, have we anything more important to do?

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The eleventh anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference was celebrated Friday evening, December 4, 1896, at 3 o'clock, in the M. E. Church, at Cuero, Texas. Rev. Mc. Henson conducted the opening exercises and then introduced Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, who delivered the annual address. As she came forward the house went wild with applause. Several minutes elapsed before she could begin; and then in her usual way proceeded perfectly at ease. She was responded to by the following distinguished persons: Mrs. J. A. Betts, Mrs. Dr. Geo. P. Mains, of New York; and



Rev. O. I. Jones on behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference.

Dr. C. P. Westbrook led Mrs. E. S. Spriggs forward and presented her a life membership in the Society as a token of respect due her for her faithfulness to the work.

The \$20 given for the membership will be used for the Training and Industrial Home of the West Texas Conference. Too much can not be said of the work done by these good women during the year; through their efforts they have raised the sum of \$500.

On December 5, 1896, the session closed with the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs; Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Betts; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Gibbons; Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs; Austin District, Mrs. J. S. Woods; Columbus District, Miss M. E. Means; Dallas District, Mrs. E. A. Roberts; San Antonio District, Anna Bolding; Waco District, Mrs. M. J. Swann.

#### A NEW YEAR'S APPEAL.

To all Devout Christian Tobacco Chewers, Smokers and Snuff-Dippers, East, West, North and South:

Dearly Beloved: The time for new resolutions is nearly upon us. If the Lord lets us all live, many of us will before entering upon the New Year resolve to be purer, better men and women, will resolve to give up the pleasures but foolish tobacco habit. Hear me! Bishop McCabe is reported to have found that 400,000 persons in the Methodist Episcopal Church spend \$3,000 daily for snuff, cigars and tobacco. Beloved: If 300,00 of you will stop the use of tobacco for one day only and will give us the money thus saved, we will guarantee to put Mallalieu Seminary in a condition where it will not be necessary to ask for another dollar for forty years.

Can it be true that you are really spending \$40,000 daily in smoking, chewing and snuff-dipping?

Brethren: If you will all stop one day and give us the money thus saved we will build and equip a new boarding house, furnish our dormitory complete, provide all necessary and much needed furnishings for our school building and then say to all the children of our brethren in white, come and enjoy the advantages of the best school in Southern Alabama.

This is written in the hope that many will turn from the idol and give us the savings of one day, one month or one year. Try it, brother.

This invitation is extended to all Christian believers of every name.

Reform beloved, and write us at once and enclose your gift. We hope to have a long list of names and much money come to us in January, 1897. Address, Rev. George M. Hamlen, D. D., President Mallalieu Seminary, Kinsey, Henry County, Ala.

(Will other religious papers please copy?)

#### AN APPEAL FOR OUR WORN-OUT PREACHERS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1896.

Dear Brethren: We wish to call your attention to the lamentable falling off, year after year, in the money raised for the support of these faithful servants of the church, and as this number has already been increased this Conference year, by the deaths of Bros. William Johnson and Abraham Booker, thereby adding two widows to the roll, and as it is apparent that there will be several other brethren, who because of their age and ill-health, must be superannuated at our next session, and whose financial condition is such that they must become at once claimants before the Conference Board of Stewards, or else become objects of charity before the general public, therefore

We, your Presiding Elders, jointly and affectionately urge and insist that each pastor present this cause to his congregation, setting forth fully the pressing necessity of contributing more liberally to the support of these faithful and honored ones, who have spent the best years of their lives in the service of the church. A glance at the minutes will show in addition to the superannuates, that there is an alarmingly large list of brethren who could secure their support from the charges which they serve, that are regularly

claimants on the Conference Fund, many of whom never raised a cent for the same. We trust you will give this worthy cause the earnest, prayerful attention which it deserves. Respectfully yours.

Geo. A. Sissle,  
Joseph Courtney,  
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Edward L. Gillism,  
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#### PLAN OF VISITATION BY THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES OF THE SPRING CONFERENCES OF 1897.

Dr. Leonard or Dr. Palmer—Florida, St. John's River, Atlanta, Savannah, Alabama, Central Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia.

Dr. Smith—Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, Louisiana, Gulf Mission, Arkansas, Little Rock.

Dr. Leonard—Wilmington, New Jersey, East German, Lexington, New England, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Northern New York, Troy, Maine.

Dr. Palmer—Baltimore, Virginia, Washington, North Indiana, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Delaware, Newark, New York, North Dakota.

Dr. Smith—Kansas, South Kansas, St. Louis, Southwest Kansas, Central Missouri, Northwest Kansas, Missouri, New York East, New England Southern, Vermont, East Maine.

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P. A. Hall, pastor.

New Iberia, La.—Bro. Joseph Hole departed this life in full view of heaven, leaving a wife, two sons and five daughters to mourn his departure. Aged, 58 years. A. H. Banks, pastor.

Bastrop, La.—We held a service at Washington Chapel, November 15th, in honor of the memory of Rev. Stephen Priestley. Our memory was recalled, and we sadly lamented our bereavement of our ex-presiding Elder. But when the participants had expressed themselves with words appropriate to the occasion, we were made to feel that he is not lost, but awaits us in the land of Benah.

J. C. Fremont, Secretary.

Shelby, Miss.—On Nov. 20th, Sister Polly Ann Mitchell, a faithful member of Simpson Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life. She leaves a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. A. L. Coston, of the Baptist Church. J. H. Everett, pastor.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Jesse E. Price, son of Rev. J. P. Price, pastor of the M. E. Church at this place, died at his home October 21st, of typhoid fever. The funeral services were held at the church, after which his remains were laid to rest in the Gallatin Cemetery. The deceased, who was 16 years of age, was a member of the Epworth League, and was a kind boy and one beloved by all. He was sick one month, in which time he suffered greatly. Just before he died he called his father to his bedside and asked him to sing and have prayer, in which he joined. He attended school at Memphis, and several of the different schools in Nashville, after which he entered Central Tennessee College. The father and sisters have the sympathy of the entire community in the sad hour of their bereavement.

F. L. Harrison Sec'y Epworth League.

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**SOUTHWESTERN DAY: JANUARY 10th. -- SECOND SUNDAY.**

Since the paper is to be enlarged to a 16-page paper the first week in January we desire to enlist every one of our pastors and presiding elders to observe the second Sunday in January as **SOUTHWESTERN DAY**.

This will not interfere with your collections. We simply desire to get every pastor to unite in putting the matter of the proper support of our church paper on the hearts of our whole membership. The church expects it of us and all who do so will do a great service to the race. If every pastor will send us at least two new subscribers for a year or six months we shall feel that our enlargement is really appreciated. Announce it at once; let the people get ready for it. If you wish samples of the enlarged issue write at once and they will be mailed in time. Now, brethren, rally! One year \$1.25; six months 75 cents, and three months 50 cents.

**EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

The West Texas Conference is assembled in the town of Cuero, Dewitt County, Texas. This name gives a good many people trouble because they insist on saying Cu-ro, but Texans and Mexicans do not so pronounce it—they say Qua-ro, giving it the long sound.

Anyway Cuero has about 5,000 inhabitants, one-fifth of whom are Negroes; not a sufficient number to excite the fear of Negro domination—hence it is politically free—and yet it must be admitted that the one thousand have more influence in elections and really enjoy their rights to a greater extent than if they numbered four thousand and the whites only one thousand. Now if a Negro and white man came to blows the better man is allowed to whip, but if the condition as to the numbers were reversed, the Negro would have to be killed in order to intimidate others.

Our people here have one central school with an attendance of 240 pupils and four teachers. Prof. C. H. Griggs, a well balanced, well educated young man, is principal, with Prof. Daule, formerly of Prairie View, and two cultured young ladies as assistants. They are doing good work and the people seemed pleased with their services. There are four colored churches and another very important institution that is known as "The Colored Man's Joint Stock Association Store." It is, as its name implies, run by a company and patronized largely by the colored people of the town. They deal in family groceries and sell cheap for cash. In fact, it is understood to be a cash store and its patrons manage their affairs accordingly. Wise men they are! One lady informed us that she saved a great deal since she began trading for cash—now she only buys what she needs. Notwithstanding this store the relation of the races is very pleasant indeed.

The Conference is largely attended and the preachers have done a most excellent year's work. Rev. H. Swann, presiding elder of the Waco District, is closing his eleventh year as a presiding elder, and yet he seems as popular with the brethren as most presiding elders are the first year they serve. His District was divided at the last session and he took the part that was given him and raised \$200.00 more benevolent money than was raised the year before on the undivided district. We do not know whether to say this as an argument in favor of small districts or not, for few men can draw men to him and get the same amount of work out of them that Harry Swann can.

Rev. S. N. Smith was set aside as the Conference evangelist. He is a remarkably strong preacher and will no doubt do good work. This

will be greatly to his liking, for we think the principle trouble he has heretofore had in the church has grown out of the fact that a charge is not large enough for him—he wanted to travel.

The brethren took high ground on Southwestern matters. Aside from the usual resolutions which were passed, they pledged about 300 new subscribers by January 1st and not later than 15th; and, too, many of them "clubbed in" and paid for the paper for the family with whom they stopped. They gave us a good list of cash subscribers and many of them paid their bills cheerfully, so that taken altogether our collections there will be hard to beat.

The murder of Rev. J. T. Gibbons last August at Austin, where he was pastor, attracted much of the time and thought of the Conference. And we are sure it will be a great relief to Methodists everywhere to know that according to the testimony of such men as Revs. Mack Henson, Sam Gates and R. H. Ponton, who have watched the case quite closely and gathered all the information possible, the civil officers and physicians have settled them in the belief that Bro. Gibbons was the victim of jealousy and prejudice rather than any criminality on his part. The Conference as a whole is so thoroughly convinced of this that a fund is being raised to prosecute the murderer.

Some of our Conferences will have to look to their laurels, for the Standing Committees of the West Texas Conference made as fine a set of reports as it has been our good fortune to hear.

The treasurer reported as follows: Missions, \$1,302.00; Church Extension, \$118.00; Freedman's Aid, \$184.00; S. S. Union, \$69.00; Tracts, \$38.00; Education, \$44.00; Bible Society, \$24.00; Episcopal Fund, \$107.00; Conference Claimants, \$122.00; Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$124.00; General Conference Expenses, \$16.00; total, \$2, 148.00.

**A GIFTED TRIUMVIRATE.**

It is now evident to the whole church that our General Conference made no mistake in the selection of the corresponding secretaries of the Missionary Society.

Dr. Leonard, who is serving his third quadrennium, stands as of old fortified in his convictions, as brave and daring as a lion and yet as tender and sympathetic as a woman. His magnificent voice is as trumpet like as ever and his general appearance that of a veritable Hercules.

Dr. Palmer, the little man eloquent, has taken hold of his new work with a view and relish that indicate the complete consecration of his splendid gifts to the cause of missions and the church.

He is giving himself wholly to his business and is laboring to make the highest possible success of the work in hand. The brethren whose Conferences he has attended are delighted with the service rendered.

Dr. Smith is a plodder and seems never to tire while performing his duty. With him duty is God-given and requires both devotion and piety. He knows what to do and what to say to interest people who ought to give. Brotherly and patient to a most fitting degree and yet when his cause demands it, he throws himself into the battle with that daring and earnestness which moves things before him.

With these men the great mission cause of the church is safe; let every minister labor with them and pray for them, that the triumph of their cause may be speedy and complete.

**DR. MASON'S GREAT PLAN.**

We publish in another column Dr. Mason's plan to secure a special contribution from our people for the Freeman's Aid Society of One Hundred Dollars. We know of nothing we can do for ourselves and the church that would be more fitting and more elevating and helpful. He mentions how fittingly it would be that we should make such an offering and we desire that you consider also how elevating and helpful. We have often heard it said that "Nothing succeeds like success," and we believe that success brings success because it inspires one with confidence and self-reliance. Should we once realize that we can accomplish such a magnificent undertaking as that proposed, our weakness and poverty will never successfully hinder us again. Thus we should learn our ability to do, and add one

achievement to another in such rapid succession that the gateway to commerce and successful business venture would forever hereafter stand open before us. Read it, brethren, read it on your knees; then read it to your people.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Bishop Vincent is off for South America and will be absent till next Spring.

Bishop Walden will preside at the Louisiana Conference instead of Bishop Fowler.

Mr. Charles Crisp, of Georgia, who has been elected to succeed his father in Congress, is only twenty-six years of age.

Rev. James Miller, pastor in Bloomington, Ill., was found dead in Decatur, Ill., on the morning of the 24 ult., whither he had gone to visit his son. He is supposed to have committed suicide.

Rev. M. D. C. Crawford, D. D., one of the ancient landmarks of New York Methodism, passed away in his seventy-eighth year in the closing days of November. He was an able man and has been greatly honored by his brethren.

Mr. C. J. Bell, Washington, D. C., has been appointed Chairman of the committee which is to have charge of the inaugural ceremonies next March. The Republicans have established permanent headquarters in the Clover building, No. 1419 F. Street, Washington.

Dr. G. R. Townsend, who is an "original McKinley man," is an applicant for Postmaster of his town, Victoria, Texas. He is endorsed by many of the leading citizens of both races. The Doctor is honest, sturdy and thoroughly capable in every respect. We certainly hope he may receive the appointment.

We learn that Rev. C. O. Fisher, D. D., of Savannah Conference, is quite sick at his home in Oxford, Ga. May it please the Lord that his life be spared.

Rev. M. C. McEwen informs us that the Rev. A. G. Houston, pastor Starkville, Miss., died on the morning of the 7th inst. His remains were interred at Holly Springs.

The editor has been absent from the office for two weeks in the interest of the paper, but he is now on hand to wade through some of his accumulated exchanges.

**THE TWO YEARS COMPARED.**

Year before last the Colored Conferences collected for Missions, Freedman's Aid and Church Extension, the three great benevolent societies of the church, \$26,775.00; for the last year, which closed October 31st they collected \$28,324.00, an advance during these hard times of \$1,549.00. We give these figures not only for our own benefit but that others may form an idea of the development of our work. At present we contribute about twice as much for Missions as for Freedman's Aid, and twice as much for the latter cause as for Church Extension. When it is remembered that these figures are the result of the efforts put forth by our pastors, many of whom have neither gifts, information nor special adaptation for such work, and some of whom never saw a missionary secretary, and as a matter of course never heard of one, the achievement deserves mention to say the least. Our field simply needs cultivation, proper training and encouragement.

The programmes are out announcing the First Mid-Winter Educational Council at Prairie View State Normal School, Prairie View, Texas. The programme is a strong one and the meeting ought to be extremely profitable.

The Dorchester Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston, is eighty years old, and celebrated its birthday with appropriate exercises November 29 to December 4.

The Second General Assembly of Evangelical Workers in Mexico will be held January 27-31, 1897. Such a meeting will no doubt strengthen the bonds of sympathy between those engaged in mission work in that country.

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### Balance of the Year Free to New Annual Subscribers.

All annual subscriptions received between now and January 1 will be credited to January, 1898.

Let the pastors announce this offer in their pulpits and push the canvass to the utmost. No time of the year is so favorable as this.

There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

### Cash Remittances.

From Dec 7 to 14.

F. R. Jeanke	Mrs. Frank Walker, 1
D. W. B. Ainer	M. M. A. A. A. 1
J. M. Johnson	O. H. Fowers
W. M. Neil	D. M. Seay
M. H. Wilkins	H. Taylor
J. A. Evans	J. C. Adams, 1
S. Duncan	W. C. Clay, 2
G. J. Dobson, 6	J. A. Gillery, 3
Wm. Heenan	I. L. Pratt, 1
Con. Tenn. College	T. G. Montgomery
J. H. Pierce	J. W. Davis
J. C. Duff	Wm. Bell, 3
E. H. Scott	Mrs. G. Trotter
L. B. Smith, 1	P. F. Robinson, 2
E. D. Reed	C. C. Robinson, 2
B. H. Forest	E. W. Osburn
G. G. Goldston	O. W. Crump, 1
Wm. Roberts, 3	H. Henderson
M. T. Fairfax	M. White, 1
Wm. Porter	G. B. McLean, 4
R. R. O'Neil, 12	M. W. Dogan
Wm. Bartley, 2	J. I. Gilman, 2
F. Parker, 12	E. Henderson, 1
H. Swann, 4	A. Johnson, 1
F. L. Kirkpatrick, 1	Mack Houston, 1
L. H. Richardson, 1	G. R. Bryant, 1
B. J. Goff, 1	Wm. Moore, 1
A. S. Bettany, 2	J. H. Hallford, 1
G. Norman, 4	B. I. Adams, 1
W. Harper, 1	B. F. Smith, 1
W. Tex. Conference, 50	

\* Yearly.  
† Part yearly.

Please bear in mind that after January 1 our rates, on three and six months' subscription will be somewhat higher, but no change in the annual. Up to January 1, the present rates will prevail; so it will be wise for those who think they cannot subscribe for a full year, to hurry in their subscriptions.

The twelfth annual issue of the Columbia Pad Calendar has made its appearance. It contains a unique arrangement of dates that will prove convenient to busy men, and plenty of space is allowed for memoranda.

### MERIDIAN ACADEMY.

The Meridian, Mississippi, Academy still increases in numbers. Everything is working smoothly. Our enrollment up to date is 212. With a commodious building 350 students could be easily enrolled. Faculty and trustees are happy and things are on the upward move. J. L. Wilson.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

The Alpha Pub. Co., Boston, Mass., who publish "Babyland" (enlarged) at 50 cents a year, and "Little Men and Women" at \$1.00 a year, announce many new and good things for the coming year. These magazines brighten a home where there are little folks, and exert a wholesome influence that will go with them through life.

W. A. Wilde & Co., Broomfield St., Boston, Mass., publish for Sunday Schools: Little's One's Quarterly, 12c; Junior, 12c; Teachers' Edition of same, 40c; International, 20c; Senior, 20c; Teachers' edition of same, 40c; Scholars', 20c; Home Department, 25c. All quarterly.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The 24th Annual Session of the above named Conference convened at Cuero, Texas, Dec. 3rd, 1896. Bishop W. X. Ninde presided in his usually fatherly and painstaking way.

Andrew Foster was elected Secretary, N. J. Johnson, assistant. J. W. H. Pinckney was chosen Statistical Secretary, with an assistant from each district.

A. Brown was elected Treasurer, with G. R. Bryant assistant.

The Bishop announced a draft on the Book Concern for \$612, and one on the Charter fund for \$22.00. They were ordered.

The 18th question was called and presiding elders Moses Smith, W. F. Smith, D. C. Laey, E. Henderson and Harry Swann reported their districts. It was soon made evident that each Elder had been abundant in labors and their brethren and districts strengthened accordingly. The effective Elders were called and "nothing against him" rang out in each case except S. W. Smith, who had been suspended for interfering with Rev. A. Jackson's work by preaching a funeral in the same town in the church of a sister denomination. His case was referred to a special committee of inquiry which restored him.

The deaths for the year were S. Seruggs and J. T. Gibbons members, and H. L. Armstrong, a probationer of the Conference. R. H. Duncan, W. F. Waters, T. L. Kirkpatrick and Edward Johnson were received on trial; Nelson Davis was discontinued. N. H. Townsend and L. H. Richardson were received into full connection. The following young men were ordained deacons: F. L. Kirkpatrick, Lee Harvey, Edward Johnson, J. S. Wyatt, A. J. Warren, John Franklin and J. W. Stone. Only one was ordained an Elder, N. J. Johnson. The supernumary preachers are: Morton Lott, J. Buell, Jas. Jarmon, A. Lockhart, Green Bragner and E. Jones. At their own request, C. L. Madison and G. W. Townsend were made effective and assigned to work.

The Conference voted 57 for the admission of women and 3 against; on Equal Lay representation, the vote was none for and 59 against.

The Conference is the "Ne plus ultra" of our work, for there is indeed nothing beyond in our work in this country, and yet it had a number of visitors representing different interests, and not a few who dropped in to pay their respects.

Dr. W. A. Speneer came with word and song, and greatly inspired all hearts with the account he gave of the Church Extension work; Dr. Geo. P. Mains, one of our Eastern publishing agents, made his story of book-making, buying and selling, so interesting and instructive that several expressed themselves as thinking more of the Book Concern than ever before; Rev. O. I. Jones pleaded for the S. S. Union and Sunday Schools the year round; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen made a masterly plea for an educated ministry and an increased interest in the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, and the Editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate sought to show the Conference just how much depends upon the proper support of their only official organ. Rev. A. H. P. McCurdy, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. J. H. Thompson of the Congregational Church, Hon. R. L. Smith and a number of others were introduced to the Conference.

Prof. M. W. Dogan, A. M., President of Wiley University dropped in on Friday and in his addresses Friday night and Saturday morning made a good impression on the Conference.

Sunday was a great day for our Methodist people and they came by the hundreds to witness the interesting and profitable exercises.

The Bishop read the following list of appointments Monday forenoon:


### AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Moses Smith, P. E., Postoffice, Austin Texas.

Simpson Tabernacle ... T. S. McMorris  
Wesley Chapel ... Andrew Foster  
Austin Circuit ... Samuel Gates  
Belton and Kell Branch ... A. M. Mason  
Burnet, Liberty Hill and Round Rock ...  
... A. M. Roach  
Cedar Creek and Mt. Zion ... B. I. Adams  
Dayville Circuit ... John Neal  
George town and Bailey ... W. H. Mosbey  
Giddings, Lexington and Ledbetter ...  
... T. D. Huff

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San Marcos and Kyle ... to be supplied  
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... James Hutcherson  
Taylor, Granger and Brushy ...  
... A. S. Bethany  
Luling ... A. Jackson  
West Point, Smithville and Bastrop ...  
... R. H. Duncan  
Winchester and Salem ... W. H. Stevens

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Columbus ... M. S. Jordan  
Columbus Circuit ... G. W. Nevils  
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Fayetteville and Industry ... A. Dickerson  
Flatonia and Schulenburg ... J. K. Betts  
Hallettsville and Adam's Branch ...  
... J. W. Weakly  
La Grange and Ellinger ... G. A. Shanklin  
La Grange Circuit ... Isaac Smith  
Oakland and Brown's Chapel ...  
... J. H. Swann  
Sublime ... G. W. Townsend  
Victoria ... N. J. Johnson  
Weimar and Dry Branch ... J. W. Gilmore  
Wharton and Caney ... to be supplied  
Yoakum, Sweet Home and Moulton ...  
... Wm. Murray

### DALLAS DISTRICT.

D. C. Laey, P. E.  
Blooming Grove and Antioch ...  
... John Bickham  
Corsicana, Dawson and Hubbard ...  
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Deuison and Pilot Point ... T. S. Moore  
Dallas, St. Paul ... Alfred Brown  
Fort Worth and Wills' Chapel ...  
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Gatesville and Valley Mills ...  
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Pleasanton and Rossville ...  
... George Pleasant  
Floresville ... J. W. Stone  
Goliad, Corpus Christi and Beeville ...  
... P. B. Bennett  
Fannin Circuit ... Isaac Walker  
Cuero and Yorktown ... C. P. Westbrooks  
Gonzales ... J. T. Jacobs  
Gonzales Circuit ... N. H. Townsend  
Belmont ... P. V. Crawford  
Seguin, Olmus and Ben Allen ...  
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Groesbeek Circuit ... Joseph Harriford  
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Marlin and Bowman Chapel ...  
... J. W. H. Pinkney  
Mexia Circuit ... Enoch Cogswell  
Mooreville ... Wm. Reed  
Lampasas and San Saba ... to be supplied  
Maysfield, Port Sullivan and St. ...  
... Luke ... A. G. Lynch  
Waco: Andrews, New Zion and ...  
Majors ... to be supplied, H. C. Cooper  
Waco: Mt. Zion and Sweet Home ...  
... L. H. Richardson  
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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Columbia, Miss.: Our Fourth and last Quarterly Conference was at Zion Ridge M. E. Church, Oct. 17th and 18th, 1896, with Rev. L. L. Pratt presiding in the chair. He preached a soul-stirring sermon and gave the Sacrament to 116. We paid the P. E. off for the year, and paid the pastor for the quarter, \$100.70; for Benevolents, \$31, and two new subscribers for the Southwestern. All reports show that the work is progressing on all lines. A new church has been organized with forty-eight members, all converts but three. The Lord is with us and blessed us in our revival this year. Seventy-three have joined the church this year and fifty-four of these are converts. Twenty-four children were baptized. We are moving on slowly, but surely.

C. R. Cotten, Mashulaville Circuit: I wish to say something concerning our pastor, W. S. Leake. He is a man sent from God. He has gone forth with courage and built us a new church. He is the very man to be here, the people love him. I hope the Bishop, after this year will send him back to us. He seems to mean business. He has labored hard this year to complete New Zion Church.

H. Adams, P. C., Heflin, Ala.: When I came here we had no church. We have built a good church and want to finish by Conference. This is my fourth year on the Heflin charge.

W. E. Mitchell, P. C., Morristown, Tenn., East Tennessee Conference: I am glad to say that Thanksgiving was a happy day with us. Our services were well attended; we had a crowded house. Our beloved presiding elder, Owen Hypshire, was with us, and several of our preaching brethren, who assisted us in our Thanksgiving services, and the Lord was with us to bless. At dinner the turkey was absent, but the chicken answered in its place. At night the ladies gave a birthday feast and realized \$15.52. God bless the Southwestern Christian Advocate that it may find its way into every home.

S. Bell, P. C., Franklinton, La.: At our fourth Quarterly Conference we had a tidal wave to roll over us. S. Duncan, our presiding elder, was with us four days and preached eight sermons. He baptized seven persons by sprinkling and one by immersion and also eleven children. We took in six probationers and nine in full membership. This year this charge has been brought from nothing to something. We paid pastor \$75 and presiding elder \$22.00 and raised for benevolences \$12.00. Our Sabbath Schools are in good condition under the leadership of S. V. Taylor and Brown as superintendents. We are in good spirit. The Lord has blessed us this year. Pray for us.

John Wilson, Pastor, Centerville and Mississippi Conference: My fourth Quarterly Conference convened October 28, Rev. A. M. Trotter in the chair. All members answered to the roll call but three. This is my third year on this circuit. We can say it is the best. Twenty-five conversions; accessions, 52; paid to pastor, \$120. The Southwestern was not forgotten. I will send you some names soon.

Pohn Wilson, Pastor, Centerville and Verdenville: The members came together and made the elder's heart glad with many good things and they were received on Thanksgiving Day. Thank the Lord and the members; also call again, dear friends and we will welcome you each time. We will send in some subscribers shortly. Each Sunday the Southwestern is talked for by the pastor.

Y. A. Hall, P. C., Newport, Ark.: The fourth Sunday in this month was set apart as rally day in the interest of our church in this city. Rev. W. R. Duncan, of Little Rock, was with us and preached two of his best sermons. The committees reported as follows: Julia McKinley, \$5.36; Mollie Brown, \$5.00; Susan Yundell, \$2.15; Violet Robinson, \$2.10; G. A. Hall, \$4.00; Susan Dukes, \$5.00; Robert Roseman, 65 cents. Other persons gave the following amounts: George Chatman, \$1.00; Hattie Thomas, \$1.00; Sister Turner, \$1.00; W. W. Sherrill, 50 cents; Bettie Love, 50 cents; Julia Curry, 75 cents; Taylor Buckingham, 25 cents; Nabble Burd, 50 cents; Violet Robinson, 25 cents; Nannie Nash, 25 cents; Willie Slay, 25 cents; Mr. Owden, 25 cents. Others whose names will not appear gave liberally. The total collection for the day, after all the committees had reported, amounted to the sum of \$40.00 in cash. We are now preparing to have a grand time on debt-paying day. Our next District Conference will convene in this city, and we are now trying to build a new church by the time of the District Conference, at a cost of \$800. The Lord is with us, and the old church of our choice will soon take the front ranks in this city.

N. L. Lackey, Pastor, Euporia, Miss.: We found the work in quite a shabby condition, owing to the people not being disciplined. But since we began to understand each other everything is on the up-grade. We have bought and paid for seats for two churches and built one of the finest Colored churches in this Webster County, not only built it, but paid for same within \$49.00, all of which we want to pay by Conference; the house is worth more than \$500.00 cash. The people had a mind to work, hence they have a fine church to serve God in. The people had a free-will offering to pastor yesterday (Sunday). Please publish these names and the amounts. I gave my pledge for 15 subscriptions and will do all I can to secure them by the Conference. We have added 41 precious souls, excluded 71 good-for-nothing souls. Raised \$45.00 for Benevolents. Paid Presiding Elder \$48.75. We have done one of the hardest year's work in our ministerial life.

(We regret we cannot publish list of names.—Ed.)

L. H. Nixon, P. C., Eutaw, Ala.: My Fourth Quarterly Conference convened Nov. 21-22. Rev. F. L. Teague, presiding elder, was on time as usual. And as the officers and members have learned that he was a man of business, and means business, they were on time, and each reported intelligently, as well as satisfactorily. The presiding elder preached us 3 sermons; the one at 11 a. m. at Springfield and the other at 3 p. m. in Eutaw were soul-stirring sermons. Collections for the quarter were as follows: for P. C., \$180.00; for P. E.,

\$22.40; for Benevolence, \$25.00. Conversions, 7; Accessions, 7. My work is spiritually alive. The Southwestern Christian Advocate has been well represented by both the P. C. and the P. E. I have quite a number of subscribers but I have not the money. I say to them and will say again: No Money, No Paper!

F. J. Jacobs, P. C., Foulkes, Tenn., Mr. Editor: I would like to speak to pastors and tell them my converts assist in raising benevolent collection at Fowlkes. I have five little girls and one little boy. They give what we call mite offerings, and they raised \$3.65 for benevolence. If six children raised that much, what can the whole church do with 65 members? Brothers we must do something for the church this year. I raised \$4.00 in two weeks after the Annual Conference. My first Quarterly Conference was the second Sunday in November. We raised \$4.00. Paid presiding elder \$7.00. Paid pastor \$5.00. My church is in good spiritual condition.

A. Butler, Pastor, Meridian, Miss.: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held on time with Rev. A. M. Trotter, elder, in the chair. Reports of the leaders showed prosperity on all lines. 13 conversions and \$13 Benevolent money, one subscriber and two churches covered and old debts paid. We will send more subscribers soon.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DEC 27, 1896

## FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Golden Text.—Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccles. 12: 13.

## Lesson Facts.

1. What promise did David make, and to whom? What three officers did he summon? Where were they to anoint Solomon? What response did the people make?
2. Who appeared to Solomon? How? Where? What was the king bidden to do? What was Solomon's choice? What was given to him that he did not ask? What is the first in true wisdom?
3. What is said of Solomon's possessions? What of his wisdom? How many proverbs and songs did he write? Of what subjects did he speak? How can one be sure of real honor?
4. Why were the proverbs spoken? To whose counsel should one give heed? To whom should never yield? Whose way should we avoid? What will befall such sinners?
5. What king helped Solomon with the temple? What help did Solomon ask? What did Solomon give in return? Who was the real builder of the temple?
6. How much of God's promise failed? What did Solomon desire of the Lord? What did he exhort the people to do? What offering did Solomon make? Who dwelt in the temple?
7. Who again appeared to Solomon? What promise was made to the obedient? What penalty was declared for disobedience? To whom should Israel become a byword? What effect has God's blessings?
8. What good is promised to the obedient? What guide should we choose? Whom should we honor? how? and why? What is the best possession one can secure?
9. Who came to test Solomon's wisdom? What did the queen see? What did she say? What did she give? Who is greater than this king?
10. Who turned Solomon to sin? What was his sin? Who was angry at this? What penalty was pronounced for this evil? What token of mercy was promised? What warning should we heed?
11. Whose fear is a prevention of sin? Whose company should be shunned? What will overtake the drunkard? What wise purchase should be made? Who then will rejoice?
12. Who journeyed far to see Jesus? For whom did they inquire? Where was Jesus born? How were the wise men guided to Jesus? What did they give to him? What said an angel about his birth?

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Local mail..... 9:50 pm	Local mail..... 6:40 am
Chicago limited, 7:20 pm	Chicago limited, 8:00 am
Fast mail..... 7:40 am	Fast mail..... 7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati.	
Fast mail..... 7:40 am	Fast mail..... 7:25 pm
Louisville and Cincinnati, Limited.	
No. 3..... 7:20 pm	No. 4..... 8:00 am
McComb City Accommodation.	
No. 31..... 8:35 am	No. 32..... 5:15 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.	
No. 5, Memphis Express..... 10:30 am	No. 6, Memphis Express..... 4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg Express..... 5:30 pm	Vicksburg Express..... 8:10 am
No. 33, Baton Rouge acc..... 10:00 am	No. 34, Baton Rouge acc..... 3:15 pm
Louisville and Nashville.	
No. 8, fast ex..... 7:40 am	No. 6, fast mail..... 7:10 am
No. 7, coast acc..... 8:50 am	No. 4, fast ex..... 9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex..... 6:50 pm	No. 8, coast acc..... 3:30 pm
No. 5, fast mail..... 8:30 pm	No. 2, lim. ex..... 7:50 pm
Sunday ex..... 9:30 pm	Sunday ex..... 7:50 am
Texas and Pacific.	
No. 52, Ft. Worth and Cal. ex..... 6:55 pm	No. 53, Cal. ex..... 8:15 am
No. 51, Hot Sp'gs express..... 9:15 am	No. 51, Hot Sp'gs express..... 7:20 pm
Queen & Crescent Route.	
No. 1, Cincinnati and New York..... 11:55 am	Cincinnati and New York..... 8:20 pm
No. 3, local..... 6:20 am	Local..... 7:30 am
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Texas and Mexico	California ex..... 9:15 am
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California ex..... 6:55 am	fast mail..... 8:35 pm

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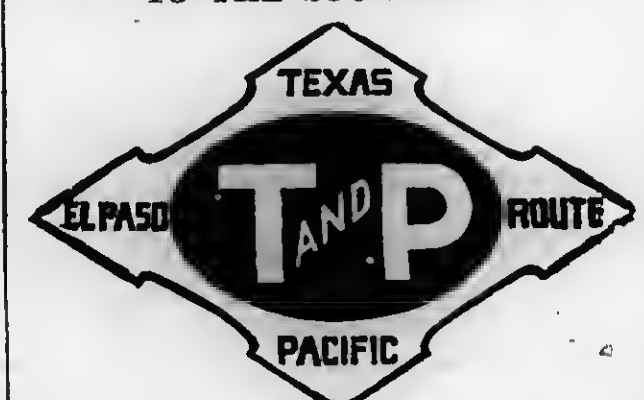
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6 Fast Mail..... 7:10 am		3 Fast Ex..... 7:35 am	
4 Fast Ex..... 9:45 am		7 Coast acc..... 8:55 am	
8 Coast acc..... 3:30 pm		1 Lim. Ex..... 5:00 pm	
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Fourth Round.	December.		
Troy	26 29	Dayton	26 27
Xenia	29	Yellow Springs	31
January.			
Springfield	21	Delaware	45
Rushsylvania	6	Lorain	6
Oberlin	7 8	Cleveland	9 10
Zanesville	25 26	Georgetown	20
Bridgeport	11 12	Bellaire	16 17
Marion's Ferry	13 14	Steubenville	23 24
Cadiz	21 22	Newark	27 28
Findlay	15	Mt. Pleasant	18 19
Columbus			30 31
February.			
Ripley	10	Portsmouth	12
Ironton	3 4	Louisa	5
Vancough	8	Mayaville	6 7
Aberdeen	9	Dover	10
Angusta	12	Laurel	13 14
New Richmond	14	Lindsey Chapel	15
Batawie	17 18	Walnut Hills	19 21
Milford			27 28
March.			
Cumminsville	4 5	Westwood	6 7
Cleveland	1	Cincinnati, 9th st.	7 8
Rising Sun Ind.	2 3	Covington	13 14
Madisonville	20 21	College Hill	21
Mt. Heath	21	Pendleton	15
		M. S. Johnson, P. E.	

#### Waco District.

First Round.	December.		
Maxia	19 20	Groesbeck	26 27
January.			
Bremont	21	Calvert	9 10
Mayfield	16 17	Marlin	23 24
Moorville			30 31
February.			
Lampasas			6 7
Andrew's New Zion, Waco			6 7
Mt. Zion, Waco	13 14	Hillsboro, Waco	20 21
St. James, Waco			27 28
March.			
Spring Hill, East Waco			6 7

Dear Brethren—Please have all the quarterly conference officers and committees out in full force, that we may arrange our plans for a year of success. We did well last year, and by the help of the Master we want to do better this year.

Harry Swann, P. E.

#### Austin District.

First Round.	December.		
Simpson Tabernacle			26 27
January.			
Barnet, Liberty Hill and Round Rock			2 3
Austin Circuit			6 7
Temple, Troy and Rockdale			9 10
Belton and Bell Branch			16 17
Taylor, Granger and Brushy			16 17
Manor and Little			23 24
Cedar Creek and Mount Zion			30 31
February.			
Lockhart and Bright's Chapel			6 7
Luling			13 14
West Point, Smithville and Bastrop			17 18
Winchester and Salem			20 21
Giddings and Lexington			27 28
		Moses Smith, P. E.	

#### Dallas District.

First Round.	December.		
Milford and Italy			19 20
January.			
Bloomington Grove and Antioch			2 3
Corleane and Hubbard			9 10
Gateville and Valley Mills			16 17
Fert Worth	23 24	Denon	30 31
February.			
Denon and Pilot Point			6 7
Sherman	13 14	McKinney	20 21
Lancaster			27 28
March.			
Zanis	6 7	Dallas	13 15
		D. C. Lacy, P. E.	

#### St. Joe District, Mo.

Fourth Round.	January.		
Fulton	23	New Bloomfield et.	8 7

Danville circuit	9 10	Columbia	16 17
Starkeco	23 24	Moberly	24 25
Higbee and Yates circuit			30 31
February.			
Seabree et.	3 4	Fayette	6 7
New Franklin et.	10	Glasgow et.	13 14
Glasgow station	20 21	Armstrong et.	27 28
March.			
Huntsville et.	6 7	Richmond	10 10
Klingston	12	St. Joe	13 14
		J. J. Clark, P. E.	

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Columbus, Ga.—M. W. Richard and Hattie Sibbie, members of our church, were married on November 18th. We had a grand time. Wm. Ector officiated.

Dainersfield, Tex.—Mr. Thomas Gilbert and Miss Mary Whitfield were married on November 26th; and Mr. Sandy Barnes and Lula Yarbber on December 3d. W. E. Hutchinson officiated.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Fils Domenge and Miss Nicy Ferries were married on December 17th. A. H. Banks officiated.

New Hope, Miss.—Mr. W. H. Holloway lead to Hymen's altar one of Copiah's timid exes, on November 14th, after which the bridal party repaired to the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker, and participated in the dainties. At 3:4 p. m., they went on a bridal trip to New Orleans, at which place they expect to make their future home. A. Reid officiated.

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FOR 1897.

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Alabama—Hedon, Ala.	Jan. 23	.....	Foss
Arkansas—Stuttgart, Ark.	Jan. 21	.....	Andrews
Atlanta—Atlanta, Ga.	Jan. 21	.....	Foss
Baltimore—Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 3	.....	Mallalien
Central Alabama—Opelika, Ala.	Feb. 4	.....	Foss
Central Missouri—Kansas City, Mo.	Mar. 10	.....	Cranston
Central Penn.—Clearfield, Pa.	Mar. 25	.....	Ninde
Delaware—Easton, Md.	Mar. 25	.....	Ninde
East German—Bornton, Pa.	Mar. 25	.....	Walden
East Maine—Carleton, Me.	April 23	.....	Mallalien
Florida—Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 14	.....	H. rat
Georgia—Tallahassee, Ga.	Jan. 21	.....	Foss
Gulf Mission—Jannings, La.	Jan. 21	.....	Fowler
Kansas—Manhattan, Kan.	Mar. 3	.....	McCabe
Lexington—Springfield, O.	April 1	.....	Cranston
Little Rock—Forrest City, Ark.	Jan. 28	.....	Andrews
Louisiana—Donaldsonville, La.	Jan. 14	.....	Fowler
Maine—Portland, Me.	April 14	.....	Mallalien
Mississippi—Jackson, Miss.	Jan. 6	.....	Fowler
Missouri—Bethany, Mo.	Mar. 24	.....	Cranston
New England—Lowell, Mass.	April 7	.....	Fowler
N. E. South'n—So. Manchester, Conn.	April 14	.....	Newman
New Hampshire—Manchester, N. H.	April 8	.....	Ninde
New Jersey—Trenton, N. J.	Mar. 24	.....	Warren
New York—Slog Sing, N. Y.	April 7	.....	Meirill
New York East—Brooklyn, N. Y.	April 7	.....	Walden
Newark—Newark, N. J.	April 7	.....	Andrews
North Dakota—Park River, N. D.	April 22	.....	Merrill
North Indiana—Kokomo, Ind.	Mar. 17	.....	Merrill
North New York—Watertown, N. Y.	April 14	.....	Warren
Northwest Kansas—Beloit Kan.	Mar. 24	.....	McCabe
Philadelphia—Bethlehem, Pa.	Mar. 17	.....	Newman
St. John's River—Tarpon Springs, Fla.	Jan. 21	.....	Hurst
St. Louis—Nevada, Mo.	Mar. 10	.....	Cranston
Savannah—Savannah, Ga.	Jan. 28	.....	Hurst
South Carolina—Columbia, S. C.	Feb. 8	.....	Hurst
South Kansas—Pittsburg, Kan.	Mar. 10	.....	McCabe
S. W. Kansas—Winfield, Kan.	Mar. 17	.....	McCabe
Troy—Schenectady, N. Y.	April 14	.....	Ninde
Upper Mississippi—Grandwood, Jan.	14	.....	Andrews
Vermont—Springfield, Vt.	April 15	.....	Walden
Virginia—Roanoke, Va.	Mar. 11	.....	Mallalien
Washington—Annapolis, Md.	Mar. 10	.....	Newman
Wilmington—Chestertown, Md.	Mar. 17	.....	Walden
Wyoming—Oneonta, N. Y.	April 7	.....	Warren

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## EMANCIPATION HYMN

By Rev. Jos. Wheeler.

Tune—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee;"  
or "America."

O God of love and grace,  
Smile on our rising race  
Most graciously;  
Thou who doth nations bless,  
Give to our race success,  
Help us when in distress  
To trust in thee.

Thy hand has led us on,  
Through troubles dark and long.  
Stand by us still;  
Grant that no weapon formed,  
May do thy people harm;  
O Lord by thy strong arm,  
Save us from ill.

Then, when we did complain,  
Didst break the mighty chain  
Of slavery;  
Sin brought us bondage's night;  
Thou sent us Freedom's light,  
Thou wilt stand by the right,  
And liberty.

Hear thou our prayer and song;  
Guide by thine arm so strong,  
Our destiny;  
Thou who for right doth stand,  
Hold back Oppression's hand,  
Give peace to Freedom's land  
Eternally.

We shall exalted be,  
If we stand up for thee,  
O Christ our King!  
With thankful hearts to-day,  
We grateful homage pay;  
And of all blessings say,  
Thou art the Spring.

## RING OUT.

By FRANK H. SWEET.

Ring out—ring out! ye happy bells, and make a joyous day.  
For Christ the child has come to us and we would have him stay;  
Make ev'ry hill and valley ring, fill earth and sky with cheer,  
For we who have received the Christ would show him welcome here.



Abraham Lincoln.

act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the Gracious favor of Almighty God.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States, the eighty-seventh.

By the President,

(L. S.) Abraham Lincoln.

Wm. H. Seward,

Secretary of State.

## NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.

Students that are to be examined in the fourth year course of study, will please be present at the seat of Conference, Wednesday, Jan. 13th, at 1 o'clock p. m. Come prepared for oral and written examination.

E. W. Osburn,

D. G. Butler,

Committee.

Please bear in mind that after January 1 our rates on three and six months' subscription will be somewhat higher, but no change in the annual. Up to January 1, the present rates will prevail; so it will be wise for those who think they cannot subscribe for a full year, to hurry in their subscriptions.

## PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Whereas, on the 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any states, or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be, then, thenceforth, and forever free, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act, or acts, to repress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January, aforesaid by proclamation, designate the states, if any, in which the people whereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any state, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States, by members chosen thereof at election wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such state have participated, shall in absence of strong, counter-acting testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such state, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual, armed rebellion against the Authority and Government of the United States, and as a fit

necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaim for the full period of one hundred days, from the first day above mentioned, order and designate as the states, and parts of states, wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day, in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (excepting the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Marie, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans,) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elisabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) and which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated states, and parts of states, are, and henceforth shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people, so declared free, to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them, that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this line.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Thought moves the world.

Muscle is the slave of brain.

To-morrow is Christmas, how will you spend it?

The Editor is away this week attending his Conference in Texas.

To go and get drunk because it is Christmas seems to us to be altogether out of place.

Bishop Fitzgerald goes to Mexico next month to look after the interests of our missions there.

Virtue and poverty are not entire strangers, but under all circumstances they are not as closely related as they might be.

The 37th anniversary of the death of John Brown was recently commemorated by our people in Newport, R. I.

Be sober and strong; how would you appreciate having thousands of people get drunk just because it is your birthday?

Christmas day should be a day of worship and prayer. Nothing is more appropriate and helpful. Worship for the gift of a Saviour and salvation through him, and pray that you may be enabled to give yourself wholly to him.

The New York Age says there are ten Afro-Americans in the legislature of North Carolina. That fact, together with the election of a Congressman, puts North Carolina ahead on this line.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FAMINE IN INDIA.

Letters received at the Missionary office give an appalling account of the famine now prevailing in parts of India, especially in the north and north-west. The destitution of the people has made it necessary to give up holding their annual camp meetings, where for years past such great results have been achieved in the conversion of the heathen and in the building up of Christians in the faith of the Gospel. Many of our people are suffering very seriously, notwithstanding the aid the missionaries are able to afford. Hundreds of children are to be seen in the bazaars picking up grain or anything that can be used as food. Some of them stagger as they walk. Many of these could be gathered into our schools and into our orphanage if the missionaries had the means with which to support them. A father was found lying on a bank dying of starvation who offered his son to a missionary, provided he would take the father, too. Arrangements were made to have the father sent to a hospital and the boy was fed by the native preacher in the village. Sometimes grain merchants scatter a few handfuls of grain among a crowd of children, and then there is an awful struggle, the stronger ones overpowering the weaker. The cries of hungry people for food in darkness at railroad stations is often heartrending. Parents take their children to the missionaries offering to give them away. Often deserted children apply at the missionary residences for relief. Something should be done by our people in America to help these starving Methodists in India. Money sent to the undersigned at the Missionary Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, will be promptly forwarded.

A. R. Leonard.

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER.

By Tom.

Rev. L. J. Valentine, presiding elder, Alexandria District reports the district in an improving condition. The congregations are working with apparently new interest. He is very much encouraged.

Rev. C. H. Foreman is very sick. May he soon recover.

A beautiful church at Lexington, Va., is nearing completion. It is to be dedicated about Christmas. Rev. C. I. Withrow, the pastor, has done a good work in Lexington.

Ronoke, Va., may ask for the Conference of 1898. To take the Conference to Ronoke would boom Methodism in that section.

Rev. J. H. Brice, Lee Street Church, Richmond, Va., has been graciously blessed in his labors. His church does not begin to accommodate the crowds that flock to hear him. Bro. Brice is the very man for Richmond. He believes the Lord sent him to Richmond.

Rev. R. R. Riggs, of Staunton, Va., has enjoyed a big revival—about 40 converts.

A big revival has just closed at Lynchburg, Va., Rev. H. A. Carroll, pastor.

Rev. E. Ayers, Augusta Charge, has built a parsonage and has moved into it. He will only enjoy it a few months for he is completing his fifth round. His successor will have the pleasure of moving into a new home.

Rev. J. A. Holmes, presiding elder of Conference for the sixth time as presiding elder. May his last quarter be the most glorious of all the preceding quarters. The presiding elder's mantle may fall on the Rev. S. H. Brown, of Harrisonburg, Va. It will fit him.

Rev. W. M. Mooreman is suffering with the chills.

The big revival at Ashbury closed with 75 converts. God is blessing Dr. Thomas and his good people.

Ebenezer Church, M. W. Clair, pastor, is struggling to rebuild the church damaged September 29th by the storm. The plans for the new church are completed and the work will soon begin. Sunday December 6, was the first rally for the new church. The whole church was enthused. They praised God and gave money. Amount raised, \$579.50. It certainly was a pleasure to see how the people responded. The people, old and young, say the building must go up.

The Rev. Jno. H. Griffin was elected

president of the Epworth League Conference at the recent convention held in Baltimore.

## A PROPOSITION.

Dear Brethren of the Louisiana Conference:

The matter of printing our Conference minutes has become one of concern and perplexity. But by taking the proper steps I believe we can manage this important matter with ease.

The presiding elders have asked that each pastor come up to the Annual Conference with the amount apportioned to him in order that we may be able to secure an advanced guarantee fund.

Now my proposition is, that early in the Conference session the roll be called and that each preacher respond with an equitable proportion of the amount to insure the fund, and reimburse himself out of the sales of the minutes. Let every one come prepared to pay something. Yours fraternally,

J. F. Marshall.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Brethren will please take notice that reduced rates on the certificate plan have been obtained over all the railroads in this State, for all who shall attend the Conference session at Donaldsonville, January 14-18.

Pay full fare from your station to the seat of Conference, taking agent's certificate that you have so paid over every road you travel, if coming over more than one road. If your station is not a ticket office, tell the conductor to let you buy one at the next ticket office; where you can get certificate. The certificate must be handed to the Conference secretary on the first day after arrival, so he may sign them. You will then return on them at one-third fare.

A. E. P. Albert, Secretary.  
Baldwin, La.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will assemble in twenty-ninth annual session at the St. Peter Church, Donaldsonville, on Thursday, January 14. Bishop John M. Vahlen will preside, and besides the members representing the entire State—approximately numbering from 150 to 200 ministers of the Gospel—the Conference will be attended by representatives of the Parent Board of Missions, New York; Eastern Publishing House, New York; Western Publishing House, Cincinnati; Board of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Cincinnati; Board of Church Extension, Philadelphia, and other general officers of the church.

Much interest is felt and will be manifested in the matter of change of boundary lines and division of the Conference which will come up for decision, and also in the appointment of presiding elders, three of whom have served the time limit. These and other affairs of more than ordinary moment will make the session one of the most important held for years.

For the accommodation of members and visitors the railroads have granted a reduced rate of one fare coming and one-third fare returning, on the certificate plan. All matters touching the entertainment of the Conference should be addressed to Rev. Pierre Landry, presiding elder of the South New Orleans District, or Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, pastor in charge of the St. Peter M. E. Church at Donaldsonville.

Mayor Leche, as the official representative of the community, has consented to deliver an address of welcome to the Conference at the opening of its session, and the officers and citizens of the town and parish are cordially invited to attend, not only on the first day, but any and all times throughout the meeting.—Donaldsonville Chief.

## NOTICE.

To the Members of the East Tennessee Conference:

Dear Brethren: The minutes of the last session of our Conference are ready for distribution; so please send in your subscriptions that we may be able to send them out at once.

R. J. Buckner, Secretary.  
Wytheville, Va.

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## THE WHOLE FIELD.

Lida Counce, Coffeyville, Kan.: The Second M. E. Church.—The programme of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education was rendered at 3 p. m. There was a very good audience. The cause was presented by the pastor and for an hour or more he carefully dealt with the facts and figures concerning the Society. The people heartily and cheerfully responded with their means and they now have the credit for having given the largest collection for this cause in the history of the church. Rev. W. A. Ray is pastor.

J. S. Marable, P. C., Bethany, Ala.: Sister Jenny Lee has met with a bad accident. Her house caught on fire and she lost all she had. We ask every friend that will to help her in her great trouble. Please send gifts to my address, Bethany, Ala.

G. H. Pettis, Pastor, Churchville, Tenn., Churchville and Hill City Charge, East Tennessee Annual Conference: Our first Quarterly Conference of the above named charge convened at Churchville, December 5 and 6, G. W. Staples in the chair. We had a great time indeed, a high day in Zion. Raised for the presiding elder \$12.50; three joined our church; the outlook is good for subscribers for our paper; hope to send some in soon.

G. G. Golston, Pastor, Chopin Circuit, La.: On last Sunday, we had a grand time at Old River. Rev. H. J. Wright, our ever zealous and generous P. E., was with us and held his fourth Quarterly here. Revs. W. M. Harrison, G. Bell, J. F. Goins and E. Matthews were present and preached for the tribes during the day. The P. E. preached a rousing sermon at 7:30 p. m. There are four classes. While the other leaders did remarkably well, we must compliment sister Julia Washington, an energetic sister who raised nearly one-third of the total receipts of the day. We collected \$12.10 during the day and if God spares life we will be able to tell you something else by, or before, January 13th., 1897.

L. W. Moseley, Dunaway, Miss.: My fourth Quarterly Conference was held Nov. 14th and 15th with the Presiding Elder in the chair. All the brothers except a few were present with written reports. Reports show that the work is in a prosperous condition. Rev. W. McDonald preached two able sermons. Paid Elder \$13.20; for pastor, \$46.10. Fifty-five partook of the Lord's Supper. Spring Hill has lost one of her oldest members. Sister Mary Pernell, who was 63 years of age and was a member of the M. E. Church 21 years. She died October 16th and left eight children to mourn her loss.

C. E. Alexander, Pastor Centenary, Memphis, Tenn.: Our first Quarterly Conference has just closed. The Elder was with us, but was not feeling well; however, he preached two very edifying sermons. The weather was cloudy and it rained at night and not a great number were out; about 60 or 75 took Sacrament. Collection for Elder, \$17. Collections for all purposes this month to date, \$103.54. Twelve have joined since Conference. We have bought a fine \$200 Mason and Hamlin Organ for the church. Lawyer H. R. Saddle was elected our Sunday School Superintendent for this Conference year. I think it due the members of Centenary church and friends to give a few items of general interest to the public of what was accomplished last year. We expended nearly \$1400 in improvements, paying old debts, salaries and benevolence. We led the Conference in finances, raising \$70 for Missions, \$5.50 debt pay day, all benevolence \$110.25, paid Presiding Elder, \$100.00. Our whole assessment, P. C. \$500. We have an average of over \$100 a month collection ever since we have been here. We painted, papered and carpeted our church so that it is a thing of beauty. Members added, 32.

J. C. Whitfield, Shelby, Miss.: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held December 12-13, with Rev. J. W. Davis, presiding elder in the chair. Reports from pastors and leaders showed improvement along all lines; several had been added to the church; \$114.00 had been raised and a parsonage built. Both pastor and presiding elder are finishing up their work with credit. The pastor has served this charge three years and everybody wants him to return. Bro. H. L. Johnson, a member of Simpson Chapel M. E. Church, died in full triumph on the 25th.

C. E. Alexander, P. C., Memphis, Tenn.: On Friday night last, while the moon was playing bo-peep with snow white clouds and all nature was wrapped in sweet repose, our slumber was disturbed by many voices singing, ringing the door-bell, rattling of the shutters and other demonstrations. When the door was opened in walked quite a number of our friends; they brought a band with stringed instruments. After social talk and music refreshments were spread, and when they left the table was groaning under its load. God bless the people. Come again.

D. G. Pharris, P. C., Fouché, La.: My fourth Annual Conference was held December 4th by Rev. F. T. Chinn, presiding elder. All reports up to date and every one an increase from the third. We had a grand love feast and the elder preached a great sermon.

R. B. Anderson, Paulding, Miss.: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held December 12 and 13 by Rev. A. M. Trotter. Reports showed progress. Collected this quarter, \$61.00. Our revival meeting closed with 27 conversions.

W. P. Ryder, Baltimore, Md.: This is my fifth year. Metropolitan, with her two missions, Whatecoat and Bidle Alley cheer us with large attendances and helpful services. On the 13th inst. 712 communed at Metropolitan and 60 at Whatecoat Mission. All departments out of debt, and over \$500 collected this year for benevolences, which enables us to report an increase over last year. The Kindergarten in our Sunday School parlors, conducted by Miss Ida R. Cummings and two assistants, is meeting with deserved success. The Missionary Band for Africa, organized by Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, is preparing for a public meeting to arouse interest in the work. W. H. Murray is president. Five to seven hundred is a fair average attendance on Sundays at the Young people's meeting, which commands the best literary talent of this and Washington City. The prayer and praise service is enjoyed by old and young. About 300 enjoyed the thanksgiving dinner to the aged church members.

M. H. Whitlock, P. C., Aberdeen, Miss.: The fourth Quarterly Conference of Union Grove was held in our beautiful new church December 12th and 13th. The presiding elder was with us and preached a sermon that will not be forgotten soon. It was the first service in the church and the people were grateful that the Lord had so prospered them. Some of the old founders that came from away back seemed to rejoice as did Simeon of old when he had seen the "Lord's Christ." We raised \$32.00, and paid the elders off in full. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

N. R. Clay, Pastor, Okolona, Miss.: The class leaders of Mt. Disgah M. E. Church gave a rally on the second Sunday to finish paying the pastor, which resulted in a collection of \$50.00. Bro. J. W. Wilson's class led in the effort by several dollars. The church is in a living condition both spiritually and financially. We have raised for all purposes this year \$740.25, and yet there is more to follow. We have several promises to take the dear old Southwestern, which we hope to take up to the Annual Conference.

Freedmen's Aid Day at St. Matthew's M. E. Church, Greensboro, N. C.: December 13th was a day of rejoicing with the members of St. Matthew's Church. At 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. P. Morris, A. M. B. D., preached a sermon which was instructive, edifying and eloquent. After the sermon the pastor stated the needs of the Society, and the great need of Bennett College, our Conference school. Then Rev. J. D. Chavis, president of the College, spoke concerning the work of the Society and the great need of Bennett. Then the call was made for collection. Some of the officers of the church gave from \$5 to \$10 and some of the ladies \$5. The whole church seemed to be in the spirit of giving. Collected during the day, \$125.

M. M. Jones Pastor.

D. F. Dudley, P. C., Ellisville, Miss.: We have completed our new church at Laurel and we are not ashamed to point to it and say, "there is an M. E. Church." We dedicated it Sunday, the 13th, and raised \$85.20. We had with us Rev. Keen, of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. C. M. Craft, of Lumberton. Rev. Keen preached at 3 o'clock and Rev. Craft at 7:30. Every-



body was delighted. The T. B. S. Society gave the church \$10 for the love they held for it.

W. McNeil, Ocean Springs, Miss.:—Our fourth Quarterly Conference convened Dec. 10th, with Presiding Elder, Shumpert in the chair. Rev. L. Tate, our Pastor at Biloxi, was also with us. Total paid Presiding Elder, \$43.25. Paid the Pastor this year, \$202.91. Benevolent Collection, \$32.

W. G. Valentine, P. C., Bennettville, S. C.:—We are glad to say that our Galilee church, which was destroyed by fire January 8th, has been rebuilt, and was dedicated November 29th. Our Esteemed P. E., A. G. Townsend, preached the dedicatory sermon. The Elder complimented the members on their successful efforts, and at the same time, to not allow the pastoral claims and Benevolences to suffer. They having paid to the support of Pastor and Elder, \$450, raised their full assessment of between \$80 and \$100 for the Benevolences, and built a new church at a cost of over \$700; only one hundred dollars being donated by the board of church extension, in less than a year's time. We rejoice more than all in the conversion of 65 souls and more than 50 accessions to the church during the year.

J. W. Turner, P. C., St. Martinsville, La.:—Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held Dec. 10th, by Rev. S. E. H. Morant, P. E. Grand total raised this quarter, \$314.80; paid to Pastor, \$214.40; to P. E., \$14.25; for Missions, \$11.00; for Freedman's Aid, \$5.00; for Education, \$4.00. We have advanced on all lines. We will observe the second Sunday in January, as Southwestern Day.

S. C. Upshaw, P. C., La Grange, Ga.: Possibly never in the history of the La Grange Church on Thanksgiving occasion was such a grand treat brought to our people, white or colored, as this year. On Wednesday evening before Prof. J. C. Murray, D. D., of Gammon, lectured with double stereopticon on the "Passion Play." At 11 a. m. Thanksgiving day the Doctor preached a fine sermon to an appreciative audience. There was a fine display of provisions piled up around the altar as a thank offering for the poor. All the students and teachers turned out in solid body. The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society collection was very good. After the benediction, we marched directly down to a hall where a great dinner was in waiting for all who desired. At 7:30 p. m. Prof. W. H. Croghan delivered his famous lecture on the necessity of reading, the result of which the young people organized a "Crogman Reading Circle."

#### A COOK BOOK FREE.

"Table and Kitchen" is the title of a new cook book published by the Price Baking Powder Company, Chicago. Just at this time it will be sent free if you write a postal mentioning the Southwestern Christian Advocate. This book has been tried by ourselves and is one of the best of its kind. Besides containing over 400 receipts for all kinds of pastry and home cookery, there are many hints for the table and kitchen, showing how to set a table, how to enter the dining-room, etc.; a hundred and one hints in every branch of the culinary art. Cookery of the very finest and richest as well as of the most economical and home like, is provided for. Remember "Table and Kitchen" will be sent, postage prepaid, to any lady sending her address (name, town and State) plainly written. A copy in German or Scandinavian will be sent if desired. Postal card is as good as a letter. Address Price Baking Powder Co., Chicago, Ill.

#### NOTICE.

To the Brethren of the Central Alabama Conference: Bishop Hurst requests me to collect and forward to his office, at Washington, D. C., subscriptions made to the American University at our session at Marion. Please, therefore, come to Opelika prepared to pay the first year's installment. Yours very truly,

Wesley Prettyman.

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#### Free to Our Readers—The New Cure for Kidney and Bladder Diseases, Rheumatism, Etc.

As stated in our last issue the new botanical discovery, Alkavis, from the wonderful Kava-Kava shrub is proving a wonderful curative in all diseases caused by Uric acid in the blood, or disordered action of the kidneys and urinary organs. The New York World publishes the remarkable case of Rev. A. C. Darling, minister of the gospel at North Constantia, New York, cured by Alkavis, when, as he says himself, he had lost faith in man and medicine, and was preparing himself for certain death. Following is his letter in full:

"North Constantia, Oswego Co., N. Y. York.

"Gentlemen:—  
"I have been troubled with kidney and kindred diseases for sixteen years and tried all I could get without relief. Two and a half years ago I was taken with a severe attack of La Grippe, which turned to pneumonia. At that time my Liver, Kidneys, Heart and Urinary Organs all combined in what seemed their last attack. My confidence in man and medicine was gone. My hope had vanished and all that was left to me was a dreary life and certain death. At last I heard of Alkavis and as a last resort I commenced taking it. At this time I was using the vessel as often as sixteen times in one night, without sleep or rest. In a short time, to my astonishment, I could sleep all night as soundly as a baby, which I had not done in sixteen years before. What I know it has done for me, I firmly believe it will do for all who give Alkavis a fair trial. I most gladly recommend Alkavis to all. Sincerely yours, (Rev.) A. C. Darling."

Similar testimony to this wonder ful new remedy comes from others, including many ladies. Mrs. Mary A. Layman, of Noel, W. Va., twenty years a sufferer; Mrs. Sarah Yunk, Edinboro, Pa.; Mrs. L. P. Copeland, Elk River, Minnesota; and many others join in testifying to the wonderful curative Alkavis and allied diseases, and of other powers of Alkavis in various forms of troublesome afflictions peculiar to womanhood.

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#### MINUTES.

In accordance with the action of the last session of the Conference, the brethren are affectionately and earnestly requested to collect and bring to Conference at least \$2 from each the smaller charges, and more from the larger charges, for the publication of the new minutes and for the payment of the debt on the old minutes, due the Western Methodist Book Concern. Kindly comply with the request, as we shall be seriously embarrassed, if not actually prevented from publishing out next minutes, if the cash is not forthcoming. Sincerely,

A. E. P. Albert, Secretary.

#### A RICH NEGRO'S ENTERPRISE.

W. C. Coleman, of Concord, N. C., one of the wealthiest Negroes in the country, is now promoting an enterprise from which he expects profitable results for himself and his race.

There are already a half dozen cotton mills at Concord, all of them paying well. Coleman proposes to build and equip a mill for "the double object of teaching and giving employment to Negroes as cotton mill operatives."

He has disposed of nearly all of the \$50,000 worth of stock with which the mill will start, and will begin work on the building in a few weeks.

There is at present no cotton mill in the United States which has Negro operatives. Negroes are employed in

a knitting mill at Columbia, S. C., and there is a plan on foot to build a cotton mill in Alabama in which Negro convicts will be worked, but the experiment at Concord will probably get under way first. Its projector is confident that Negroes can be used as cotton mill operatives, satisfactorily to the mill owners and greatly to the pecuniary advantage of the Negroes themselves. After having tried in vain to get some of the mills already established to change their class of operatives, so as to give the Negroes a chance to demonstrate their ability in this respect; or to obtain the consent of white mill men to build a mill especially for that purpose, he set about the task of raising the necessary money to build a small one among the members of his own race and he has succeeded beyond his expectations. The result of the Concord experiment will be watched with great interest. Atlanta Journal.

#### BORROWING MONEY.

There is nothing wrong about borrowing money. There is hardly a man but has sometimes borrowed money. Vast estates have been built on a borrowed dollar. But there are two kinds of borrowed money. Money borrowed for the purpose of starting or keeping up legitimate enterprise and expense, and money borrowed to get that which you can do without. The first is right, the other is wrong. If you have money enough of your own to buy a coat, however plain, and then you borrow money for a dandy's outfit, you have taken the first revolution of the wheel down grade. Borrow for the necessities; that may be well. Borrow for the luxuries; that tips your prospects over in the wrong direction.

The Bible distinctly says the borrower is the servant of the lender. It is a bad state of things when you have to go down some other street to escape meeting some one whom you owe. It young men knew what is the despotism of being in debt, more of them would keep out of it. What did debt do for Lord Bacon, with a mind towering above the centuries? It induced him to take bribes and convict himself as a criminal before all ages. What did debt do for Sir Walter Scott? Broken-hearted at Abbotsford. Kept him writing until his hand gave out in paralysis to keep the sheriff away from his pictures and statuary. Better for him if he had minded the maxim which he had chiseled over the fireplace at Abbotsford, "Waste not, want not." The trouble is, people do not understand the ethics of going in debt, and that if you purchase goods with no expectation of paying for them, or go into debt which you cannot meet, you steal just so much money. If I go into a grocer's store, and I buy sugars and coffees and meats, with no capacity to pay for them and no intention of paying for them, I am more dishonest than if I go into the store, and when the grocer's face is turned the other way I fill my pockets with the articles of merchandise and carry off a ham. In the one case I take the merchant's time, and I take the time of his messenger to transfer the goods to my house, while in the other case I take none of the time of the merchant, and I wait upon myself, and I transfer the goods without any trouble to him. In other words a sneak thief is not so bad as a man who contracts for debts he never expects to pay.—Christian Herald.

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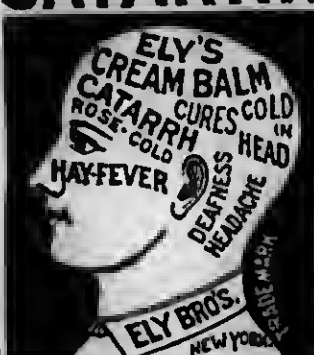
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**SOUTHWESTERN DAY: JANUARY 10th. -- SECOND SUNDAY.**

Since the paper is to be enlarged to a 16-page paper the first week in January we desire to enlist every one of our pastors and presiding elders to observe the second Sunday in January as **SOUTHWESTERN DAY**.

This will not interfere with your collections. We simply desire to get every pastor to unite in putting the matter of the proper support of our church paper on the hearts of our whole membership. The church expects it of us and all who do so will do a great service to the race. If every pastor will send us at least two new subscribers for a year or six months we shall feel that our enlargement is really appreciated. Announce it at once; let the people get ready for it. If you wish samples of the enlarged issue write at once and they will be mailed in time. Now, brethren, rally! One year \$1.25; six months 75 cents, and three months 50 cents.

The Afro-Americans of New York City will celebrate the anniversary of emancipation, January 1st, 1897. The speakers are, Bishop A. Walters of the Zion A. M. E. Church and our Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

What is in a name? We thought our last General Conference elected C. H. Payne secretary of the Board of Education, but according to recent reports he has just been elected a member of the Legislature of West Virginia. In the General Conference he was a white man; in the Legislature he is a Negro.

In a factory in Charleston, S. C., the white girls, who have for some time been employed there, have, according to one of our exchanges, voluntarily surrendered their places to colored girls. We trust this is only the beginning of a general movement on this line. For it is very evident that one of the greatest needs of our race, is an industrial opening for large numbers of our young women. Such a providential turn would be conducive to virtue, and home comforts as well. It is to be hoped that the girls thus employed may be found so efficient as to open the way for hundreds of others.

**ON CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.**

The Bishops, having received numerous inquiries concerning the interpretation and working of the new plan for examination on the Course of Study for Preachers (see Discipline of 1896, Appendix, paragraph 56 and 57), agreed at their recent conference in Pittsburg, Pa., on the following statements and recommendations:

1. The Annual Conference, and not the Board of Examiners, must determine all questions concerning the admissibility of certificates from our literary and theological institutions in place of examinations by its own Board of Examiners. These questions may relate to the grade of the institution concerned, the date of the certificate and of the study and examination to which it refers, the authority and competency of those whose names are appended to issue such certificates, etc.

2. The Bishops recommend that the Annual Conference decide with great care and caution as to the grade of the institutions from which they will receive certificates, giving decided preference to our regular theological seminaries and to the universities and colleges approved by the University Senate (see Discipline, paragraph 336).

3. The Annual Conferences are reminded that no certificates can be received from any institution except those of our own Church, and that all examinations must be "graded upon a scale of 100, and none below 70 shall pass."

4. It is recommended that the Annual Conferences require clear evidence that the subjects on which examinations are certified from our literary and theological institutions have been studied in books or in courses of lectures which are full equivalents of the corresponding books in the Course of Study presented in the Discipline.

5. The Annual Conferences being required "to continue to examine all candidates in the doctrines and Discipline of the Church," it is therefore recommended that Boards of Examiners be instructed (1) To scrutinize with special care the certificates of our literary and theological institutions so far as they relate to "doctrines and Discipline;" (2) To diligently examine all candidates as to the thoroughness of their knowledge of the "doctrine and Discipline of the Church," and as to their soundness of belief and their loyalty to our polity.

Edward G. Andrews,  
 Secretary of Board of Bishops.  
 New York, December 10, 1896.

**THE NORTH CAROLINIANS HONOR THEIR CONGRESSMAN.**

Hon. E. H. White, our congressman-elect from North Carolina, is a man whom his fellow citizens delight to honor. He visited Newbern lately and they put him in a horseless carriage with long ropes attached, which scores of strong hands grasped and drew him through the streets, led by a band of music and followed by an immense procession. The Star of Zion gives the following account of him and his address at the reception given in his honor. It says:

He electrified his hearers with his eloquent flights of oratory. He led them through fields radiant with thought and sparkling with gems of truth. Mr. White is at once master of the occasion. He is dignified, learned, and accomplished. It is possible that the race was never better represented in the United States Congress, and we await his maiden speech with great anxiety. Mr. White is a classical graduate of Howard University, an eminent lawyer, and for several years was the only Afro-American Solicitor in the United States. As a jurist, he has distinguished himself and is honored by all respectable citizens, regardless of race in North Carolina. May he live long as a bold defender and leader of his race, and ere long rank as a diplomat.

**TO THE CHILDREN—HOW THEY CAN HELP.**

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society:

In outlining the plan to raise \$100,000 as a Thank-Offering for Christian Education in last week's Southwestern, I promised to give the boys and girls a chance. The plan is suggested by a presiding elder in the South Carolina Conference in a letter recently received. In making his subscription, he says: "I will give \$1.00 for every year of my age, and he is just 42, and gives \$42 to our New Century Thanksgiving Fund. Changing the dollars to cents, this would be a good plan for our boys and girls, and so we have it. Let every boy and girl give one cent at least for each year of his age to be repeated every year until 1900. If he is five, he gives 5 cents; if six, 6 cents, and so on. We have nearly 200,000 boys and girls in our Sunday school army in the South. If every one will give one cent for each year of his age, we will raise at least \$10,000 from the children. I want the boys and girls to write me. It will show what education has been doing in the South during these years. Our fathers and mothers were not permitted to write, but we are. Let us improve the opportunity. Write me in your own way and tell what you will give. A good way to send the money would be to buy stamps with your pennies, put them in your letter and address them to me, and I will turn them into money again. Your mother or father or pastor or superintendent will help you. Here is my first letter from a little boy and his niece in far-away Nebraska. They never expect to attend any of the schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, but they heard me tell

of the marvellous work the Lord has been doing for us all both white and colored down here in the South, and they wanted to help. Here is their letter:

Ogalalla, Neb. sika.

Dear Doctor Mason:

Enclosed find one dime from a little boy. It is my mite to help in your good work and also two pennies from my little niece for the same good work. Your friend,

Leo Fox.

Now if this little gift from my two little white friends in Nebraska will inspire as many to help as Chaplain McCabe's little boy did who sent him the first five cents on his call for a Million Dollars for Missions, we shall be thankful indeed. Parents, give the little folks a chance. Help and encourage them. Will every superintendent and pastor who will agree to lay this matter upon the hearts of the children in the Sunday school and will help and encourage them to give, write me at once. Let some Sunday be set apart in January for the first offering, and I will keep a separate account of what the children give for this Fund.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Wm. Steinway, one of the firm of the celebrated piano makers, died on the 30th ult.

Joseph J. Cheeseman, President of Liberia, Africa, died on the 11th ult. The Vice President, W. D. Coleman, was elected to succeed him.

We regret to learn that Rev. W. T. Trammell, P. C., at Union, Ala., is quite sick and not able to attend his fourth Quarterly Conference.

It is said President-elect, McKinley, has promised Miss Frances E. Willard that wine, and wine drinking, shall be banished from the White House. This report has not been confirmed but we hope, nevertheless, it is true.

Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, will visit, during January and February, the following conferences and represent the interests of that Board: Florida, St. John's River, Atlanta, Alabama, Savannah, Georgia, etc.

**BISHOP McCABE COMING.**

Louisiana Methodists and all our people will be glad to learn that Bishop McCabe will spend the month of February with us and will fill the following appointments:

Sunday, Feb. 7th. St. Charles Ave., 11 A. M.  
 Sunday, Feb. 7th., Union Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 9th., Address Students in University Chapel, 11 A. M.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 10th., Address Students of Medical College, 4 P. M.  
 Thursday, Feb. 11th., LaHarp St. (French in part,) 7:30 P. M.  
 Friday, Feb. 12th., Italian service in part, 7:30 P. M.  
 Sunday, Feb. 14th., First German Church, 11 A. M.  
 Sunday, Feb. 14th., First Street M. E. Church, 7:30 P. M.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 16th., Address the Preachers of New Orleans and Vicinity, 12 M.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 17th., Grand Missionary Rally and Address at Mt. Zion Church, 7:30 P. M.  
 Thursday, Feb. 18th., Gilbert Academy,  
 Friday, Feb. 19th., Alexandria Academy.  
 Sunday, Feb. 21st., Simpson Chapel, 11 A. M.  
 Sunday, Feb. 21st., Wesley Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
 Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22nd., 3 P. M.  
 Grand Sunday School Rally, Wesley Chapel, of all our Sunday Schools in New Orleans.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 23rd., Home Missionary Society Rally, Williams Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
 Thursday, Feb. 25th., Woman's Foreign Missionary Rally, Mallalieu Chapel, 7:30 P. M.

Bishop Warren says on the Peninsula Methodist:

"Every church official should take a loyal Methodist paper or resign. In case he does not so take his stalwart ignorance out of the councils of the church, the authorities should send his resignation to him."

No comment is necessary. We say Amen!



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There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Mount Zion M. E. Church, this city, had a high day, Sunday, the 13th. One joined the church and 128 partook of the Sacrament. The collection was \$88.65.

T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

St. Charles Avenue M. E. Church, this city, has recently expended \$700 in church repairs, and now presents a much better appearance and in keeping with the edifices on that beautiful thoroughfare. A series of revival services closed there last week, at which several were converted or sanctified.

### HOLLY SPRINGS CONFERENCE.

The second District Conference of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi Conference convened at Abbeville, Miss., November 18, 1896, in Providence M. E. Church, with Rev. W. McDonald, presiding elder, in the chair.

After devotions the secretary called the roll and a goodly number answered to their names.

G. J. Dobson was elected secretary, with P. S. Bowie, assistant; G. F. Leatherwood, statistical secretary, with J. J. Johnson, assistant.

The elder read his report, which showed success all over the District. All pastors were present but one.

Each made their report, which was encouraging. Quite a number of souls saved, and some of the benevolences were full. This Conference was largely attended.

G. F. Leatherwood was elected reporter.

P. S. Bowie preached the introductory sermon.

Rev. B. F. Delaney, of the C. M. E. Church, was introduced, also Profs. J. A. Winans and E. H. McKissack. They made a few but appropriate remarks.

The pastors and delegates present made the elder up a purse of \$17.25. The same was presented to him by G. J. Dobson.

Oxford, Miss., was chosen as the place of holding the next District Conference.

Sunday was a day of spiritual enjoyment. At 9 a. m., Love Feast; at 11 a. m., the elder preached to a crowded house, after which 129 bowed at communion table; at 3 p. m., N. H. Williams preached a very touching sermon, and at 7 p. m., G. J. Dobson preached the closing sermon.

Rev. R. Sewell offered a resolution thanking the pastor and his good people for the hospitable manner of entertaining the Conference, which was adopted.

"God be With You till We Meet Again" was sung. Thus closed a most pleasant session. G. F. Leatherwood, Reporter.

### A REAL KNIGHT.

A pleasing sight it was, I do assure you. Not the first part of the scene, for the little maid was crying bitterly. Something very serious must have happened. Wondering, I paused, when around the corner came my knight. On a prancing steed, wearing a glittering helmet and greaves of brass? No; this was a nineteenth century knight, and they are as likely to be on foot as on horseback. Helmets are apt to be made straw hats or Derbys, and as for greaves—well, says Harper's Round Table.

This particular knight was about ten years old—slender, straight, open-eyed. Quickly he spied the damsel in distress. Swiftly he came to her aid.

"What is the matter?" I heard him say. Alas! the "matter" was that the bundle she held had "burst" and its contents were open to view. Probably the small maid expected a hearty scolding for carelessness. And, indeed, whoever put that soiled shirt and collars in her care might reasonably have been vexed.

A new piece of wrapping paper, proved too frail. Must the child get her scolding? No wonder she had sobbed so mournfully.

But the boy was not daunted. He tucked the "burst" bundle under his own arm.

"I'll carry it to the laundry for you," he said, in the kindest voice, and off the two trudged together.

Soon after I met the small girl again. She was comforted and serene.

"Was that boy your brother?" I asked. She shook her head.

"Did you know him?" Another shake. "A real gentleman!" said I.

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### STARKVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This Conference convened its second session for 1896, November 4th, in White's M. E. Church, McCool, Miss, with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson in the chair. Elder Ferguson is a young chicken, but well feathered. He called the house to order Wednesday evening by making a very grave impression upon the brethren, with reference to every line of church work and their duty as ministers. He is greatly honored by the Conference for his timely instructions and fatherly manner in which these instructions are given. The Conference organized by electing the following officers: J. M. Thompson, Secretary; H. A. Johnson and G. Orange, assistants; F. H. Bunton, Statistical Secretary and Critic; D. L. Tubbs, Treasurer, with Prof. C. E. Moody, assistant, after which the various committees were appointed.

At roll call all of the traveling preachers answered except two, Rev. A. G. Houston, our estimable brother was one of this District. For two years or more he has suffered most intensely with a sickness that has damaged his progress wonderfully. When he had his health he knew no failure. I as an eye-witness have known him turn almost defeat into victory. The Lord bless Bro. Houston and his dear family in their troubles.

The presiding elder read a well prepared report of the District, which showed progress all over the District. Churches had been built and repaired, buns purchased and paid for, conversions and accessions were prominent features as well as benevolent collections. Twelve pastors reported, verifying the presiding elder's report.

The following brethren preached able sermons: B. J. Roberson, Solomon Elkin, Wm. Roberts, D. L. Tubbs, A. D. Sherman, C. E. Moody and B. T. Lewis. Nearly all of these were local preachers, but each one of them deserve much credit for their strong efforts. Prof. C. E. Moody deserves special mention: he has been licensed about a year, and preached as though he'd licensed a number of years. Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Rust University, was introduced, who made a strong appeal for Rust, the care of our women and self-respect. His address was timely and instructive. Forty-odd dollars was turned over to him for Rust University.

Elder Ferguson came very nearly getting into trouble at the Conference, as charges were about to be made. A brother called for a compromise and on investigation we found he had been damaged \$25.00 worth, whereupon the amount was raised, and in behalf of the Conference Bro. Bunton presented it in a most masterly manner.

Five dollars was collected for Rev. A. J. Houston and sent by the presiding elder.

Stewards, Class leaders local preachers, exhorters, Sunday School superintendents and a few League presidents made encouraging reports.

Sunday was truly a high day; love feast in the morning gave impetus to a strong sermon by F. H. Bunton, under the power of which our hearts burnt, while others vociferated the praise of Jesus freely.

Afternoon.—J. E. Everett, the old trusty, preached until he surprised himself; at night D. W. Calvert took the place of J. M. Thompson, he being sick. Bro. Calvert is one of the true and tried. He never fails.

Too much can not be said in behalf of the good people of McCool. They cared for the Conference with perfect ease. The Lord bless these good people in all their efforts for good.

B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.  
J. M. Thompson, Secretary.

Spain now has rebellion in the Philippine Islands to cope with as well as in Cuba and late advices from Madrid are to the effect that this second revolt is spreading. An impressive open-air meeting was held in San Sebastian,

September 3rd, on the eve of the departure of additional troops for the Philippines and Cuba.

Spain is much in need of funds for carrying on the Cuban war. According to late reports the monthly expense is about nine million dollars, and ten millions more will be needed when the twenty thousand soldiers are sent out in November. Premier Canovas says he is determined to finish the war within a very short time.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

### FIRST LESSONS IN BUSINESS.

"Now, my son," said the old merchant, "while you are applying yourself to the details of this business, learning how to buy and how to sell, how to gauge the taste and needs of the great public, how to avoid mistakes, how to seize opportunities—while you study these things keep always before you the fact that the basis of all true business success is absolute, uncompromising honesty."

"Father," said the young man, "your business has always been one of large sales and small profits, has it not?"

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**SOUTHWESTERN DAY: JANUARY 10th. -- SECOND SUNDAY.**

Since the paper is to be enlarged to a 16-page paper the first week in January we desire to enlist every one of our pastors and presiding elders to observe the second Sunday in January as SOUTHWESTERN DAY.

This will not interfere with your collections. We simply desire to get every pastor to unite in putting the matter of the proper support of our church paper on the hearts of our whole membership. The church expects it of us and all who do so will do a great service to the race. If every pastor will send us at least two new subscribers for a year or six months we shall feel that our enlargement is really appreciated. Announce it at once; let the people get ready for it. If you wish samples of the enlarged issue write at once and they will be mailed in time. Now, brethren, rally! One year \$1.25; six months 75 cents, and three months 50 cents.

The Afro-Americans of New York City will celebrate the anniversary of emancipation, January 1st, 1897. The speakers are, Bishop A. Walters of the Zion A. M. E. Church and our Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

What is in a name? We thought our last General Conference elected C. H. Payne secretary of the Board of Education, but according to recent reports he has just been elected a member of the Legislature of West Virginia. In the General Conference he was a white man; in the Legislature he is a Negro.

In a factory in Charleston, S. C., the white girls, who have for some time been employed there, have, according to one of our exchanges, voluntarily surrendered their places to colored girls. We trust this is only the beginning of a general movement on this line. For it is very evident that one of the greatest needs of our race, is an industrial opening for large numbers of our young women. Such a providential turn would be conducive to virtue, and home comforts as well. It is to be hoped that the girls thus employed may be found so efficient as to open the way for hundreds of others.

#### ON CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

The Bishops, having received numerous inquiries concerning the interpretation and working of the new plan for examination on the Course of Study for Preachers (see Discipline of 1896, Appendix, paragraph 56 and 57), agreed at their recent conference in Pittsburg, Pa., on the following statements and recommendations:

1. The Annual Conference, and not the Board of Examiners, must determine all questions concerning the admissibility of certificates from our literary and theological institutions in place of examinations by its own Board of Examiners. These questions may relate to the grade of the institution concerned, the date of the certificate and of the study and examination to which it refers, the authority and competency of those whose names are appended to issue such certificates, etc.

2. The Bishops recommend that the Annual Conferences decide with great care and caution as to the grade of the institutions from which they will receive certificates, giving decided preference to our regular theological seminaries and to the universities and colleges approved by the University Senate (see Discipline, paragraph 336).

3. The Annual Conferences are reminded that no certificates can be received from any institution except those of our own Church, and that all examinations must be "graded upon a scale of 100, and none below 70 shall pass."

4. It is recommended that the Annual Conferences require clear evidence that the subjects on which examinations are certified from our literary and theological institutions have been studied in books or in courses of lectures which are full equivalents of the corresponding books in the Course of Study presented in the Discipline.

5. The Annual Conferences being required "to continue to examine all candidates in the doctrines and Discipline of the Church," it is therefore recommended that Boards of Examiners be instructed (1) To scrutinize with special care the certificates of our literary and theological institutions so far as they relate to "doctrines and Discipline;" (2) To diligently examine all candidates as to the thoroughness of their knowledge of the "doctrine and Discipline of the Church," and as to their soundness of belief and their loyalty to our polity.

Edward G. Andrews,  
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New York, December 10, 1896.

#### THE NORTH CAROLINIANS HONOR THEIR CONGRESSMAN.

Hon. E. H. White, our congressman-elect from North Carolina, is a man whom his fellow citizens delight to honor. He visited Newbern lately and they put him in a horseless carriage with long ropes attached, which scores of strong hands grasped and drew him through the streets, led by a band of music and followed by an immense procession. The Star of Zion gives the following account of him and his address at the reception given in his honor. It says:

He electrified his hearers with his eloquent flights of oratory. He led them through fields radiant with thought and sparkling with gems of truth. Mr. White is at once master of the occasion. He is dignified, learned, and accomplished. It is possible that the race was never better represented in the United States Congress, and we await his maiden speech with great anxiety. Mr. White is a classical graduate of Howard University, an eminent lawyer, and for several years was the only Afro-American Solicitor in the United States. As a jurist, he has distinguished himself and is honored by all respectable citizens, regardless of race in North Carolina. May he live long as a bold defender and leader of his race, and ere long rank as a diplomat.

#### TO THE CHILDREN—HOW THEY CAN HELP.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society:

In outlining the plan to raise \$100,000 as a Thank-Offering for Christian Education in last week's Southwestern, I promised to give the boys and girls a chance. The plan is suggested by a presiding elder in the South Carolina Conference in a letter recently received. In making his subscription, he says: I will give \$1.00 for every year of my age, and he is just 42, and gives \$42 to our New Century Thanksgiving Fund. Changing the dollars to cents, this would be a good plan for our boys and girls and so we have it. Let every boy and girl give one cent at least for each year of his age to be repeated every year until 1900. If he is five, he gives 5 cents; if six, 6 cents, and so on. We have nearly 200,000 boys and girls in our Sunday school army in the South. If every one will give one cent for each year of his age, we will raise at least \$10,000 from the children. I want the boys and girls to write me. It will show what education has been doing in the South during these years: Our fathers and mothers were not permitted to write, but we are. Let us improve the opportunity. Write me in your own way and tell what you will give. A good way to send the money would be to buy stamps with your pennies, put them in your letter and address them to me, and I will turn them into money again. Your mother or father or pastor or superintendent will help you. Here is my first letter from a little boy and his niece in far-away Nebraska. They never expect to attend any of the schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, but they heard me tell

of the marvellous work the Lord has been doing for us all both white and colored down here in the South, and they wanted to help. Here is their letter:

Ogalalla, Nebraska.

Dear Doctor Mason:

Enclosed find one dime from a little boy. It is my mite to help in your good work and also two pennies from my little niece for the same good work. Your friend,

Leo Fox.

Now if this little gift from my two little white friends in Nebraska will inspire as many to help as Chaplain McCabe's little boy did who sent him the first five cents on his call for a Million Dollars for Missions, we shall be thankful indeed. Parents, give the little folks a chance. Help and encourage them. Will every superintendent and pastor who will agree to lay this matter upon the hearts of the children in the Sunday school and will help and encourage them to give, write me at once. Let some Sunday be set apart in January for the first offering, and I will keep a separate account of what the children give for this Fund.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Wm. Steinway, one of the firm of the celebrated piano makers, died on the 30th ult.

Joseph J. Cheeseman, President of Liberia, Africa, died on the 11th ult. The Vice President, W. D. Coleman, was elected to succeed him.

We regret to learn that Rev. W. T. Trammell, P. C., at Union, Ala., is quite sick and not able to attend his fourth Quarterly Conference.

It is said President-elect, McKinley, has promised Miss Frances E. Willard that wine, and wine drinking, shall be banished from the White House. This report has not been confirmed but we hope, nevertheless, it is true.

Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, will visit, during January and February, the following conferences and represent the interests of that Board: Florida, St. John's River, Atlanta, Alabama, Savannah, Georgia, etc.

#### BISHOP McCABE COMING.

Louisiana Methodists and all our people will be glad to learn that Bishop McCabe will spend the month of February with us and will fill the following appointments:

Sunday, Feb. 7th. St. Charles Ave., 11 A. M.  
Sunday, Feb. 7th., Union Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
Tuesday, Feb. 9th., Address Students in University Chapel, 11 A. M.  
Wednesday, Feb. 10th., Address Students of Medical College, 4 P. M.  
Thursday, Feb. 11th., LaHarpe St. (French in part,) 7:30 P. M.  
Friday, Feb. 12th., Italian service in part, 7:30 P. M.  
Sunday, Feb. 14th., First German Church, 11 A. M.  
Sunday, Feb. 14th., First Street M. E. Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Tuesday, Feb. 16th., Address the Preachers of New Orleans and Vicinity, 12 M.  
Wednesday, Feb. 17th., Grand Missionary Rally and Address at Mt. Zion Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Thursday, Feb. 18th., Gilbert Academy.  
Friday, Feb. 19th., Alexandria Academy.  
Sunday, Feb. 21st., Simpson Chapel, 11 A. M.  
Sunday, Feb. 21st., Wesley Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22nd., 3 P. M.  
Grand Sunday School Rally, Wesley Chapel, of all our Sunday Schools in New Orleans.  
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd., Home Missionary Society Rally, Williams Chapel, 7:30 P. M.  
Thursday, Feb. 25th., Woman's Foreign Missionary Rally, Mallalieu Chapel, 7:30 P. M.

Bishop Warren says on the Peninsula Methodist:

"Every church official should take a loyal Methodist paper or resign. In case he does not so take his stalwart ignorance out of the councils of the church, the authorities should send his resignation to him."

No comment is necessary. We say Amen!



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Let the pastors announce this offer in their pulpits and push the canvass to the utmost. No time of the year is so favorable as this.

There are many unfulfilled pledges for this year which should be applied to this canvass.

#### Cash Remittances.

From Dec 14 to 21.

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H. W. Key, 5	M. S. Foreman
O. H. Brown, 1	C. L. Johnson
Royal Bk'g Powder Co	J. S. Ferguson, *1
J. Lamer	S. H. Huger, 1
A. G. Townsend	E. C. Brent
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W. A. Davis	E. L. Carpenter
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J. A. Evans	A. Middleton, *1
D. G. Harris	W. P. Lyder, *1
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#### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Mount Zion M. E. Church, this city, had a high day, Sunday, the 13th. One joined the church and 128 partook of the Sacrament. The collection was \$88.65.

T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

St. Charles Avenue M. E. Church, this city, has recently expended \$700 in church repairs, and now presents a much better appearance and in keeping with the edifices on that beautiful thoroughfare. A series of revival services closed there last week, at which several were converted or sanctified.

#### HOLLY SPRINGS CONFERENCE.

The second District Conference of the Holly Springs District, Upper Mississippi Conference convened at Abbeville, Miss., November 18, 1896, in Providence M. E. Church, with Rev. W. McDonald, presiding elder, in the chair. After devotions the secretary called the roll and a goodly number answered to their names.

G. J. Dobson was elected secretary, with P. S. Bowle, assistant; G. F. Leatherwood, statistical secretary, with J. J. Johnson, assistant.

The elder read his report which showed success all over the District. All pastors were present but one.

Each made their report, which was encouraging. Quite a number of souls saved, and some of the benevolences were full. This Conference was largely attended.

G. F. Leatherwood was elected reporter.

P. S. Bowle preached the introductory sermon.

Rev. B. F. Delaney, of the C. M. E. Church, was introduced, also Prof. J. A. Williams and E. H. McKissack. They made a few but appropriate remarks.

The pastors and delegates present made the elder up a purse of \$17.25. The same was presented to him by G. J. Dobson.

Oxford, Miss., was chosen as the place of holding the next District Conference.

Sunday was a day of spiritual enjoyment. At 9 a. m., Love Feast; at 11 a. m., the elder preached to a crowded house, after which 129 bowed at communion table; at 3 p. m., N. H. Williams preached a very touching sermon, and at 7 p. m., G. J. Dobson preached the closing sermon.

Rev. R. Sewell offered a resolution thanking the pastor and his good people for the hospitable manner of entertaining the Conference, which was adopted.

"God be With You till We Meet Again" was sung. Thus closed a most pleasant session. G. F. Leatherwood, Reporter.

#### A REAL KNIGHT.

A pleasing sight it was, I do assure you. Not the first part of the scene, for the little maid was crying bitterly. Something very serious must have happened. Wondering, I paused, when around the corner came my knight. On a prancing steed, wearing a glittering helmet and greaves of brass? No; this was a nineteenth century knight, and they are as likely to be on foot as on horseback. Helmets are apt to be made straw hats or Derbys, and as for greaves—well, says Harper's Round Table.

This particular knight was about ten years old—slender, straight, open-eyed. Quickly he spied the damsel in distress. Swiftly he came to her aid.

"What is the matter?" I heard him say. Alas! the "matter" was that the bundle she held had "burst" and its contents were open to view. Probably the small maid expected a hearty scolding for carelessness. And, indeed, whoever put that soiled shirt and collars in her care might reasonably have been vexed.

A new piece of wrapping paper, proved too frail. Must the child get her scolding? No wonder she had sobbed so mournfully.

But the boy was not daunted. He tucked the "burst" bundle under his own arm.

"I'll carry it to the laundry for you," he said, in the kindest voice, and off the two trudged together.

Soon after I met the small girl again. She was comforted and serene.

"Was that boy your brother?" I asked. She shook her head.

"Did you know him?" Another shake. "A real gentleman!" said I. "A genuine Nineteenth Century knight. Bless him!"—Evangel.

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This Conference convened its second session for 1896, November 4th, in White's M. E. Church, McCool, Miss., with Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson in the chair. Elder Ferguson is a young elite, but well feathered. He called the house to order Wednesday evening by making a very grave impression upon the brethren, with reference to every line of church work and their duty as ministers. He is greatly honored by the Conference for his timely instructions and fatherly manner in which these instructions are given. The Conference organized by electing the following officers: J. M. Thompson, Secretary; H. A. Johnson and G. Orange, assistants; F. H. Bunton, Statistical Secretary and Critic; D. L. Tubbs, Treasurer, with Prof. C. E. Moody, assistant, after which the various committees were appointed.

At roll call all of the traveling preachers answered except two, Rev. A. G. Houston, our estimable brother was one, of this District. For two years or more he has suffered most intensely with a sickness that has damaged his progress wonderfully. When he had his health he knew no failure. I as an eye-witness have known him turn almost defeat into victory. The Lord bless Bro. Houston and his dear family in their troubles.

The presiding elder read a well prepared report of the District, which showed progress all over the District. Churches had been built and repaired, bibles purchased and paid for, conversions and accessions were prominent features as well as benevolent collections. Twelve pastors reported, verifying the presiding elder's report.

The following brethren preached able sermons: B. J. Roberson, Solomon Elkin, Wm. Roberts, D. L. Tubbs, A. D. Sherman, C. E. Moody and B. T. Lewis. Nearly all of these were local preachers, but each one of them deserve much credit for their strong efforts. Prof. C. E. Moody deserves special mention; he has been licensed about a year, and preached as though he'd licensed a number of years. Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Rust University, was introduced, who made a strong appeal for Rust, the cure of our women and self-respect. His address was timely and instructive. Forty-odd dollars was turned over to him for Rust University.

Elder Ferguson came very nearly getting into trouble at the Conference, as charges were about to be made. A brother called for a compromise and on investigation we found he had been damaged \$25.00 worth, whereupon the amount was raised, and in behalf of the Conference Bro. Bunton presented it in a most masterly manner.

Five dollars was collected for Rev. A. J. Houston and sent by the presiding elder.

Stewards, Class leaders local preachers, exhorters, Sunday School superintendents and a few League presidents made encouraging reports.

Sunday was truly a high day; love feast in the morning gave impetus to a strong sermon by F. H. Bunton, under the power of which our hearts burnt, while others vociferated the praise of Jesus freely.

Afternoon.—J. E. Everett, the old trusty, preached until he surprised himself; at night D. W. Calvert took the place of J. M. Thompson, he being sick. Bro. Calvert is one of the true and tried. He never fails.

Too much can not be said in behalf of the good people of McCool. They cared for the Conference with perfect ease. The Lord bless these good people in all their efforts for good.

B. H. S. Ferguson, P. E.  
J. M. Thompson, Secretary.

Spain now has rebellion in the Philippine Islands to cope with as well as in Cuba and late advices from Madrid are to the effect that this second revolt is spreading. An impressive open-air meeting was held in San Sebastian,

September 3rd, on the eve of the departure of additional troops for the Philippines and Cuba.

Spain is much in need of funds for carrying on the Cuban war. According to late reports the monthly expense is about nine million dollars, and ten millions more will be needed when the twenty thousand soldiers are sent out in November. Premier Canovas says he is determined to finish the war within a very short time.

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## WHEN BRUIN CAME INTO CAMP.

One of the latest of the New York Sun's bear stories come from Black Stream, Maine, and is reported by a party who had been in camp in an old shanty, fishing, hunting, and in a general way enjoying the wild life of the woods. Pleasant as they found their mode of existence, they did not pursue it as long as they had intended, for the reason given in their narrative, which is subjoined herewith:

The nights were warm and we had left the door propped open for ventilation. On one side of the shanty were our bunks; on the other we had arranged our commissary department. Our meals we cooked outside, and after supper we sat around the fire smoking and telling stories.

Last Friday we took a hard tramp down the stream and back again, and after supper, being well tired out, we turned in early. Well, some time in the night we were waked up by a sudden rumpus in the camp. The door suddenly slammed shut, as it had a way of doing when the prop was removed, and then there was a great shuffling about. Tin dishes and kettles were knocked down, and something sent the little cross-legged table into the corner.

Somebody lighted a match, and we saw a big black bear standing in the midst of our eatables. A bucketful of doughnuts were rolling about his furry feet. There was butter on his nose, and molasses was dripping from all sides of his head. The old fellow looked rather disconcerted, but he didn't forget to keep on munching the big string of trout we had so laboriously brought in that night. He was backed up pretty near the door, and the only window was right beside it. The match burned out, and nobody moved or spoke for a moment.

Through the center of the camp, high above the berths, a pole had been placed on which to hang blankets. I thought of it as a perch out of the bear's reach, and when there came another scramble on the floor, and I knew Mr. Bear was changing quarters, I gave a wild whoop and sailed for where I knew that pole to be. It seems that everybody else had the same brilliant plan, and up we all went.

Snap! crack! crash! down we all came, mid yells and groans and growls that struck terror to the hearts of city sportsmen.

For an instant bedlam reigned, and each thought himself the victim. I felt a pair of feet that nearly crushed me press my back as the beast went over me, and with a crash he went out of the window.

Our visitor had departed, and somebody finally had sense enough to light a lantern. Nobody was seriously hurt, but Ed was missing.

While we looked at each other in blank horror, a faint voice called "Help!" We finally located the appeal in the chimney, and the owner of it was Ed, and wedged in "far keeps." We had to tear that rock chimney nearly all down to rescue him. He said he tumbled into the fire-place when the perch broke down, and with self-preservation uppermost in mind, tried to crawl out of the smoke-hole.

## INFANTICIDE IN CHINA.

(Taken from World Wide Missions.)

The narrow valley (Ningkonggiao) is overcrowded with people and I saw painful evidence of the prevalence of infanticide, in numerous handbills exhorting the people to spare the lives of their female children. One man whom I questioned on the subject, said cynically, that they put their girls out of the way because if spared to grow up they would bring disgrace on their parents. Another confessed that several of his female children—I forget how many—had been smothered in the hour of birth. When exasperated with on the enormity of the crime, he excused himself by shifting the blame upon his neighbors, who, he said, relieved him of that disagreeable task. Despite humane laws and humane literature, this shocking crime prevails in many, but not all, parts of the empire. It is almost unknown at the capital, where it is forestalled by nipping the young life at an earlier stage. For so dark a blot on the honor of this country, strange to say, one of China's wisest sages is partly responsible. For was it not Mencius who said that "the greatest sin against filial piety is to have no son?" Everybody, therefore, marries as soon as possible—parents pushing their children into matrimony before they are out of their teens—and when that first of duties is fulfilled and the family sacrifices provided for, little regard is felt for supernumerary offspring, especially girls.

Strange again that this distaste of the female sex, which marks them out for victims, and which, in spite of literary culture, stamps a people with barbarism, should be inculcated in the Sniking, one of the most sacred books of the East. Here is a passage from the work cited:

If a boy is born in a dowry bed let him be wrapped in purple and red; Apparel bright and jewels bring. For the noble child who shall serve the king.

"If a girl is born, in coarse cloth wound, With a tile for a toy, let her lie on the ground; In her bread and her beer be her praise or her blame, And let her not sully her parent's good name."

On the outskirts of city or town may be noticed a low tower, more sad in its suggestion than the Parsee, "tower of silence" seen at Bombay. It is the baby tower, or receptacle for the uncoffined corpses of infants. No inquiry is made as the cause of death; No ceremony is observed in sepulture. A hideous superstition comes in to aggravate the heartlessness of parental neglect.—A Cycle of Cathay by Dr. Martin.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 3, 1897.

## CHRIST'S ASCENSION.

Acts 1:1-14.

Golden Text.—"While He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24:31.

Time.—According to the usual reckoning, Thursday, May 18, A. D. 30.

Place.—The Mount of Olives, near Bethany.

Rulers.—Pontius Pilate, procurator (governor) of Judea; Herod Antipas, tetrarch in Gallilee.

Introduction.—Church history begins where Gospel history closes, with the risen Lord about to take leave of his followers.

### Lesson Helps.

1. The former treatise.—The first narrative; meaning the Gospel according to St. Luke. Theophilus—See Descriptive Index. Jesus began.—The Gospel relates that Jesus began to do; the Acts what He carried on after He ascended to heaven. But a better interpretation is, "All that Jesus from the beginning did and taught." (1) Our Lord both preached and practiced; so should we.

2. The day in which He was taken up.—With which day Luke's Gospel ends. Through the Holy Ghost had given commandments—Better, "had given commandments by the Holy Ghost," which may mean that certain commandments were given by the Lord Jesus to the apostles by inspiration of God rather than by word of mouth.

3. His passion—His death on the cross. "Passion" is an Old English word for "suffering." Infallible proofs—Ten appearances of the risen Jesus are reported, five of them on the day He arose from the dead. Seen of them forty days—Not all the time, but occasionally. (2) But He is with us always. There may have been unrecorded appearances.

4. Assembled together with them—Possibly our Lord's last meeting with His disciples. Not depart from Jerusalem—"Tarry ye." See Luke 24:49. Wait—Their first duty was to be made ready for their holy missions. The promise of the Father—The promise that God the Father would send his Spirit "until ye be endued with power from on high" Which ye have heard of me—Carefully read John, chapters 15-16.

6. Restore again the kingdom—Even yet the disciples expected Jesus to set up a throne like earthly kings, and make them His nobles.

7. It is not for you—And therefore not for any man. The times or the seasons—When God will establish the kingdom in the world. But in His own power—Reserved for himself, and not revealed to others. (3) "Take no thought of the morrow."

8. Receive power—"Power," in the last verse, means "absolute disposal," supreme authority; here it means spiritual power to know and speak the truth of the Gospel. Witness unto me—"They were not to be prophets of the future, but witnesses of the past."—Alford.

9. While they beheld—Our Lord ascended in full view of His disciples. A cloud—"This cloud was the visible symbol of the presence of God."—Gloag.

10. Two men—Angels in the form of men.

11. Men of Galilee—Nearly all the disciples of Jesus came from Galilee. Stand gazing—(4) Disciples are not to watch the heavens, but to work for Christ on earth. Shall come—Some time Jesus will return to earth.

### Home Readings.

Monday—The Ascension, (Acts 1:1-14.

Tuesday—The parting blessing, (Luke 24:44-53.

Wednesday—To the Father, (John 16:1-11.)

Thursday—For us, (Heb. 9:23-28.)

Friday—On the throne, (Heb. 10:1-13.)

Saturday—Head over all, (Eph. 1:15-23.

Sunday—Alive for evermore, (Rev. 1:9-18.)

### Questions for Home Study.

1. The Promise of the Father, v. 1-8.—What was Luke's purpose in writing "the former treatise?"—Luke 1:1-4. What is known about Theophilus? To what "commandment" does Luke refer?

How many times was the risen Jesus seen, and by whom?

Why did Jesus appear only to His friends?

Name the "infallible proofs" of the resurrection.

What "proofs" does John name in his first epistle?

What other apostles sum up the proofs, and where? See Cor. 15:8-5.

What was the chief subject of discourse during the forty days?

What final command did Jesus give the disciples?

By whom was the "promise" first given?

What baptisms are here contrasted?

What personal experience do these baptisms represent?

What question did the disciples ask about the kingdom?

How much may we know of "the times and seasons?" See Matt. 24:36-42.

What gift would the Holy Ghost impart?

What duty would then follow?

What was the chief truth to which they were to witness? See Acts 2:32.

2. The Farewell of the Son, v. 9-11.—What suddenly occurred as Jesus ceased speaking?

What warning had Jesus given of this event? See John 13:33.

Who appeared in the place of Jesus? What was their question to the disciples?

What was Jesus' own promise of return? See John 14:1-3.

When will he return?

What says Paul about His coming? 1 Thes. 4, 16.

3. The Prayer for the Spirit, v. 12-24.—Where did the disciples at once go?

How far is Sabbath day's journey? John 11, 18.

In what place did the disciples assemble?

What one of the twelve was absent?

What fate had befallen Judas?

Who else were with the apostles?

How were the company engaged?

What was the probable burden of their prayer?

### Teachings of the Lesson.

1. The Gospel rests on a firm foundation. The resurrection of Jesus is an assured fact. "We have not followed cunningly devised fables." We know—and therefore we testify.

2. The Holy Spirit gives power to Christian believers. No witness can testify to what he does not know; no one can know Jesus as a Saviour save by the help of the Holy Spirit. See 1 Cor. 12, 3.

3. Jesus is coming again. The time no man knows. But "the same Jesus" will come in power, in great glory, with angels and saints, to welcome his own and take them to himself forever.

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press.....	5:35 p.m.	press.....	8:5 a.m.
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Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Alabama—Heflin, Ala.....	Jan. 23.....	Foss	
Arkansas—Stuttgart, Ark.....	Jan. 21.....	Andrews	
Atlanta—Atlanta, Ga.....	Jan. 2.....	Foss	
Baltimore—Baltimore, Md.....	Mar. 3.....	Mallalieu	
Central Alabama—Opelika, Ala.....	Feb. 4.....	Foss	
Central Missouri—Kansas City, Mo.....	Mar. 10.....	Cranston	
Central Penn.—Clearfield, Pa.....	Mar. 17.....	Ninde	
Delaware—Easton, Md.....	Mar. 25.....	Ninde	
East German—Scranton, Pa.....	Mar. 25.....	Walden	
East Maine—Carleton, Me.....	April 22.....	Mallalieu	
Florida—Tampa, Fla.....	Jan. 14.....	H. ret	
Georgia—Tallahassee, Ga.....	Feb. 11.....	Foss	
Gulf Mission—Jennings, La.....	Jan. 21.....	Fowler	
Kansas—Manhattan, Kan.....	Mar. 3.....	McCabe	
Lexington—Springfield, O.....	April 1.....	Cranston	
Litt's Rock—Forrest City, Ark.....	Jan. 24.....	Andrews	
Louisiana—Donaldsonville, La.....	Jan. 14.....	Fowler	
Maine—Portland, Me.....	April 14.....	Mallalieu	
Mississippi—Jackson, Miss.....	Jan. 6.....	Fowler	
Missouri—Bethany, Mo.....	Mar. 24.....	Cranston	
New England—Lowell, Mass.....	April 7.....	Fowler	
N. E. South'n—So. Manchester, Conn.....	April 14.....	Newman	
New Hampshire—Manchester.....	April 8.....	Ninde	
New Jersey—Trenton, N. J.....	Mar. 24.....	Warren	
New York—Sing Sing, N. Y.....	April 7.....	Merrill	
New York East—Brooklyn.....	April 7.....	Walden	
Newark—Newark, N. J.....	April 7.....	Andrews	
North Dakota—Park River.....	April 23.....	Merrill	
North Indiana—Kokomo, Ind.....	Mar. 17.....	Merrill	
North'n New York—Watertown.....	April 14.....	Warren	
Northwest Kansas—Beloit Kan.....	Mar. 24.....	McCabe	
Philadelphia—Bethlehem, Pa.....	Mar. 17.....	Newman	
St. John's River—Tarpon Springs, Fla.....	Jan. 21.....	Hurst	
St. Louis—Nevada, Mo.....	Mar. 10.....	Cranston	
Savannah—Savannah, Ga.....	Jan. 28.....	Hurst	
South Carolina—Columbia, S. C.....	Feb. 8.....	Hurst	
South Kansas—Pittsburg, Kan.....	Mar. 10.....	McCabe	
S. W. Kansas—Winfield, Kan.....	Mar. 17.....	McCabe	
Troy—Schenectady, N. Y.....	April 14.....	Ninde	
Upper Mississippi—Greenwood, Ia.....	Jan. 14.....	Andrews	
Vermont—Springfield, Vt.....	April 15.....	Walden	
Virginia—Roanoke, Va.....	Mar. 11.....	Mallalieu	
Washington—Annapolis, Md.....	Mar. 10.....	Newman	
Wilmington—Chestertown, Md.....	Mar. 17.....	Walden	
Wyoming—Ogden, N. Y.....	April 7.....	Warren	

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

To-morrow is Emancipation day!

We enlarge next week; how many subscribers are you going to send us?

Talk is great, and sometimes very comforting, but what we need is a list of new subscribers from every pastor, Presiding Elder and friend.

Clark University Courier is a bright, newsy little sheet. The editor may be a Stripling but he makes a good start.

Now for cash subscribers! One year, \$1.25; six months, 75 cents, and three months, 50 cents.

It depends more on the living of the pew than the preaching of the pulpit as to whether the world shall be saved or not.

We learn from an exchange that every house in Sardis, Ga., about 100 in all, is owned and occupied by colored people.

The Wiley Memorial Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Rev. G. W. Zeigler, pastor, was recently dedicated by Bishop Fowler. It is a great edifice.

A god brother called to see why his article had not appeared. We showed it to him in the issue of two weeks previous. He had not seen it. Brethren, read the paper and we will all be happier.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, the proprietor of the Indianapolis Freeman, is an applicant for Recorder of Deeds under the incoming administration. He has our vote to start with, and we hope President McKinley may think as we do. As recorder, we believe "Col. Knox" will be an eminent success.

The Central of last week gives what Dr. Mains has to say of the impressions made upon him during his recent visit to the annual conferences just held in Texas. He was greatly delighted with Dr. Bowen's addresses, and with what he saw of the work in general. We, of course, are glad to know the Doctor was pleased, and take pleasure in saying his strong addresses before the two conferences we attended, will do our whole work untold good.

Now, brethren, be fair! We have our faults and must bear them, but we do not like to bear yours and ours too. District Conferences, Conventions, marriages, deaths, etc., occur in your communities and you neglect to report it for the time; after a week or ten days we get a letter saying be sure to get this in your next issue. Sometimes it is impossible to do so at the time. When the brethren get after you, you charge the whole delay to us. If this kind of thing continues we may find it necessary to decline to publish such items as are late in reaching us.

All recent reports seem to confirm the much regretted news that Maceo, the great insurgent leader of Cuba, is dead. And what was greatly feared would be the case, his death has taken from the conflict the very soul and nerve of the rebellion. It seems now he was entrapped and slain. His cause may be over-powered and quieted, but it can never be subdued. Maceo has sown seed that will continue to grow. We could not help but admire the gallant fight he has made, no matter what his nationality, and we confess we admire it none the less because he is classed as a mulatto. His place will be hard to fill.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

On our way to the Texas Annual Conference at Paris, we stopped a few hours at Marshall and visited Wiley University. This was our first opportunity to meet the young people there since we left in April last for the General Conference. You may be sure we were glad to see each other, and while we told of our feeling from the chapel rostrum, they told of theirs by the music of the brass band and their hearty and enthusiastic plaudits.

Dr. W. A. Spencer, who was in the State visiting the Annual Conferences, came down from Dallas to visit the school and address the students. He delivered a magnificent address and we are sure it will bear much fruit in future. The Doctor's sweet Christian spirit is contagious and it always does us good to meet him and listen to his earnest and eloquent addresses.

Wiley University is doing well under President Dogan; the attendance is large, the students enthusiastic and happy, and the teachers are greatly devoted to their work. The need of a central building is the absorbing thought with all the friends of the school, and they are confident God will help them secure it.

Paris is one of the most beautiful of the smaller cities of Texas, situated in the midst of the great black land farming section of the northern part of the State. It contains many points of interest, and we should be glad to show our readers some of the sights we saw, were it not a little out of the line we have laid out to pursue at this writing. The point that even yet excites the most general interest is that where the unfortunate Negro, Henry Smith, was burned. We feel confident of one thing, however, and that is that Paris is not the only Southern town that would consider no sacrifice too small to prevent another such occurrence. There are no doubt a few great talkers who will boast of it and say they would do the same thing over should a provocation present itself. They are nobody and have nothing to lose, but it is evident that the heart and brain of Paris are thoroughly sick of their silly venture, and will not suffer such a thing to be done again if in their power to prevent it.

The Conference assembles at this point for the third time in thirteen years. These have been years of real substantial growth. Then we could scarcely furnish the men to fill the offices in organizing the Conferences; now we have many more qualified men than offices to fill; then the Bishop found it difficult to find material to make the requisite number of Presiding Elders; now we have many to spare; then we were working hard to bring the total of our benevolent collections up to \$2,000; now we collect for all purposes more than \$3,000. We might name a number of other evidences of our certain development, but let these suffice.

This time the Conference organized by electing J. H. Reed, Secretary; Freeman Parker, Statistical Secretary, and O. I. Jones, Treasurer.

We mention in another column the names of a number of visitors who received considerable attention but failed to give the name of his honor, LaGrippe, who, though uninvited and unwelcomed, monopolized much of the Bishops' and other brethren's attention. We didn't want it but just had to have it, hence all bore the affliction as gracefully as possible.

While in Paris we had the pleasure of listening to Blind Boone, the great Negro pianist. To our mind Blind Tom has nothing whatever on him. Miss Stella May, the vocalist of the company, must be heard to be properly appreciated. Taken together they make a great show, and Mr.

John Lange is a manager who knows his business, and adds to its greatness.

This was a good session of the Conference and much good was accomplished for God and Methodism.

President Dogan and Profs. Lovinggood and Reed made strong pleas for Wiley University, and the Texas Conference will stand by them.

## THE NEW YEAR.

Another year has gone, and you are either better or worse than you were a year ago. Look back a little, how have you spent the year? What good have you done, how much have you learned, what have you accumulated, what have you done for your own home—your loved ones? Study the past with a view to improve the future. Now look out ahead of you! Are you going to live through the year? Can't tell. Then suppose you get ready? Make 1897 a better year for you and for all around you than was 1896. Devote yourself to that course in life that will accomplish most for you, for yours and for all who are about you.

Do you not feel that some of the years of your life have been unprofitably spent? See to it that this is not. Have you not lost many opportunities to do good? Hereafter accept everyone and go in to do your best! Each man must decide his own destiny. Your comfort and happiness in this life; your weal or woe in eternity, all depend on your own efforts.

## BISHOP AND MRS. McCABE AT THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

According to the plan of visitation as arranged by the Bishops, Bishop Ninde was present and held the Conference, but an unexpected pleasure was enjoyed in the visit of Bishop and Mrs. McCabe. They had a few days before reached Ft. Worth, which was fixed by the last General Conference, and chosen by them as their residence. Their presence was a great benediction to the Conference. Bishop McCabe took right hold and every man felt that his interest in the work is equal to his grip. He assisted in the business of the Conference, and greatly cheered and helped the brethren, but the climax was reached Sunday night. He was announced to preach and the people came en masse. They filled the main audience room and then the folding doors were pushed back and the class-room was filled. And when those who were willing to stand filled the aisles, and all the available space was taken, the preachers had to stand in the altar and the pulpit. But O, how he preached! He swept that audience as though he had his hand on every man. They listened and followed him, interrupting occasionally with that hearty amen that inspires and helps the speaker; but when he was through didn't they shout? 'Twas the Bishop's initiation in our work in Texas; he will never forget it, and we are sure that audience will never forget him. After a prayer for penitent sinners, the whole congregation arose as one man and gave him the Chautauqua salute, while they sang, "The Morning Light is Breaking." The Conference passed resolutions instructing our Presiding Elders to ask for the Bishop to hold the next session of the Conference.

Mrs. McCabe shows the greatest interest in the work, and all were glad to see her.

The New Test had a bright correspondent at the West Texas Conference recently held in Cuero, but we advise the Editor of that sprightly little sheet to furnish that particular correspondent with a certificate of marriage, so as to prevent the increase of suicides where it may hereafter choose to be represented.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## SHALL WE DIVIDE?

(By A. E. P. Albert, D. D.)

Having been requested by several of our brethren to give my views as to the wisdom of dividing the Louisiana Conference at its next session, I beg your indulgence to permit me to briefly set forth my judgment in the premises. In my opinion, whether it may be deemed best to divide at some future day or not, it is certainly not best to do so now.

Many reasons might be given in support of this position, but I need only name one. That one I believe, will be sufficient to convince the brethren that this is not the time to divide. The reason is, that our Conference has suffered the loss of too many of her wisest and safest leaders during the past two years to experiment in division just at this time. During the past two years we have been bereft of the Revs. Alex. Primus, Reese Thompson, Simon Evans, Wm. P. Forrest, A. J. Ford, Geo. W. Wells, J. W. Hudson, Emperor Williams, and Stephen Priestly. Besides these men of extraordinary wisdom, and whose united judgment has so largely shaped the course of procedure in our Conference, we have suffered an irreparable loss in the removal of our Bishop J. C. Hartzell, from our Conference to his enlarged field of usefulness in Africa. And then there is our friendly adviser and constantly faithful helper, Dr. Godman whose shattered health deprives us of his presence and provident direction. To divide in the presence of such bereavements, would be to disrupt a strong Conference that has been suddenly and painfully weakened, to launch out two puny weaklings, that need to remain together to further develop each other. I can conceive of no good reasons that could be advanced that would outweigh the one reason herein set forth against division.

For that reason I shall oppose division at this time.

Gilbert Academy and Industrial College, Baldwin, La.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AT ROME, GA.

"The church is a divine institution, and all that is connected therewith, must be in harmony with the Divine will."

The repeated statement, and the natural conceptions that spring therefrom have been beautifully demonstrated by Rev. M. M. Alston, pastor of the Broad Street M. E. Church in this city. Many no doubt remember that during the past spring Rev. Alston proceeded to set his church in order from a spiritual standpoint, through the assistance of Revs. Coats, Sams, Gray, Watkins, Boston, H. R. Allen, P. E. Hedges, McCurdy and other Christians, and the effort resulted in more than two hundred souls being converted. One hundred and ninety-six of that number was added to this church. At the close of this great revival he was not satisfied with the dilapidated appearance of the church house and in keeping with the acts of persons of a progressive turn of mind he began to lay plans to raise a sufficient sum of money to remodel the church. He called in Bros. Person, Kane, G. and J. Morton, O. I. Cain, M. D. Mordis, McCoombs, Cothran and Carlton, Trustees. They with the Stewards and Stewardesses agreed as with the voice of one man, that something must be done. Clubs were formed and set to work, with the following named persons as leaders, who raised in a very short time the sum of money coming after each name Club No. 1, Sister N. McCoombs, \$19.60; No. 2, Sister L. Samuels, \$5.19; No. 3, Bro. S. Hayes, \$15.00; No. 4, Sister Alice Lake, \$7.00; No. 5, Sister P. Mullen, \$7.55; No. 6, Sister C. Mullen, \$33.66; No. 7, Sister A. Allen, \$48.65; No. 8, Sister Ida Wynne, \$22.00; No. 9, Sister E. Carlton, \$15.05; No. 10, E. Berry, \$8.55; No. 11, Sister L. Rodgers, \$7.65; No. 12, Sister M. Higgins, \$5.80; No. 13, Sister E. Raybon, \$15.85; No. 15, Sister L. Howard, \$3.75; No. 16, Sister L. Cothran, \$16.95; No. 17, E. Pentecost, \$30.00, and a sufficient sum raised by the pastor to make the sum total reported at the time set amounting to over two hundred and eighty-five dollars to be used in improving the

church house. After the said amount was placed in the treasury, carpenters and painters were employed and remodeled the church.

The choir now occupies a position in the rear of the rostrum, such as is seen in many churches of modern times, and the walls have been relieved of the old plastering that for so long threatened to fall from its wouted position. The floor has been elevated at least fourteen inches at the entrance, so that persons who occupy seats nearest the door can with ease behold all things that take place in and about the altar. Beautiful gas fixtures of the most improved style have taken the place of the old ones; and the radiance that they throw upon the whole interior adds new beauty to all things therein. Paint of different colors has been applied, making so great a change as to secure the admiration of the most indifferent persons imaginable. It has required a nice sum of money to bring about these great changes, but, regardless of the fact that the stewards have had to assist mightily in the matter, they have raised more money during this year for their pastor than in eight years previous. Yes, through the indefatigable persistence of pastor and people, they now have the most beautiful and comfortable church in our city belonging to the Negro race. Last Sabbath, the 15th inst. Prof. Murray of Gammon School of Theology in Atlanta, preached the rededication sermon at 11 o'clock to a crowded house from the theme, "What think ye of Christ?" The illustrations were most beautiful and striking, while the whole presentation of the subject matter forcibly carried the conviction home to the hearts of his hearers, that Christ is our Saviour and Redeemer. At 3 P. M., the exercises were indeed impressive; it was the occasion of Prof. Murray addressing the Junior Epworth League of the church and the Loyal Temperance Legion of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. A. S. Kane spoke words of welcome to him in behalf of the Epworth League; Miss Eula Ray in behalf of the Church and Sunday-school, and Mrs. M. A. McCurdy in behalf of the W. C. T. U., and L. T. L. after which N. R. Allen introduced the learned divine, who spoke beautiful words of cheer and instruction to his listeners who sat almost spell-bound through the whole exercise. Rev. M. M. Alston, pastor of the church, acted as Master of Ceremonies in an admirable and impressive manner. At 7 P. M., Prof. Murray spoke again to a large audience from the scriptural theme, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." This sermon, like the one at 11 A. M., was very impressive and instructive, and we pray that he will live long to do good to all who desire to live for Christ and the promotion of His cause.

## M. A. McCurdy.

## DEATH OF REV. JOHN QUALS.

Rev. John Quals died at his post in Ft. Smith, Ark., Nov. 16, 1896.

Brother Quals was sick only a few hours, if indeed he can be said to have been sick at all. He was about his work on Saturday. Sunday morning he attended Sunday school, preached at eleven o'clock, and at seven thirty he entered the pulpit and preached his last sermon.

He took for his text the words, "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment." Many of his congregation were profoundly impressed with the serious and weighty manner in which he delivered this last discourse. At its conclusion he sat down with a forceful Amen, and never spoke again except to his wife when asked if he was sick, and he said no, she having gone to him in the pulpit on noticing that something was the matter.

Several of the brethren had gathered about him by this time, and finding that he was helpless, carried him into the parsonage where he lay apparently unconscious till 8 o'clock Monday morning and died.

Brother Quals was born in 1858 in Louisiana, entered the traveling connection in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1878 in the Louisiana Conference, transferred to the Little Rock Conference in 1890 and served as pastor at Pine Bluff, Van Buren, and Ft. Smith, where he virtually died in the pulpit preaching the gospel. A good place for a good man to die. He was buried from Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church at 2 o'clock P. M., Nov. 17. A very large number of people showed their love for and appreciation of

Brother Quals by their presence at his funeral and the beautiful flowers that they lay upon his casket and grave. He leaves a wife and six children, and scores of friends to mourn their loss. Peace to his ashes.

W. O. Emory, P. E.

## TRIBUTE TO A PASTOR.

We have not occupied any place in your paper in the past, so we hope you will allow us a sufficient space to say a few words concerning our churches at Montgomery, etc.

It affords us much pleasure to state that with Brother S. M. Bolden as our pastor, we are on the line of rapid progress for Methodism and for Christ. Brother Bolden has been in charge of our work for the past four years and we are proud to say that his equal we have not yet had. He is a pastor indeed! A pastor because he does the work of a true pastor.

This circuit is not a rich one as many perhaps are, but the people under circumstances do the best they can. Brother Bolden seems to know how to adapt himself to the condition of his people, and at the same time gain their confidence, and thereby lead to true Methodism and faith and hope in Christ. As a pastor, he has brought the churches close to each other in the unity and policy of the church and thereby causes every man to stand in his place.

Brother Bolden is not only liked and honored by his own people but by all; both white and colored.

The white people are as anxious to have him among them as we are to have him, and they too look with dreaded expressions to the day when he will in obedience to the Texas Conference have to bid us adieu to take charge of another congregation to lead them to the city of our God. It is our earnest desire that he will be sent to us from the ensuing annual Conference, but if in the event he is not sent to us we trust that he will be sent to a good charge. We vouch for him giving general satisfaction as a minister, to any congregation in our connection. He is not an able speaker, only, but he has that spiritual efficacy which compels men to come to Christ. He is among the best for convincing men of their sins and bringing them to confession; he is among the leading divines.

He has few equals as a financier. His plan is to keep spiritual unity among the people and in this way he has no trouble in carrying out his financial plans.

From our personal concerns with him, we recommend him as a man full of Christian pluck, energy, faith and virtue. A refusal of him will not be necessary as we are quite willing to accept him as long as it is in the judgment of the Conference that Montgomery is the place for him. Let us have him.

Prof. T. S. Simonton,  
R. Jones,  
Thos. Hedgman,  
W. Jones,

The Board of Stewards,  
Montgomery, Tex.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Third District Epworth League Convention of the M. E. Church met at Smithland, Ky., Nov. 27. H. A. Foreman was elected Chairman, and Miss Eva Landrum, Secretary. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. T. Lewis. The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. C. W. Mason, of Smithland, Ky., which was responded to by Rev. E. L. Gilliam, of Indianapolis, Ind. The subjects were well selected, and intelligently and enthusiastically presented. The session was well attended, though the weather was very inclement. The following strangers were present: Messrs. H. A. Foreman, of Fredonia, Ky.; Wm. Cook, Princeton, Ky., and Robert Crow, of Dulany, Ky. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, H. A. Foreman; Vice-President, Miss Lelia Pippins; Secretary, Miss Eva Landrum; Treasurer, Miss Eva Holland; Executive Committee, Wm. Cook; Miss Nannie Pettis and Miss Amalia Watts. All the above named officers are of Smithland, Ky., except Miss Nannie Pettis of Princeton, Ky. We are glad to know that our people are beginning to understand the various departments of the League, and are becoming actively engaged in putting them into operation. I found the people of

Smithland a generous set of Christians and gentlemen. They opened their doors of hospitality and made it as pleasant for the visiting delegates as possible. We found Rev. C. T. Lewis and wife laboring energetically to make the League at Smithland a success. Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Presiding Elder of the Ind. District was present and captivated the Convention with his eloquent speeches. The next session will be held at Princeton, Ky.

Wm. Cook, Cor. Sec.

## REV. J. W. E. BOWEN, Ph. D. D. D., IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

I wish to mention the very pleasant visit of Dr. Bowen to our church and school. No man, to my knowledge has ever given more general satisfaction, both to church and school, and the citizens of the city, than did Dr. Bowen.

His lecture on Friday morning and afternoon to the school and faculty, largely represented by the most influential men of the city, was simply grand, superb and without ostentatiousness or boastfulness. Just what was needed for the time and place and under circumstances, which brought from the people a most hearty approval.

His lecture in the evening at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church to a large and appreciative audience, was one which will and must live long with those who heard him.

Every vein and fiber of the man seemed at times to be aglow with fire. Every person seemed to have caught a new inspiration and left the church with a more determined will than ever to do and dare for the master and his people, be they white or black.

The speaker seemed to have forgotten himself when he appealed to the young men and women for the new century.

His sermon on the Sabbath at eleven o'clock was grand, and full of pathos and logic. The auditorium was packed to the utmost, and even so at four o'clock when he spoke to the young people under the auspices of the Epworth League. He made the welkin ring!

At 7:30 p. m., he preached at Main Street Church for our white people. The good time is coming, let all hands take hold, no time for idlers, should be the maxim.

W. R. R. Duncan.

## DR. BOWEN AT PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE.

I wish to announce through your columns that we were very much pleased to have the Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen with us the last few days.

Friday morning and afternoon he addressed the students of Philander Smith College concerning "The Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa." In the evening he delivered, at Wesley Chapel, his popular lecture, "Wanted, A Negro for A New Country."

Sunday morning he appeared before his own people at Wesley Chapel, and in the evening he spoke to a very attentive audience at the Main Street M. E. Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Lewis is pastor.

This is the first time that the doors of this church have ever been thrown open to a colored man. Surely it must be as the doctor remarked in his sermon, "People are becoming larger-hearted and therefore better." We are expecting large results in the near future through the medium of education.

Thos. Mason,  
Little Rock, Ark.

The friends of the devil are always the first to get mad when the real gospel of Christ is preached in church.—Ex.

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# FROM PRESIDING ELDERS

The District Stewards' Meeting of the Huntsville District for the year 1897, will convene at the St. James Church, Huntsville, Friday, Jan. 1, 1897. Please all of the District Stewards be present, and as many of the pastors as can come.

I am respectfully,  
A. C. Culbreath, P. E.

## NAVASOTA DISTRICT

Dear Brethren: Remember Dr. Mason's great plan. You have read the appeal. You know the needs of the church. I therefore appeal to you, do your best. Begin with the year. Make things hum this year. Begin with the Southwestern—don't stop until you reach the least of your members. We must not fail. Tell your people that the paper will be enlarged this year for the same price. The Navasota District is to stand upon its own feet this year, and we must demonstrate to the church that we are fully able to do our own work. The conflict is now past, let's prepare for the next which will be in Navasota in 1897. One dollar from your every member this year for benevolence and more from those who are able to pay more. This dollar can be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly. I shall have receipts for those who pay their benevolence. Have the leaders in connection with the District Stewards, have quarterages raised and report the same in the Conference; let each pastor see that this is done. Have the quarterly collections taken by classes. See that each member does his or her duty. This is the way to succeed. Love feast will be held preceding the quarterly conference on every circuit and station during the year. The place where the quarter is held, the pastor will see that each member as far as possible attends the quarterly meeting. Now brethren, if we will do as I direct, there will be no trouble. The Lord bless you. Push! push your work. Yours for success,  
W. L. Dunnean, P. E.

## PALESTINE DISTRICT, TEXAS.

Dear Brethren: Please get to your fields of labor at once. Meet your Estimating Committees and prepare for the first quarter. Put your committees to work at once and urge them to have something to report on the Benevolences at each Quarterly Conference. Do not fail to secure Easter programmes in time and make Easter a grand day for missions to raise the entire collections on that day for missions, and as soon as raised forward to the treasurer, Dr. Homer Eaton, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Remember the successful man always has a place in the front rank. Do not wait until the fall of the year or just before Conference, and expect to do all in a short time, as some have done. Do something now, and this means each day. Do as I have asked you and we will undoubtedly succeed. District Stewards meeting at Palestine, Texas, St. Paul M. E. Church, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1897. Please notify the District Stewards to be on hand at 10 A. M. I am yours for success,  
W. A. Fortson, P. E.

## UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

To the Brethren of the Upper Mississippi Conference, Twelfth District: You are hereby notified that ample arrangements have been made with the M. & O. R. R. so that you who live on that line may get tickets on the certificate plan to Greenwood or West-point as you choose. And on the I. C. R. R. through to Elizabeth, Winona, or Greenwood; on the K. C. M. & B. to Holly Springs; and on the Southern (G. P.) Railway to Greenwood, Miss., on the occasion of the Seventh Session of the above Conference, Jan. 14, 1897. Unprovided tickets be purchased not more than 3 days before the opening of the Conference, accompanied with a certificate from the agent from starting place. Please take due notice and be governed accordingly.

B. H. S. Ferguson, Sec'y.  
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## TUPELO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Second District Conference of the Tupelo District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened at New Albany, Miss., Nov. 25th-29th, with Elder P. O. Jamison in the chair. After scripture lesson and singing, prayer was offered by Elder Jamison. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Warren McDonald, Presiding Elder of the Holly Springs District. All the pastors and a goodly number of local preachers and exhorters answered to roll call. W. C. Clay was elected Secretary, J. M. Walton and N. R. Clay, assistants. W. E. Logan was elected Statistical Secretary, H. C. Norman, assistant. The Presiding Elder presented a well prepared report showing that diligent work had been done all over the District, and that the different departments of the church were well organized. Many souls had been led to Christ and the benevolences of the church had been carefully looked after. Pastors, local preachers, exhorters, Superintendents, class leaders, and Stewards' reports were encouraging. Among the visitors were Rev. S. H. Nevils of the Aberdeen District, and Prof. E. H. McKissack of Rust University.

Prof. McKissack ably presented the cause of Rust University, which was heartily responded to by the brethren by turning over what money they had in hand for the school.

The topics for discussion were well at the command of the brethren. Among the many discussions we must mention the well prepared paper on the question by Brother P. T. ...

Brother Tubb is favorably disposed towards the women.

The Statistical report shows that the following monies have been raised during the year: Benevolences, \$162; for Presiding Elder, \$780.39; for pastors, \$1,399.58; improvements \$661.71. Total \$6,003.68.

A purse of \$25 was presented to Elder Jamison with which to purchase a suit of clothes. Too much praise cannot be given Brother York and his good people of New Albany for the generous way in which they cared for the Conference. The following named brethren preached on Sunday: at 11 A. M., N. R. Clay; 3 P. M., W. M. Campbell; 7:30 P. M., W. C. Clay. Thus closed one of the most interesting sessions of the Tupelo District Conference. Nettleton, Miss., was selected as the seat of the next District Conference.

W. C. Clay, Secretary.

## STREET-CAR POLITENESS.

A friend of mine was in a cable car the other day. After taking his seat he presently began to be very uncomfortable for everybody seemed amused at him. Glances were leveled in his direction, girls giggled, elderly ladies drew their faces into a pucker, and the atmosphere of the place was as electric as the fluid which sent the car through space. After a short interval the puzzled gentleman discovered that it was not he who was the object of mirth to his comrades on the road, but a poor, shy, blushing, tearful, trembling, frightened girl, who was sitting by his side. She, poor child, was dressed in an outre fashion, which did not please the set of people in that conveyance; and evidently she had met with an accident, for her clothing was tumbled and torn, her face was bruised and cut, and one hand had been wrenched and seemed to be paining her very much. I can imagine nothing more brutally ill-bred and rudely ignorant and unfeeling than the behavior of those silly girls and boys, and still more silly grown-up people in that car. Can you? They were laughing at a child who had met with an accident on her wheel.

One of the first rules to be adopted by a thoroughly polite person is this: Never show surprise, except of the genuinely gracious kind—the kind that expresses cordial interest and pleasure. Never laugh at an awkward predicament, as, for example, a fall or a mistake made by another. Be careful never to pain anyone, friend or stranger, by ridicule, or by thoughtless plain speaking. — Evangelical Visitor.

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## THE LAST ISSUE BEFORE ENLARGING.

After working earnestly for weeks to secure the enlargement of this paper, we must confess that when we consider the increased responsibilities its enlargement brings to the Negro membership of our church, it causes the least bit of nervousness on our part.

The all important question is will we measure up to the responsibility that the enlargement brings? We have constantly demanded the enlargement of the paper, and the agents have at last yielded to our demands, now should we fail to measure up it will be a reproach upon us for years to come. We shall certainly do our part and leave the rest with our preachers and people. Brother, what will you do?

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

In response to the plan of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States, the week of prayer will be observed throughout the country during the first week in January. A great many of our churches have their revivals begin with the proper observance of this week of prayer, and whether this be in accordance with your plan or not, join with all sympathizing churches in holding a prayer service each evening beginning the week with a sermon January 3. The program is as follows:

Sunday, Jan. 3. Sermons. (Lam. iii, 25.)

Monday, Jan. 4. Humiliation and Thanksgiving. Confession: Of personal, social, and national sins. (Psalm xxv, 1-18; Joel ii, 12-14.) Thanksgiving! For the blessings of the year (Psalm cvii, 1-9; Psalm cxlv, 1-9; Eph. i, 3-7).

Tuesday, Jan. 5. The Church Universal. Praise: For the reality of Christian unity, and for the increasing recognition (1 Cor. xii, 12-27). Prayer: For the Holy Spirit; for a pure Gospel; for the fellowship of believers; for the fulfillment of the church's mission (Acts ii, 1-18; 1 John i, 3-7; Matt. xiii, 31-33).

Wednesday, Jan. 6. Nations and their Rulers. Praise: For the general prevalence of peace; for the happy issue of the Venezuelan dispute; for the progress of arbitration (Matt. v, 9). Prayer: for all in authority; for courts of Justice and Legislatures, that righteousness may prevail in them; for the complete triumph of the principle of arbitration; for temperance and all other needed reforms, for the brotherhood of men, that all sectionalism, class prejudices, and race antipathies may cease (Rom. xiii, 1-7; Prov. xxiii, 29-35; Isa. ii, 4; Acts xvii, 26; Psalm cxxxiii).

Thursday, Jan. 7. Foreign Missions. Praise: For the progress of the year; for the assurance that the will of God will yet be done in earth as it is in heaven Rev. xi, 15). Prayer: For a revival of the missionary spirit; for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the interdenominational meetings the ensuing week in the interest of Foreign Missions; for the relief of missionary treasures; for missionaries, especially those exposed to peculiar perils; for Armenians, Stundists and all who are persecuted for Christ's sake; for the conversion of the world (Matt. xxviii, 18-20; Matt. v, 10-12; Isa. xxxv).

Friday, Jan. 8. Home Missions. Praise: For increasing apprehension of the social mission of the church; for the growth of municipal reform (Isa. lxxv, 17-25). Prayer: For missionary societies burdened with debt; for home and city missionaries; for increased cooperation; for neglected populations, both city and rural, and for a divine urgency that shall impel to effort in their behalf (Luke xxiv, 46-47; Luke x, 1-2; Luke xiv, 23).

Saturday, Jan. 9. Families and Schools. Praise

For families united in Christ, and for the increasing number of Christian youth. Prayer: For parents, children, and servants; for a more general observance of family worship; for all schools, colleges, seminaries, and universities; for Sunday Schools and for religious societies for young men and women (Col. iii, 14-25; Deut. xi, 18-21; Joel ii, 28-29).

Sunday, Jan. 10. Sermons. (Matt. xxviii 18-20).

## KENTUCKY SEEMS TO ENJOY IT.

We take the following from an exchange that our readers may see how rapidly our civilization is developing. How any lynching can be termed "orderly" is more than we can see, but our exchange says:

"Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Alfred Holt, colored, alias Alexander, the murderer of Police Officer A. W. White, was taken from jail by a mob at 12:30 o'clock this morning and hanged to a tree in the court house yard. The lynching was the most quiet and orderly perhaps ever conducted in the State, and few persons save those having business on the public square at the time knew anything of it.

"Including Holt, seven men in the last week have met death at the hands of mobs in Kentucky.

"Last Saturday, Henry Finley was called to his door, near Mayfield, Graves county, and was shot to death by a mob of masked men. Two days before the Proctors, three in number, were victims of a mob in Logan county, two being hanged and the other being shot to death in his cell upon his resisting the mob. Sunday night Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield, after a pledge guaranteeing his safety had been made by the citizens. Tuesday night Will Suett, a negro boy, was brutally shot to death at Mayfield."

## AN EVIDENCE OF METHODISM'S STRENGTH.

Since the close of the last General Conference, Drs. Curtis, Hamilton and Mason moved to Cincinnati that they might give the closer attention to the details of their varied duties. The following from the Western, published there, will show how the Methodists of that city measured up to the occasion and gave them a formal welcome. The Western says:

Cincinnati's pace is not rapid, but it is regular and square. She opens her heart with tantalizing deliberation; but when she opens it, no truer friendship is ever disclosed. Last Monday night she opened it wide to Dr. Lewis Curtis, resident agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, Drs. John W. Hamilton and M. C. B. Mason, resident secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The host was the Cincinnati Methodist Social Union, Mr. William Christie Herron, president. The place, the beautiful Forest Avenue Church, in Avondale. Its remoteness from the center, did not prevent the assembling of a large and representative company of pastors and people. The exercises were interspersed with choice music. President Herron's address of welcome was gratifying alike to host and guests. What the latter thought of us we hope was favorable: sure it is we thought well of them, as they severally responded. It is a difficult thing to acquit one's self well on such an occasion, where humor must light the brow of wisdom, and wit fringe the robes of piety. But the guests mastered it. Dr. Hamilton is always statesmanlike, even his humor never lets go its hold on dignity. Dr. Curtis' kindly spirit played over the surface of his rugged sense of duty and service. Dr. Mason thinks in periods scarcely less massive and even more rhythmical than Webster's. Three better speeches for such an occasion Cincinnati never heard: each voicing reliance upon God, faith in humanity, and boundless admiration for the genius, achievements, and possibilities of Methodism.

At the close of the formal program, social greetings were the order in the lobby and parlors, the evening closing with light refreshments served in the social rooms.

Now, brethren, work. The last excuse is removed. We enlarge the paper next week.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. Sam Bell, pastor at Franklinton, La., called to see us; he is closing a year of most flattering success.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond is in New England arousing the Methodists there in the interest of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

We learn that Dr. Libby, President of Rust University, has been compelled to give up his work on account of failing health. We trust his affliction is only temporary.

Prof. D. W. Byrd, the new Editor of the Central Tennessee College Record, is making a new little paper. He has a high idea.

Rev. A. P. Camphor and wife sailed from New York for Liverpool on the 19th inst. They go to Liberia to take charge of our school at Monrovia. Let all pray for their safe arrival and triumph over the Africa fevers.

Mrs. Sarah L. Barnes, who represents us at Scott Chinn Chapel, this city, came in to enter renewals for some of our subscribers at that church. She is always faithful and we are glad to have her come.

Rev. J. C. Hibbler, pastor at Jackson, Miss., where the Mississippi Conference holds its next session beginning Jan. 6, 1897, informs us that Gov. McLauren will deliver the welcome address on the assembling of the Conference. Also that all railroads leading to Jackson have granted reduced rates on the certificate plan. Secure certificates when you purchase your ticket.

J. B. Scott, cattle dealer, from Pickens, Miss., called in last week, renewed his subscription for '97, and purchased several good books, among them a fine pulpit Bible and hymnal to present to his church. He said the Lord had prospered him during the year, and he desired to do something for Him and the church. It was evident that the prosperity referred to was both spiritual and financial. We wish more of our people would thus appreciate God's good gifts.

Mrs. Helen Douglass, the widow of our Frederick, writes a ringing article for the holiday number of the Indianapolis Freeman on "Where are the Heathens?" While she would not have the charitably disposed neglect the Armenians of Europe, she begs to remind them that Armenia is at their door, and in this connection calls attention to the chain-gang system and high-handed murderers of the South; and that prejudice that excludes the Negro from schools and other privileges at the North as well.

The Freeman's holiday number has several strong articles that are well worth reading.

## THIS IN OHIO!

The Evansville Maceo Sentinel is authority for the statement that Clinton Barnett has been denied admission to the Ohio Medical College, a part of the University of Cincinnati, on account of his color. At the time he applied for admission, Barnett was informed by the secretary of the faculty, Dr. Jas. Hyndman, that it had always been the policy of the college to refuse colored students. Barnett was not satisfied and he placed his case in the hands of Attorney George H. Jackson. Barnett had previously studied medicine for one term at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Now the question has arisen as to the legality of discrimination on account of color under the educational laws of the State of Ohio.—New York Age.

Come to think of it, on which side of the Ohio river is Cincinnati anyway? If it is south of it, we have nothing farther to say; but if it is north of it, we simply desire to say this is another evidence that the South is emigrating to the North, if not in body it certainly is in spirit.

We desire to drop this hint to our pastors: Do not let the stewards put a bottle or a flask on the communion table. If the wine must be brought to the church in such, pour it into a pitcher before the communion begins. The officers mean all right and no doubt do as well as they know. We are sure after thinking the matter over you will conclude that a nice clean pitcher is far more appropriate on the Lord's table than either of the receptacles we mention.



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### NEW ORLEANS AND VICINITY.

Wesley Chapel, this city, asks the appointment of Rev. Stephen Duncan as their pastor. Elder Duncan is serving his first year as presiding elder of the New Orleans North District, and will not likely prefer to come down, but this invitation to such an important charge as Wesley shows his popularity. Rev. T. J. Johnson is closing his fifth year and has had remarkable success.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church: The members of this church, situated on Jackson near S. Robertson, do return thanks to our presiding elder, Rev. S. Duncan, for his work during 1896. We must add that Rev. Duncan deserves all success. He has given all attention necessary towards church work. We further mention that he has acted a gentleman during his administration, always on time, full of fire and ready at every call. Rev. Duncan preached an interesting sermon to the Sabbath school at 11 o'clock a. m., on Sunday. If young men want elevation Rev. Duncan is the man to assist you. J. S. Weaver, Jr., Sec'y.

Special sermon to the friends of Faith: There was a great congregation at Wesley Chapel, this city, last Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, preached a special sermon to a local organization known as the "Friends of Faith." After the sermon, the society presented the pastor with a fine gold-headed cane, the presentation being made by Mr. Joseph Taylor, which was responded to by Elder Johnson in fitting terms. Total collection for the day was \$100.00. The Missionary sisters presented \$12 Conference money.

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### THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bishop W. X. Nide was on time and called the Conference to order at 9:30 A. M., Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1896. The sacrament was administered and many partook of the same.

Paris, the place where the Conference held its session is so far to the north, being more than five hundred miles from some points in the Conference, that the attendance was not as large as it usually is. The list of visitors was unusually large for this section: Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., of the Freedman's Aid Society, Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., Church Extension Society, Rev. Geo. P. Mains, D. D., New York Book Concern, Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., Gammon School of Theology, Rev. J. M. Lewis of Little Rock, Ark., Rev. D. C. Lacy, West Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, and the city pastors of the M. E. Church South, Baptist, Congregational and A. M. E. Churches. Last, but not least, we name Bishop C. C. McCabe, whose visit and most excellent service to us we give editorial mention which will be found on another page.

Bishop Nide's administration was exceptionally strong and perfectly satisfactory; his addresses and sermons were clear and forcible and made lasting impressions for good. His fatherly and sweet Christian spirit was reassuring and captivating; every man felt perfectly safe in his hands. We expect a supplementary report later, hence we close this with the appointments, which follow:

### HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Wm. Bartley, P. E.

Beaumont—C. M. Moore.  
Columbia—Edmond Houday.  
Galveston—St. Paul—F. Gary.  
Galveston—Tabernacle—W. B. Pullam.  
Harrisburg—To be supplied.  
Houston—Boynton—L. J. Hogan.  
Houston—Mallalieu—J. S. Whitaker.  
Houston—Mt. Vernon—Wm. Wesley.  
Houston—St. James—Lewis Burton.  
Houston—Sloan Street—W. W. Brown.  
Houston—Trinity—Freeman Parker.  
Kendleton—E. D. Blacknell.  
Liberty—Alfred Britton.  
Orange—S. H. Grant.  
Oyster Creek—To be supplied.  
Richmond and Jones Chapel—J. F. Cozier.  
Richmond Circuit—G. Todd.  
Roweville—Wm. Josey.  
Wallisville—Frank Gilmore.  
Velasco—To be supplied.  
O. I. Jones, Agent for the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Member of Sloan Street Houston Quarterly Conference.

### HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

A. C. Culbreath, P. E.—P. O. Huntsville.  
Cold Springs—Wm. McKenzie.  
Colmesneil, Woodville and Town Bluff—T. Edwards.  
Corrigan and Josseland—Ellis Michaux.  
Crocket—G. M. Stewart.  
Dodge—Cary Davenport.  
Huntsville—B. M. Taylor.  
Huntsville Circuit—J. H. Anderson.  
Jasper, Newton and Kerbyville—To be supplied.  
Livingston—Thornton Scott.  
Lovetady and Trinity—P. L. Jackson.  
Montgomery, Boggy and Conroe—Aaron Taylor.  
Prairie Plain—Henry Dixon.  
Spring—G. S. Helm.  
Waverly and Pine Valley—To be supplied.  
Willis—W. S. Curtis.

### MARSHALL DISTRICT.

W. H. Logan, P. E.—P. O. Marshall, Tex.  
Daingerfield—M. C. Gillespie.  
Harleton—E. M. Alexander.  
Hawkins, Big Sandy and Gilmer—J. P. Belcher.  
Jefferson and Valley Plain—S. E. Ewing.  
Lasater—G. W. Gill.  
Locust—Joseph Epperson.  
Longview and Henderson—J. W. H. Moore.  
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J. E. Bryant and L. J. Jackson left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

### UNCLE PHIL'S STORY.

"Tell us a story, Uncle Phil," said Rob and Archie running to him.  
"What about?" said Uncle Phil, as Rob climbed on his right knee and Archie on his left.  
"Oh, about something that happened to you," said Rob.  
"Something when you were a little boy," said Archie.  
"Once when I was a little boy," said Uncle Phil, "I asked my mother to let Roy and myself go out and play by the river."  
"Was Roy your brother?" asked Rod.  
"No, but he was very fond of playing with me. My mother said 'yes,' so we went and had a great deal of sport. After a while I took a shingle for a boat and sailed it along the bank. At last it began to get in deep water, where I couldn't reach it with a stick. Then I told Roy to go and bring it to me. He almost always did what I told him, but this time he did not. I

began scolding him and he ran toward home.

"Then I was angry. I picked up a stone and threw it at him as hard as I could."

"Oh, Uncle Phil!" cried Archie.  
"Oh, Uncle Phil," cried Rob.

"But I was still angry with him. I did not go to him, but waded into the water for my boat."

"But it was deeper than I thought. Before I knew it I was in a strong current. I screamed as it carried me down the stream, but no men were near to help me."

"But as I went down under the deep waters, something took hold of me and dragged me towards shore. It was Roy. He saved my life."

"Good fellow! Was he your cousin?" asked Rob.

"No," replied Uncle Phil.  
"What did you say to him?" asked Archie.

"I put my arms around the dear fellow's neck and cried and asked him to forgive me."

"What did he say?" asked Rob.

"He said 'Bow, bow, bow!'"

"Why, who was Roy, anyway?" asked Archie in great astonishment.

"He was my dog," said Uncle Phil—"the best dog I ever saw. I have never been unkind to a dog or to any other animal since, and I hope you will never be."—Sydney Dayre.

### BITTER TASTE.

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Daniel Webster in the famous White trial in Salem, Mass., years ago declared that "murder will out." This maxim has been found applicable to many other things besides murder. Horaw you know it to be true when there is alum in baking powder. A bitterness in the bread at once betrays the alum's presence. It can't conceal its true nature. The alum bitterness "will out," and because it will, physicians, who understand the harmful effect of alum on the system, are at a loss to know why people continue to buy baking powders containing it. All baking powders sold for twenty-five cents a pound and less contain alum. There is surely no economy in using these cheap powders. For a pure cream of tartar powder, as Dr. Price's was shown to be at the World's Fair, goes so much farther and gives so much better results, there is no better results there is no doubt of its being more economical in the long run.

### HOW THE CHINESE DO THINGS.

Everything relating to the Orient is of interest. The Chinese do everything backward. They exactly reverse the usual order of civilization.

Note first that the Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north.

The men wear skirts and the women trousers.

The men carry on dressmaking and the women carry burdens.

The spoken language of China is not written, and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward, and what we call foot-notes are inserted in the top of the page.

The Chinese surname comes first instead of last.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they greet.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals, and in mourning at weddings; while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

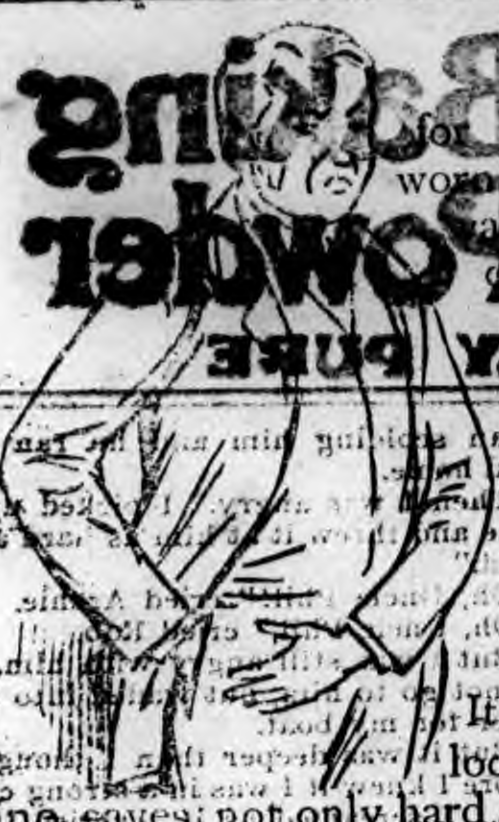
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## THE WHOLE FIELD

**Miss M. Moody**, pastor, Friendship, Tenn.: I wish to say that a storm struck the parsonage with great surprise, which loaded our table with many good things. It made our hearts rejoice. The three captains that led the band were Miss Margaret Margary, No. 1, Miss Willie Nash, No. 2, and Miss Emma Nash, No. 3. May God bless the band.

**Wm. Bell**, pastor, Crawford, Miss.: My work is moving along nicely. We have some earnest working young ladies in this charge. The first Sunday was a bright day here with us. The following: Misses K. C. Minyard raised \$4.06; Mary Smith, \$3.85; Katie Anthony, \$2.50; and Carr, \$2.10; Irene Viceroy, \$2.00; Leda Harris, \$1.85; Katie Longstreet, \$1.60; Lizzie Webb, 95 cents. The total collection for the day was \$35.45.

**C. T. Leatherwood**, Batesville, Miss.: The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the Batesville Circuit was held Dec. 2, 1896. Our worthy Elder, W. McDonald, was in the chair. It was a pleasant session. Pastor's report showed that the church was spiritually and financially alive. The Elder preached a very able sermon from Acts 9:31. The Elder also spoke of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Look for some new subscribers soon.

**Rev. J. E. Watkins**, pastor, Gallatin, Tenn.: I preached here on my work the first Sunday in November from annual conference, and found everything cheering for another year. We have paid for our new bell and other improvements, raised \$200 on missions and we are preparing to build a new parsonage. Miss Josephine Price had a musical concert on the 30th of Nov., which was a credit to the occasion. We observed Thanksgiving day. All departments of our church are revived. On the 24th of November Miss Lula C. Harrison and W. A. Austin of Nashville, a prominent young man, were united in holy wedlock at 7:30 P. M. and left for Nashville on the 8 o'clock train for their future home. Miss Lula was the leader of our choir. Assistant Superintendent, Fourth Vice-President of the Epworth League, and was always on time and never missed her appointments. She was a great church worker, and much beloved by all. The Southwestern Advocate is growing in the estimation of my people, and you may look for new subscribers.

**Frank Jacobson**, Lucy, Tenn.: I have wondered how it is that preachers of the M. E. Church expect to reach the mark of distinction if they don't read the church organ and would like to speak to the members of Galway for the kindness and the way they took care of the District Conference which convened on the 18th. The Presiding Elder left me to preach for him on Sunday, and at night we had a glorious service. Some weathered veterans attended but it was a happy all of it.

**Gov. Baker**, pastor, Covington, Ky.: It can be said that for many years this has been called the Coleridge Circuit, and that was all of it, but I love to say that she is one of the most successful of the Coleridge Circuit. We have built a new parsonage. Consider it a happy home for the future.

to ask our much beloved Presiding Elder, P. O. Jamison to come and preach for us. Though we are very poor here and have not raised any of our benevolence, yet we hope to have every claim collected by January 10th, 1897. We also have purchased a lot at Booneville to establish the grand old Methodist Church, yet we are preaching there and have been able to secure fourteen members, and will get more just as soon as we get our house built. Allow me to speak of our much beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. P. O. Jamison, who is now winding up his last quarter on the Tupelo District. He was with us on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th, and with his fatherly way made everybody feel like heaven was in the Quarterly Conference. Men and women were so enthused with his speech that he made concerning the different institutions of our church, they came for ten and twelve miles to hear him preach on Sunday. He also preached at Rev. T. L. Ingraham's church, Mt. Moriah, a soul stirring sermon to a full house and administered the sacrament to 90 persons in all. We hope to send you a few subscribers in a few days.

**A. Butler**, pastor, Meridian, Miss.: Our Quarterly Conference convened according to appointment with the Presiding Elder, A. M. Trotter, in the chair. The brethren were all on hand with written reports, which showed the work to be in good condition. Two churches had been covered, old debts paid, one church site bought, and thirteen added to the church this quarter. The Elder made a forcible effort to get the Southwestern in every home, and the benevolent collections for all causes. On Sunday the Elder preached a good sermon and administered the sacrament to 65 communicants.

**J. E. Watkins**, P. C., McDonough, Ga.: This is my first year at this charge. I found things in a very bad condition, but by the help of the Lord we are moving on nicely. Paid Trustees up to date \$154; Benevolence, \$58; the Elder, \$68, and paid pastor, \$335.60. Grand total, \$615.60. I will send in some subscribers for the grand old Southwestern soon.

**S. B. Beauford**, pastor, Harmony Grove, Ga.: My fourth quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder J. C. Hunt. There are thirty-one officers. Each one paid from \$0 to 75 cents. We paid the Elder, J. C. Hunt, \$20, and raised \$55.33 for benevolence. Paid the pastor, S. B. Beauford, \$53.70. We expect to make a round report at the annual conference in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21, '97. I can say truly from my heart, I believe everybody in the Gainesville District loves Brother J. C. Hunt. He is a true man. Collection, \$128.65.

**A. L. Carper**, San Antonio, Tex.: The invitation so welcome, accepted by Rev. R. L. Selle, pastor of the M. E. church, from Rev. McHenderson, pastor of our M. E. Church, for a Pentecostal meeting, was one of the most powerful showers from heaven I ever witnessed. Thirty persons gathered around the altar, asking God to pour out a blessing upon them, and it seemed as if the baptism of the Holy Spirit fell out. We could not contain the tongues of fire upon their heads.

but you could plainly feel that, as in each face you would gaze, there was a soul lighted with the love of God, and I must say that Rev. Selle will long be remembered, and we hope that he will come again.

## HE WOULD NOT CHEAT THE COMPANY.

The story is told by the New York Tribune of a man who paid his fare who could easily have cheated the railroad company out of it. But he was an honest man and would not so much as rob a corporation of the small sum of five cents. This instance of honesty is considered remarkable, because so many hold the opinion that there is no harm in cheating a railroad company. But this man did not belong to this class.

He sat in a Sixth Avenue elevated railroad car and twirled a five-cent piece expectantly. At length he turned to a reporter, who happened to be sitting near him, and said "What's the fare on this road?"

"Five cents."

"Don't they collect it?"

"Certainly not. You buy a ticket at the station where you get on, and put it in the box on the platform."

"That's strange," said the man with the unused nickel. "Somehow I've slipped in without paying. You see, he added confidentially, 'I'm from California, and we don't ride around in this sort of thing out there. Guess I can put a ticket in when I get off, can't I?'"

"Well," said the reporter, "the elevated road crowds and hustles us so that some New Yorkers wouldn't hesitate to beat the road, if it were in such an unintentional manner as you have done it."

"I think I better pay," said the Californian decidedly.

At Fourteenth street he left the car and said to the ticket chopper, "Somehow or other I have ridden up here from Chambers street without paying anything."

"Saved a nickel, did yer?"

"I want to pay now."

"Hey?"

"I say I want to pay for my ride."

"Don't live in New York, do you?"

"No."

"Didn't come from Jersey or Brooklyn, did yer?"

"No."

"Where did you come from?"

"California."

"Christian Endeavor Convention?"

"Yes."

"Well, you go around to that window," exclaimed the chopper, "plank down five cents for a ticket and come around and put it in the box. Then let me look at yer. I've chopped tickets goin' on three years, out I've never seed a man like you before."—Ex.

# OUR ENEMY STOLE IN

An enemy stole into your house one day last week and touched you lightly in passing. You thought little of the matter at the time, for the enemy was only a vagrant current of air. But how you are beginning to learn what mischief the little intruder did, for your back is stiff and painful. Your head aches, and at times you feel dizzy.

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Lesson for Sunday, January 10, 1897.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN.

Golden Text—"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:4).

The connecting link between this and our last lesson is the choice of Matthias to take the place of Judas. It was God's plan that the number of apostles, during the beginning of His spiritual reign, be kept up to twelve. Judas perished by suffocation, and falling headlong, he burst assunder in the midst. He went "to his own place." His ill gotten gains were used to purchase a field in which to bury strangers. Peter was the chief spokesman. Two persons were selected, prayers were offered, and the lot taken. They put two tablets, each bearing a name, into an urn; into another urn they put one tablet blank, and one inscribed with the word, apostle. They then drew one from each urn, and the concurrence of the two decided the case. The lot fell upon Matthias, "and he was numbered among the eleven apostles." God guides the affairs of men, and by connected chains of natural events, brings about His own results. We should be constantly adding to the church.

1. Waiting for Holy Spirit. (vs.1). The feast of Pentecost was kept for a single day. It occurred just fifty days after the Passover, hence it was sometimes called the feast of weeks. It commemorated the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. There is a striking contrast between the giving of the old law by Moses, and the giving of the new law by Jesus. Each was given on the fiftieth day after the Passover. Each was proclaimed from a mountain—one from Sinai and the other from Zion. Each was given in the midst of a storm—with the one there was lightning and thunder, with the other, wind and tongues of fire. Each was proclaimed—the one by angels, the other by apostles. Each demands obedience, and will punish transgression. On this day of Pentecost, "they were all together in one place." The number was about a hundred and twenty souls. They likely consisted of the twelve apostles, the seventy evangelists, and a number of women. There is strength in union. God's people should not neglect the assembling of themselves together. They were likely congregated in the upper room where the last Passover was eaten, and Matthias chosen.

2. Descent of Holy Spirit. (vs.2). There was a sound like that made by a mighty storm traveling in the greatness of his strength. It did not come horizontally as if traveling across the face of the earth, but perpendicularly as descending from heaven. "And it," the sound, "filled the house where they were sitting." It not only filled the house, but likely the entire city, and assisted in bringing the people together to ask what it meant. The wind in many ways, illustrates the work of the Holy Spirit. It is free: the Spirit acts when and where He pleases. It has power: the effects of the Spirit are seen in convicting and converting the sinner, and in keeping the believer. It is mysterious: the work of the Spirit is hard to be understood. It is invisible: The Holy Spirit is never seen, but may be heard and felt.

3. Symbol of Holy Spirit. (vs.3). There were "cloven tongues like as of fire." These tongues were united at the root, but divided, or distributed, into a number of points at the extremity. They thus symbolized the number of dialects to be spoken by the company. These tongues were not fire, but they resembled fire, hence fire was used to describe their appearance. The sound was not produced by wind, but it was like that which the wind produces, hence the movement of the air was used to express it. The company was convulsed by hearing, seeing, and feeling that the Holy Spirit had come. "And it," a tongue of fire, "sat upon each of them." Not only the twelve apostles, but all others in divine presence. God said centuries before—"I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." John said of Jesus—"He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Jesus

may baptize an entire congregation at one time. Jehovah out of Christ "is a consuming fire." Fire is a striking symbol of the Holy Spirit. It gives warmth: the Spirit may give warmth to the cold, unfeeling soul. It gives light: the Spirit can give intellectual light to the mind darkened by sin. It separates: the Spirit will divide the good from the bad in our nature. It consumes: the Spirit will destroy the

Effects of Holy Spirit. 1. On the friends of Jesus. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Not as a vessel filled with water, but as a mind filled with strong drink. They were brought entirely under His influence. This was their experience. The Holy Spirit was in the world before this. The prophets spoke as they were moved by Him. John the Baptist and Zacharias were filled with Him, and the apostles had before this received Him. They began to speak with other tongues. They spoke in languages they had never learned: in other dialects than their native tongue. These languages are named in this lesson. Their native tongue was Syriac, but now they speak the Parthian, Mede, Elamite, Mesopotamian, Judean, Cappadocian, Phrygian, Pamphylian, Egyptian, Roman, Cretian and Arabian dialects. They only spoke "as the Spirit gave them utterance," or power. This great miracle was wrought on the mind, for in the mind words are framed. They did not speak in a stammering way, or in broken sentences, but readily, properly and elegantly as in the native tongue. They spoke of the wonderful works of God in the gift of Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and the salvation of immortal souls. Their words were no doubt "weighty and powerful."

2. On the enemies of Jesus. Many Jews were in Jerusalem at this time. They had come "out of every nation under heaven" to attend the feast of Pentecost. "When this sound was heard" they came to learn the cause. We have many guides to the place of worship. They are amazed, marveled and confounded because every man heard them speak in his own tongue. Only the ignorant and the bad express surprise. Some one asked—"What meaneth this?" The world has never understood the gifts of God. Others in mockery answered—"These men are full of new wine." In almost every congregation there are the irreverent and wicked. St. Peter, in his sermon, told them what it meant.

Julian Hawthorne has written two articles for the Century on life in Jamaica, and the first of them, "Summer at Christmastide," illustrated by Gilbert Gaul, will appear in the January number. Mr. Hawthorne's home is on the island, which he thinks is beyond the reach of all competition as a pleasure resort in winter. But the proportion of colored to white people in Jamaica is thirty to one, and the ratio is constantly increasing, as the white people are gradually moving away from the island.

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Fast mail... 6:40 am	Fast mail... 6:30 pm
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.	
No. 3... 6:45 pm	No. 4... 6:00 am
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Express... 10:30 am	Express... 4:00 pm
No. 21, Vicksburg ex...	Vicksburg ex... 8:45 am
No. 22, Vicksburg ex...	Vicksburg ex... 8:45 am
No. 23, Baton Rouge ex...	Baton Rouge ex... 10:15 pm
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No. 7, coast ex... 8:50 am	No. 8, fast ex... 9:45 am
No. 1, lim. ex... 8:50 pm	No. 2, coast ex... 8:30 pm
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